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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday November 30, 2023 10AM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE									
		VOTING MEMBERS 25 Board Member Positions	Term Exp. Sept.	July 27 2023	Sept 28 2023	Nov 30 2023	Jan 25 2024	Mar 28 2024	May 23 2024
	Quorum Present	50% + 1 Member = Majority		canceled					
	COLUMBIA COUNTY								
	1. REDi HC Coalition								
	2. Prehospital								
SC-7	3. Hospital								
SC-12	4. Training Coordinator	Bob Allbee	2024	A	P	P			
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	KITTITAS COUNTY								
	1. Local Gov. Agency								
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Tom Watkins	2025	P	P				
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub / DeDe Utley	2025	P/A	A/A				
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2026	P	P				
	5. Paramedic								
	BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026	P	P	A			
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2026	P	P	P			
SC-26	3. Hospital	<i>Beki Hammons - Treasurer</i>	2026	P	P	P			
SC-70	4. Consumer								
SC-17	5. Education	<i>James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair</i>	2024	P	P	A			
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	David Winter	2025	A	A	A			
SC-02	2. Prehospital	Rob Nelson	2026	P	P	P			
SC-29	3. Hospital	Susan Leathers	2021	A	A	A			
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2024	A	P	P			
SC-66	5. Law Enforcement	Gunner Fulmer	2026	P	P	A			
	YAKIMA COUNTY								
SC-55	1. Local Gov. Agency	Ken Eakin	2025	P	P	P			
SC-16	2. Prehospital	<i>David Lynde - Chair</i>	2025	P	P	P			
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan				P			
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2024	P	P	P			
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller	2025	P	P	P			
	AIR MEDICAL								
SC-85	Airlift NW	Kate Knutson	2024	A	A	P			
SC-86	Life Flight Network								
	Other Attendees								
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P	P			
	Hailey Thacker	DOH		P	P				
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH		P	P				
	Sarah Downan	YVMH		P	P				
	Jeremy Rodriguez	YFD		P	P	P			
	Adam Rovang	DOH				P			
	Jason Norris	DOH				P			
	Dawn Felt	DOH				P			
	Treena Russell	ALS				P			
	Joel Erickson					P			

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- I. Call to Order and Introductions
Meeting was called to order by Chair David Lynde at 10:04am. The Chair named those participants listed on the Zoom attendees list and asked for anyone else on the web/phone to introduce themselves.
- II. Calendar of Meetings/Events
 - A. Columbia County EMS Meeting – December 6, 2023; 7pm
 - B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – December 14, 2023; 5pm
 - C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – December 4, 2023; 1:30pm
 - D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – December 7, 2023; 6pm
 - E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – December 7, 2023; 2:30pm
- III. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2023*
 - B. Approval of Financial Statements from September 2023-October 2023*

General Ledger Summary Report	September 2023	October 2023		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$79,678.55	\$105,143.62		
Debits	\$25,485.07	\$25,484.44		
Credits	\$20.00	\$21,179.37		
Ending Balance	\$105,143.62	\$109,448.69		
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$ 122,084.32	\$122,284.15		
Debits	\$199.83	\$0		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$122,284.15	\$122,284.15		

Ken Eakin moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dennis Blummer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- IV. Region System Plan/DOH Contract Progress
 - A. FY2023-2025 Region Council Plan Work Update
April reported that the region council plan work is going along well.
 - B. FY2023-2025 Training Grants Update
April reported that there has been little training grant funds spent so far. Each month she sends an updated grant report to each county council so they will be aware of how much grant money they have left to spend. She encouraged all counties to spend their grant funds as soon as possible unless they use the grant money to pay their OTEP at the end of the fiscal year.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Council Position Vacancies
David reviewed the Council roster with the group. He asked that counties with vacancies appoint people to fill their vacant positions. He added that the type of position (ie: government rep) can be changed if needed to reflect the type of representative being appointed to the Council.

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B. Mandatory WEMSYS Reporting in 2024

WEMSYS reporting will be mandatory for all agencies beginning in January 2024. Agencies that are having difficulty with reporting or that are not reporting at all should contact April or contact the state WEMSYS office (wemsis@doh.wa.gov). Adam added that the rules for WEMSYS reporting were updated and should be released soon.

