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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 23, 2023 10AM

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE									
		VOTING MEMBERS 25 Board Member Positions	Term Exp. Sept.	July 28 2022	Sept 22 2022	Dec 1 2022	Jan 26 2023	Mar 23 2023	May 25 2023
	Quorum Present	50% + 1 Member = Majority		canceled	9/20	/18	canceled		
	COLUMBIA COUNTY	2							
	1. REDi HC Coalition								
	2. Prehospital	-							
SC-7	3. Hospital	-							
SC-12	4. Training Coordinator	Bob Allbee	2024		Ex	P		A	
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	KITTITAS COUNTY	3							
	1. Local Gov. Agency		2024						
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Tom Watkins	2025		P	A		A	
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub / DeDe Utley	2025		Ex	P		P	
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2023		P	P		P	
	5. Paramedic	-							
	BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)	4							
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	-							
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2023		A	P		P	
SC-26	3. Hospital	<i>Beki Hammons - Treasurer</i>	2023		P	P		A	
SC-70	4. Consumer	Terry Thrall	2022		A	P		A	
SC-17	5. Education	<i>James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair</i>	2024		P	A		A	
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY	5							
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	David Winter	2021		A	A		A	
SC-02	2. Prehospital	Eric Wood	2024		P	A		A	
SC-29	3. Hospital	Susan Leathers	2021		A	A		A	
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2024		Ex	P		A	
SC-66	5. Law Enforcement								
	YAKIMA COUNTY	5							
SC-55	1. Local Gov. Agency	Ken Eakin	2023		P	P		P	
SC-16	2. Prehospital	<i>David Lynde - Chair</i>	2023		P	P		P	
SC-30	3. Hospital	Tammy Pettis	2025		P	P		A	
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2024		P	P		P	
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller	2023		Ex	P		P	
	AIR MEDICAL	1							
SC-85	Airlift NW	Kate Knutson	2024		Ex	P		A	
SC-86	Life Flight Network								
	Other Attendees								
	Zita Wiltgen	Executive Director			P	P		A	
	Hailey Thacker	DOH				P		P	
	Treena Russell	ALS Ambulance			P				
	Jeffrey Sinanian	DOH WEMSIS			P	P			
	Linette Garringer	Airlift NW			P				
	Jason Norris	DOH				P			
	Adam Gallion	DOH				P			
	Dawn Felt	DOH				P			
	Sarah Downan							P	
	Kristina Hansen							P	
	Jackie Wantland							P	

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I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order by the Chair David Lynde. The chair named those participants listed on web, phone participants made introductions and asked for anyone else on the web/phone to introduce themselves.

II. Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Columbia County EMS Meeting --TBD
- Kittitas County EMS Meeting – Thu. April 13 2023, 5:00 PM 2nd Thursday of even months
- Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – Mon. April 10, 2023, 1:30 PM 1st Monday of even months
- Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – Thu. April 6, 2023, 6:00 PM 1st Thursday of even months
- Yakima County EMS Meeting – Thu. April 6, 2023, 2:30 PM 1st Thursday of even months **note time change from 1:30pm to 2:30pm**

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2022*
- Approval of Financial Statements (November 2022 to February 2023) *

General Ledger Summary Report	Nov. 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$ 108,548.64	\$ 106,927.63	\$ 81,480.00	\$ 97,400.90
Debits	\$ 4.39	\$ 4.37	\$ 25,485.66	\$ 3.95
Credits	\$ 1,625.40	\$ 25,452.00	\$ 9,564.76	\$ 12,740.00
Ending Balance	\$ 106,927.63	\$ 81,480.00	\$ 97,400.90	\$ 84,664.85
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$ 121,493.26	\$ 121,493.26	\$ 121,692.12	\$ 121,692.12
Debits	\$ 0.00	\$ 198.86	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Credits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 121,493.26	\$ 121,692.12	\$ 121,692.12	\$ 121,692.12

Action: There was not a quorum today so these weren't approved.

IV. Region System Plan / DOH Contract Progress

A. County Council Plan Work

Most counties are currently working on their County Operating Procedures (COPs); Mid-Columbia hasn't started working on theirs yet. The Yakima COPs are finished and have been submitted for approval as of this morning.

B. Training Grants

Just a reminder to all counties that they need to put on classes and submit for reimbursement as soon as possible; all training grant funds need to be spent by the end of the fiscal year which is June 30.

V. Old Business

A. FY2023-2025 SC Region EMS & Trauma Care System Plan

The plan has been submitted to the state and had some preliminary review comments; Zita answered some of the questions or made some of the suggested changes. The next step for this document is to send it back to the state and now it will be reviewed by members of the Steering Committee for comments.

