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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 28, 2024 10AM via Zoom

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		P	P	P	Ex	
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	KITTITAS COUNTY								
	1. Local Gov. Agency								
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Danielle Bertschi	2026						
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub / DeDe Utley	2025		A/A	A/A	A/A	P	
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2026		P	A	P	P	
SC-18	5. Paramedic	Tom Watkins	2029		P	A	A	A	
	BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026		P	A	P	P	
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2026		P	P	P	P	
SC-26	3. Hospital	<i>Beki Hammons - Treasurer</i>	2026		P	P	Ex	P	
SC-70	4. Consumer								
SC-17	5. Education	<i>James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair</i>	2024		P	A	P	P	
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	David Winter	2025		A	A	A	A	
SC-02	2. Prehospital	Rob Nelson	2026		P	P	P	P	
SC-29	3. Hospital	Susan Leathers	2021		A	A	P	P	
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2024		P	P	P	P	
SC-66	5. Law Enforcement	Gunner Fulmer	2026		P	A	A	P	
	YAKIMA COUNTY								
SC-55	1. Local Gov. Agency	Ken Eakin	2025		P	P	P	P	
SC-16	2. Prehospital	<i>David Lynde - Chair</i>	2025		P	P	P	P	
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan				P	A	P	
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2024		P	P	P	A	
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller	2025		P	P	A	A	
	AIR MEDICAL								
SC-85	Airlift NW	Kate Knutson	2024		A	P	P	A	
SC-86	Life Flight Network								
	Other Attendees								
	April Borbon	SC Region Exec Director			P	P	P	P	
	Scott Williams	DOH			P	P	P	P	
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH			P		P	P	
	Sarah Downan	YVMH			P				
	Jeremy Rodriguez	YFD			P	P			
	Adam Rovang	DOH				P			
	Jason Norris	DOH				P			
	Dawn Felt	DOH				P			
	Treena Russell	ALS				P		P	
	Joel Erickson					P	P	P	
	Brian Fackler	BFHD					P		
	Terra Wiens	DOH						P	
	Dr Lewis Neace	MPD						P	

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I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Chair David Lynde at 10:03am. The Chair named those participants listed on the Zoom attendees list and asked for anyone else on the web/phone to introduce themselves. Terra Wiens introduced herself, she will work on EMS and opioid data at the DOH.

II. Calendar of Meetings/Events

- A. Columbia County EMS Meeting – April 3, 2024; 7pm
- B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – April 11, 2024; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – April 8, 2024; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – April 4, 2024; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – April 4, 2024; 2:30pm

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2024*
- B. Approval of Financial Statements from January 2024 and February 2024*

General Ledger Summary Report	January 2024	February 2024		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$109,442.00	\$100,737.58		
Debits	\$5.24	\$4.26		
Credits	\$8,709.66	\$12,740.00		
Ending Balance	\$100,737.58	\$88,001.84		
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$122,051.73	\$122,394.86		
Debits	\$343.13	\$0		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$122,394.86	\$122,394.86		

Sean Davis moved to approve the consent agenda with the following corrections made by Cheryl: in the Kittitas County report, they adopted the ALS OTEP, not the BLS OTEP or protocols. Ken Eakin 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. The deliverable for this month was an EMS survey which will be discussed below.

B. FY2023-2025 Training Grants Update

April reported that the training funds are being spent. Columbia County has spent a great deal of their rolled over funds. An updated grant sheet will be sent to all county council chairs at the end of the month.

V. Old Business

A. Bylaws Revision Update

The bylaws revision committee has not met yet; April will host a Zoom meeting for the committee prior to the next council meeting.

B. PCPs Revision Update

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The PCPs revision committee has not met yet; April will host a Zoom meeting for the committee prior to the next council meeting. Scott will provide the newest guidance for the Trauma Triage Destination Tool which will be updated in the PCPs.

VI. New Business

A. Executive Director Handbook

A new Executive Director Handbook was included in the meeting packet. The RAC has been discussing Executive Director succession planning so April created this handbook which outlines all of the work that the Executive Director does for the region council.