VI. New Business

A. Protocols, COPs, and PCPs (Scott Williams)

Scott Williams gave an overview of the state's role in EMS. The state provides RCWs, interpretative statements, state guidance document, and WACs that address EMS care in the state. To assist the state with this work are a number of EMS-related TACs that provide information and guidance to assist in developing the documents and rules. He also explained the difference between protocols, COPs and PCPs. PCPs (patient care procedures) focus on operational procedures for EMS. These are part of the region's biennial plan and are the procedures that all agencies in the region need to follow. All PCPs must go through an official approval process. COPs (county operating procedures) include operational rules that are either not included in the PCPs and are necessary for an individual county or provide additional guidance on a particular PCP. Any COP that is significantly different from the PCPs must be approved by the state. Protocols are developed by each county's MPD and provide clinical care guidelines. The state also creates guidance documents to assist the regions, counties, and MPDs for use in developing their PCPs, COPS, and protocols.

B. Reinvesting the CD Money

The Council was alerted by the bookkeeper that their CD investment was earning much less it could be since it was only earning 1% interest and CD rates are now closer to 5%. The Executive Board agreed to pull the money from the current CD, even though it will incur a small penalty, and reinvest the money into a higher earning CD as this will return several times the cost of the penalty.

C. Annual SOS and SAO Reports Submitted

The Council filed the annual Secretary of State Report and annual State Auditor's Office Report recently; a copy of the SOS receipt and a copy of the SAO report were included in the meeting packet.

VII. Local Council Reports

A. Columbia: Their council will meet next week.

B. Kittitas: No report.

C. Mid Columbia: Their council will meet next Monday.

D. Walla Walla: Heather reported that their EMT class will finish in December with 15 students. They are working on updating their protocols for BLS, ILS, and ALS.

E. Yakima: Their EMT class will finish on December 14 with 10 students. They will have another EMT class in January and they currently have 20 students signed up for that class. They received their Lucas boxes and will distribute them county-wide.

VIII. Preparedness Report

Beki is concerned about the lack of a healthcare coalition on the east side of the state as this is important for preparedness. The DOH took over the REDi Coalition after it folded and they have hired a consulting firm to look into getting the REDi Coalition restarted. April and David did surveys about the REDi Coalition

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and April did an interview with a representative from the consultant company. April will provide information to all council members when the new coalition is set up.

IX. State Committee Reports

The Steering Committee met. They discussed the budget and there was a report on the trauma registry. There was a discussion about putting the trauma designation rules on hold as a lot of work had gone into that process. All trauma centers are now reporting to the trauma registry. They will start working on rebuilding the trauma registry. The Rehab TAC gave their annual report. Mandatory WEMESIS reporting will begin in January. The Cost TAC is looking at ways to enhance the trauma fund. The RAC met and had a presentation on the EMS Naloxone Leave Behind program. They reviewed their strategic plan and discussed two pilot programs in the state; the online EMS Instructor Methodology course was very well received. The MPDs met and reviewed provider skills and procedures. The NREMT will no longer require the psycho-motor skills review. The Multicultural Awareness workgroup has completed their work. The Protocols Committee will meet on January 28.

X. DOH Report

Scott reported that he was hired to fill Hailey's position. EMS Rulemaking is moving forward although the trauma designation part of the rules was put on hold. The next step for the rulemaking will be public hearings. The WEMESIS rules are a little delayed but they should be rolled out in January. The Trauma Triage Tool workgroup has completed their work and the new tool has been rolled out. The DOH has completed provider education on the new tool via webinars and the guidance should be sent out soon. The tool will need to be included in the Region's next revision of their PCPs. The department is working on other things including balanced billing (a report was submitted to the legislature), EMS Naloxone guidance (it is on the DOH's website), and guidance for hospital pharmacies to provide drugs to ambulances (this is also on their website). The DOH's overdose dashboard is now active on their website.

XI. Good of the order

Beki reported that the SC Region QI Committee met on November 14th. The meeting included a presentation on stemi data from Isan Mahdi, the DOH's new epidemiologist. There were also two case presentations. The next QI meeting will be on January 16 or 23 and focus on multi injury.

XII. Adjourn

Tony Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:13am. Dennis Blumer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Future Meeting Dates: January 25, March 28, May 23, July 25, September 26, and November 21