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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2008

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, past President, Whatcom Medic One
Dawn Cannizzaro, President, WCFD # 17
Therese Williams, 1st V.P. BTC
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Erica Work, WCFD #2
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Randy VanderHeiden, BFD
Kent Nelson, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager

ABSENT: Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer, consumer
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P.
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
John Swobody, NWFRS
Michael Whittle, Lynden
John Geleynse, Lynden
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC

CALL TO ORDER: President, Dawn Cannizzaro, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Joseph's hospital to order at 7:04.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved as is.

REPORTS:

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: The American funds account balance is down to 73K. Current account balances are \$127200.74 in the general fund, \$23818.77 ambulance, \$16608.56 Industrial CISM, \$5573.64 County CISD and (19766.18) in NIH study for a total of \$153435.53. The CD was rolled over.

OFFICE REPORT: Keri reported she has been spending a large amount of time working on the conference and recently, the min/max #'s.

EDUCATION: Duncan reported that districts may begin using the King tube as long as they have had the training. One train the trainer class has been held that enables them to instruct personnel who have already taken an initial airway class. Keri will forward the purchasing information to the districts. Districts may use up their current inventory of Combi or easy tubes. • 2009 OTEP instructor/evaluator workshops will be held on Nov 18th, 22nd and Dec 3rd at districts 4, 8 and 7. Topics will include 2009 OTEP subjects, ResQ trial update, and King tube. • MAST pants are to be removed from all rigs and the protocol will be removed from the addendum.

CONFERENCE: Speakers are all lined up. Participants may register for only the extrication class. Volunteers are welcome.

REGIONAL COUNCIL: No report

PUBLIC EDUCATION: The funding is being withdrawn due to the limited # of issues being produced. Erica has done a great job, but has had a hard time getting articles submitted to her. Options include an online version which would require no printing costs.

EXECUTIVE: The executive board met last week and discussed the following issues:

1. Where to go with the newsletter? Who is the target audience, responders or general public for prevention? Bonnie Robinson from the North Region has asked that we keep something going.
2. Min/Max (proposal distributed to members).
3. Airway tubes- cost is cheaper than the Combitube. Can only be purchased from Tri-Anim. The trade in no longer makes sense due to stipulations from vendor and Dr. Wayne allowing the phase-in.
4. NIH TRIAL – a new trial that will be at the ALS and hospital level is requesting the council to be the study site. The main concerns include having the policies and procedures in place to manage the federal funds. The council consensus is that it fits our mission and is good for the community.

MPD: Dr. Wayne reported that the ALS protocols are online • There shouldn't be any confusion on using the King tube. Product won't be wasted as he is allowing the phase-in. Medic One will no longer be trading out anything but the King tubes. He would like to see the switch over sooner rather than later, no more than 2 years. • Mast pants can still be kept as a lower extremity splint

RESQ TRIAL: Janice reported the data safety monitoring board advised the study it still needs the full enrollment which makes the ending date around July 2009.

QA COMMITTEE: Jerry reported that the committee is waiting for ER participation along with some other key people. He hopes to have a meeting at the end of this month or early next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

King tube: \$8,000 from the ambulance fund was earmarked for the King tube. As agencies are no longer forced to purchase these immediately and now budget for the purchases, the funds are no longer necessary. A motion (Duncan/Klaus) that the \$8000 be no longer earmarked for this reason and to reallocate the funds back to the ambulance fund is approved.

Pub Ed: The discussion was on the public audience. A CPR program in the schools was discussed. It was agreed that community action should be high on our agenda. The council was asked to discuss ideas with others and give Keri any input on what we can do.

NEW BUSINESS:

Min/Max: A motion (Dr. Wayne, Duncan) to submit the plan as is to North Region is approved. In order to increase the ALS number, an area of unmet need would have to be identified and it would then be open to bid. The map will be redefined by Keri and Bonnie at a future date.

New Trial: Janice presented on the Immediate trial. The council expressed its support of these trials and the need to have a policy on the process of the studies.

5th Medic Unit: Bob Busch brought up discussion of where the EMS council fits in the issue between BFD and Ferndale, including what, if any, authority it has. The EMS council recommends the min/max numbers to the state and has input on the education issues and directives brought down from the state. The council agrees with the plan.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00.