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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2004

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, Dist 1
Erica Work, WCFD #2,
Geri Chumley, WCFD #4
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14
Theresa Sygitowicz, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Bill Boyd, BFD
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
Shane Sanderson, Guest, Volunteer w/ NREMSTCC
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Keri Snodgrass, Council Staff

ABSENT: Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Teresa Gregory, WCFD #10
Kristen Nelson, WCFD #10
Henry Hollander, WCFD #13
John Granger, Airlift NW
Dave Hammers, BFD
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Tom Ardavany, Airlift Northwest
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Bob Lovelace, Consumer

CALL TO ORDER: President, Roger Christensen, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Josephs Hospital, to order at 7:25.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved/seconded (Chumley/Cannizzaro) to approve the minutes of the October, 2004 General Council meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Keri reported there is \$197,489.56 in the general fund, \$45,197.22 in the ambulance fund; 16,630.89 in the Industrial CISM, \$5,573.64 in the County CISD for a total of \$264,891.31.

OFFICE: Keri reported that most of her time in the last three months has been spent working on the conference to be held on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th.

EDUCATION: The committee was unable to meet twice due to lack of attendance. The final copy of the 2005 OTEP will be completed by next week. The committee is looking at developing a quality assurance questionnaire to go out to all EMT students and a random sampling of all OTEP students. The committee is looking into the costs, advantages and disadvantages of King County's online program. The region is trying to bring the 3 year plan into the same cycle with the other agencies and also sharing the expense of developing OTEP, however we like having our local protocols included in local chapters that people are studying. Another option is a regional addendum to the state which Bonnie advised is an MPD issue and won't happen anytime soon. Kitsap (and surrounding area) has a regional patient care procedure that has worked.

CONFERENCE: Therese reported that the Cadaver labs are filled (45 people). There are 39 people currently enrolled in the Human Patient Simulation lab and 32 in the Thought Field Therapy class. 202 are enrolled for the main conference. Therese submitted the proposed budget. Recent additions include a grant for \$5000 from Muckleshoot casino. The \$1800 for cost and transport of the cadaver and the cadaver room charge is new this year. Revenue is estimated to be \$34,850. There is still a need for volunteer room monitors.

REGIONAL COUNCIL: North Region – Bonnie reported that the north region is very active. Whatcom County safe kids will have a booth at the conference. The Prehospital committee has 3 sub committees that are reviewing patient care procedures. North Region would like to see representation from more counties as only Skagit is participating at this time. There is a free recruitment and retention workshop on Dec 4th. It will consist of a presentation followed by breakup groups to discuss and address issues.

A need and distribution handout was presented. The state is asking for another plan due by Dec 31st. Please contact the North Region office anytime with any questions. The region will work with individual councils to develop needs and identify underserved and over-served areas in counties. Discussion ensued as to what Whatcom County needs are. Shane advised that the state wants good planning and documentation on the need and a plan on who will satisfy those needs. They want to give people the tools to make a local system work in each area. Shane submitted tables showing what Whatcom County's current min/max numbers are.

The SEI workshop was not well attended. The plan was for all SEI's to put on classes to share information to share styles of teaching. Those attended thought was great. They are talking about having a rep from the state coming out to discuss SEI issues.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: The e-board met immediately preceding this meeting and discussed the following items:

- What role the council would like in the development of the new EMS system in the county.
- The treasurer position is still open. One person is willing and a few others are interested.
- An Executive board min/max meeting was held.

MPD: No report

OLD BUSINESS

EMT-B class – The idea of contracting with the college and then having classes contract with the council was debated. This arose from the additional requirements of the class, mainly drug screening. Consensus was that most agencies have resolved their issues with this requirement. It was moved (Boyd/McLane) to table until issue comes up again.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Applications for membership were received from Doug Smith, Lynden (Marvin Degraaff is resigning) and Jim Wagner Red Cross. As they were not in attendance, there applications were tabled until the next meeting. Applications from Theresa Sygitowicz (WCFD #16) and Janice Lapsansky (WCFD #17) were approved.

MIN/MAX – Bonnie met with the executive session a few weeks ago. Some more work on the numbers needs to be done before they are complete. Some changes include changing from 1 ALS provider in the county to 2. This may cause some issues as agencies want to have their own ALS system. The case could possibly be made for three ambulance companies in the county. Aid (not transport) ILS changed from 1 (Pt Roberts) to 2 to include deep east county. Everybody is encouraged to change from aid to ambulance. The executive board needs input to ensure we have a solid plan for Whatcom County. Dawn, Therese and Jason plan on meeting with Dewey Desler's planners from Whatcom County. First meeting is Thursday.

Training aids and equipment needs: North Region is requesting the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council submit by tomorrow the "training aids and equipment needs" form with the costs included.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Online recertifications are coming soon. North Region Retreat is April, 28 and 29th. Motion (McLane/Cannizzaro) to adjourn carries at 10:10.