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VI. New Business
None

VII. Local Council Reports

- A. Columbia: No report.
- B. Mid Columbia: They are getting all of their EMT class reimbursement information put together to send in for payment. They have a training class going on at CBC and one that just finished at Columbia Safety. They are discussing ways to keep the CARES Program funded with Dr Hodges.
- C. Kittitas: The EMT class has 16 students which is a good-sized class.
- D. Walla Walla: No report.
- E. Yakima: Their EMT class will finish next week; they has 22 students who began and will finish the class. They are getting ready for their fall EMT class. They are looking for a replacement for Brian Ireton.

VIII. Preparedness – Kris Hansen; REDi Coalition Update

The Northwest Healthcare Response Network is going to be doing some statewide activities to help support the Ready Coalition. A hazard vulnerability analysis will be done across the state using the modified Delphi process--if you have done any work with the healthcare alliance and Region 4 Vancouver Clark County area, you might be familiar with this process. Communications drills will happen in June; if you have participated in any communications drills with REDi in the past, you will be included. GOH is working on the radiation surge plan and the medical response and search exercise for the REDi region; this includes the South Central EMS. There is an opportunity to work with us for the medical response and SERTEC exercise. This is a required annual exercise that we have to do to meet our deliverables for the federal grant. This will be a simple exercise which will allow the group to examine some of the gaps that we may have in our rural communities with accessing critical access hospitals. WATRAC, which is used for moving patients throughout the region, is still being used and still being maintained by the network. If you do need to make any updates or add/subtract people from the WATRAC track system, contact Ashley Christoph.

IX. DOH Report – Hailey Thacker

The legislative session began in January and will end in April. Senate Bill 1134, which addresses the 988 system, allows ambulances and EMS providers to meet the organization and vehicle types that make up crisis response teams, and also to be recognized as a crisis response team, if they are in a county with a population of a less than 60,000 in Eastern Washington and have taken the required training. Senate Bill 5120 addresses 24-hour crisis relief centers; this directs the DOH to develop guidance for protocols and procedure to allow EMS to transport patients to 24 hour crisis relief centers. There was an update on EMS rulemaking referring to WAC 246976. Katie is working on finishing the CR102 package; their work is still unusually high, especially with the legislative session ongoing. They are expecting the final draft rules to be available soon and the anticipated date of updated effective rules is later this spring, by May of 2023. There will be time for comment throughout this process; more information on this will be available soon. They discussed the Community Paramedic program project and the EMS and Law enforcement response to uncooperative people, as well as some work they are doing around the dementia collaborative Behavior Health responder education program. Dawn Felt is working on Health Equity education for EMS. She is working with the DOH's equity team and EMS educators to update the MSA. Cultural awareness training will include content required in the newly adopted WAC 246.128.30 which requires all healthcare professionals, including EMS providers, to take the Health Equity continuing education every four years in response to the to the legislation that passed in law in 2021. The goal for EMS curriculum is to be updated by July 1st. The Move Over Slow Down campaign was created by the Washington Traffic Safety

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Commission; Jason Norris participated in this work group. The goal was to develop a campaign and public service messages to encourage the public to move over and slow down when driving and when encountering public works and safety personnel on our roads. Jason provided technical guidance related to emergency care personnel and their on-scene activities in high traffic areas such as freeways, and advocated for Traffic Safety in the EMS profession. Jason has experience as a paramedic and has been an EMS supervisor for EMS personnel who were injured from being hit by a vehicle on the freeway while on an emergency scene, so this was a subject he was passionate about. EMS education updates, including some NREMT, cognitive and psychomotor and certification examination updates. As well as some updates surrounding the lack of access to NREMT testing sites, and Don is currently working with Wenatchee Valley College to see if they'll be willing to become a host for NREMT testing sites. They are revisiting the qualifications to define certified providers to be able to drive ambulances.

- X. Good of the order/Adjourn
 - A. The CW EMS Paramedic Conference is this weekend and I think if people are interested, they can still register online.
 - B. The Cardiac and Stroke work group is working from legislation that was passed in 2021; they are looking at the ECS system. In our last meeting, it was mentioned that there were a few counties in the South Central region that haven't responded to the MPD and agency lead surveys that were sent out; if you get a chance to go back through your emails and fill those out it would be helpful.
 - C. Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Future Meeting Dates: May 25, 2023; July 27, 2023; September 28, 2023; November 23, 2023