B. EMS Survey Results

One of the deliverables for the region this month was to conduct an EMS provider recruitment and retention survey. The survey was sent to all agencies in the region. April reported that after several emails there was only a 20% response rate. Cheryl said that next time she should contact the county EMS coordinators to help with this as they know their counties best and can encourage the agencies to participate. A summary of the survey responses was included in the meeting packet and also sent to the DOH.

VII. Local Council Reports

A. Columbia: There is a drill today at the NW Generating Station.

B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported that their EMT class was ongoing; they have 9 initial students and 2 refresher students. They are still in the hiring process for a new director for KitCom and District 7 is in the hiring process for a new chief. Cheryl has hired a new EMS assistant, her name is Victoria.

C. Mid Columbia: Gary reported that they are working on getting funds to pay their MPD to do extra projects. They held elections at their last meeting; the same slate of officers were reelected. Bud said their EMT class will start soon with 18 students.

D. Walla Walla: They are planning an IV Tech course. They are working on updating their bylaws. Nina Khan, their former EMS Director, passed away last night.

E. Yakima: David reported that they received a grant for the Lucas devices; the grant was used to purchase the devices and provide training to all EMS providers. On April 13 they will have a full-scale active shooter exercise at Pacific NW University. On May 11 they will have a full scale exercise at the airport. They are moving forward with their fall and winter EMT courses. They are updating their bylaws. Their dispatch will switch to ProQA.

VIII. Preparedness Report

April reported that the REDi Coalition folded and the DOH is trying to restart the program. More information will be provided when the program is restarted.

IX. SC Region CQI Report

Beki reported that their next meeting will be on May 21st at 1:30pm. Dr Hodges will talk about the Trauma Triage Tool and hospital destination at the meeting. They will also look at data on trauma transfers. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings; contact Beki for an invite.

X. State Committee Reports

David reported that at the RAC meeting they discussed balanced billing and the EMT/MA legislation. The EMS rules are in the CR103 phase; they should go into effect in June or July. The WEMISIS rules are in the CR102 process currently. They are also working on the organ transport rules. Dolly Fernandez will retire in

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April and Catie will be taking her position; they will do a hiring process for Catie's old position. The group reviewed their charter and reviewed the RAC strategic plan, they also looked at the regional plan cycle timeline. At the Steering Committee meeting they had a presentation on the Ecosystem of Healthcare. They also discussed the statewide trauma services assessment. There was discussion about verification of hospitals and a report on opioids as well as EMS funding. There were reports on a couple of pilot programs including buprenorphine administration for medics and an opioid leave-behind program. Dr Buck was reelected as Chair. There were 1300 bills submitted to the legislature this session, 450 of which were reviewed by the DOH. The cardiac/stroke report is out. The DOH will ask the 2025 legislature for funding to rebuild the trauma registry. There was an update on the trauma fund and a report on four hospitals that have reached their max distribution level of Medicaid funding; the DOH is working on mitigation strategies for this. The Pediatric TAC and Hospital TAC gave presentations. On April 16 there will be a meeting on WA State trauma guidelines. The MPDs discussed PulsePoint and public access AEDs.

XI. DOH Report

Scott provided a link for updated information on rulemaking (<https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/emergency-medical-services-ems-systems/rules-development>). The group discussed adding the new Trauma Triage Tool to the PCPs; Scott will provide the guidance document and changelog for this. There will be a year-long roll out period for this tool; mandatory implementation will be in 2025. There is also guidance on the DOH website for Naloxone leave-behind programs. Jeff added that the WEMSIS system is being updated to version 3.5; if people are having trouble reporting they need to check that their system has been updated to this version. The WEMSIS rules are currently in the public comment period; everyone is welcome to provide feedback on the new WEMSIS rules (info on the DOH website). The West Region EMS Conference will take place May 17-19 in Ocean Shores. The NW Rural Health Conference just took place in Spokane. Cheryl asked about an example of a Naloxone protocol; Scott will follow up on this.

XII. Good of the order

None.

XIII. Adjourn

[Bud Rose moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:43am. Sean Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.](#)

Future Meeting Dates: May 23, 2024; July 25, 2024; September 26, 2024; and November 21; 2024