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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2005

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, WCFD #14
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Therese Williams, 1st V-P, BTC
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P., Lynden
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Erica Work, WCFD #2
Geri Chumley, WCFD #4
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
John Granger, Airlift NW
John Geleynse - Lynden
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
Keri Snodgrass, Council Staff

ABSENT: Theresa Sygitowicz, Treasurer, WCFD #16
Micah Quintrall, WCFD #7
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #8
Shaun Ward, WCFD #8
Teresa Gregory, WCFD #10
Henry Hollander, WCFD #13
Bill Boyd, BFD
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Dave Hammers
Jim Wagner, Red Cross
Bob Lovelace, Consumer

CALL TO ORDER: President, Roger Christensen, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Joseph's hospital to order at 7:05.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present

REGIONAL COUNCIL: Bonnie Robbins presented on North Regions purpose and goals. Handouts on min/max, North Region meeting schedules, hospital needs grant, and Regional Quality Improvement forum were distributed. She reviewed the FY 005-07 Biennial EMS and Trauma Care system plan. Whatcom County is poorly represented on the regional council. She encourages our support on the various committees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion (Williams/VanderVeen) to approve the minutes of the July, 2005 General Council meeting carried.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Current balance is \$278,007.33 with \$227,281.83 in the general fund, \$39,197.22 ambulance fund, \$16,437.23 industrial CISM, \$5,573.64 County CISD; \$-10482.59 in NIH study. An invoice has been submitted to the NIH study for \$16848.41.

OFFICE: Due to time constraints no report was given.

EDUCATION: The committee is working on a countywide MCI drill. A new survey and evaluation form will be distributed with the 2006 OTEP. The 2006 OTEP manual is undergoing a final review before being printed. The committee is working on EMT-B class issues. On-line OTEP is being planned for 2007. Questions and comments are being solicited from the districts.

CONFERENCE: Therese distributed the conference budget. Projected income for this year is around \$30,000. Please contact Keri if you are interested in helping out during the conference. Keynote speaker this year is Gordon Graham.

INTEROPERABILITY COMMITTEE –will meet later this month or early next month

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE – One issue has been distributed since last meeting. The second issue has just been received from the printer and copies are available tonight. Remaining copies will be distributed to districts this week. The newsletter will be quarterly with another issue to be published after the first of the year. Letter to the editors would be appreciated.

RED CROSS – No report

EXECUTIVE – The e-board voted to donate \$6000 (\$2500 was returned money from previous donation) to the EMS sales tax campaign. The board is in negotiations with DEM regarding auto injectors, having rejected the initial contract. The E-board presented to the general council the idea of giving stipends for heads of committees

(education, public education, conference and interoperability) A motion (Geri/Duncan) supporting the idea in principal of a stipend for each standing committee chairman and to direct the e-board to move forward was approved.

MPD: Dr. Wayne encourages the use of the pelvic sling and of using on-line OTEP.

NIH: Janice reported that the devices are out, research started week ago Sunday with a total of 6 non traumatic cardiac arrests, only two of which had devices used. The remaining where DOA's and DNR's. Please call right after call regardless of time. Please let Janice know if there are any problems.

CISM: Keri will find out if there is a contact number for debriefings at this time and post the number on the website. She will send an email as to what the current procedure is.

OLD BUSINESS

Whatcom County EMS status – Bob Busch reported on sales tax campaign. It is getting a warmer reception than previous time around with the tax levy. He discussed the EMS delivery plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for membership: A motion (e-board/Chumley) to approve membership applications from Brian Flannelly (pub ed), Roger Christensen (agency change) and John Geleynse (Lynden) was approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER –Safe kids meets the first Friday of every month. Erica Work has a brochure if anybody is interested.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10.