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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday December 5, 2024 10AM via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE									
		VOTING MEMBERS 27 Board Member Positions	Term Exp. Sept.	Sept 26 2024	Dec 5 2024	Jan 23 2025	March 27 2025	May 22 2025	July 24 2025
	Quorum Present	50% + 1 Member = Quorum							
	COLUMBIA COUNTY								
	1. REDi HC Coalition								
	2. Prehospital								
SC-7	3. Hospital								
SC-12	4. Training Coordinator	Bob Allbee	2027	P					
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	KITTITAS COUNTY								
	1. Local Gov. Agency								
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Danielle Bertschi	2026		P				
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub / DeDe Utley	2025						
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	Cheryl Burrows - Secretary	2026	P	P				
SC-18	5. Paramedic	Tom Watkins	2025						
	BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026	Ex	P				
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2026	P	P				
SC-26	3. Hospital	Beki Hammons - Treasurer	2026	P					
SC-70	4. Consumer								
SC-17	5. Education	James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair	2027	P	Ex				
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	David Winter	2025						
SC-02	2. Prehospital	Rob Nelson	2026		P				
SC-29	3. Hospital	Susan Leathers	2026		P				
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2027	P	P				
SC-66	5. Law Enforcement	Gunner Fulmer	2026						
	YAKIMA COUNTY								
SC-55	1. Local Gov. Agency	Ken Eakin	2025	P	P				
SC-16	2. Prehospital	David Lynde - Chair	2025	P	P				
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan	2026	P	P				
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2024						
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller	2025	P	P				
	AIR MEDICAL								
SC-85	Airlift NW	Erin Whitney	2027	P					
SC-86	Life Flight Network								
	Other Attendees								
	April Borbon	SC Region Exec Director		P	P				
	Scott Williams	DOH		P					
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH			P				
	Jason Norris	DOH		P					
	Jeremy Rodriguez	YCDEMS		P					
	Jordan Hanes	FCEMS		P					
	Dan Mann	SAO		P					
	Dani Piper	KVH		P	P				
	Niles Kostick	SAO		P					
	Kara Welchel	NWHRN		P	P				
	Stacey	NWHRN		P					
	Delcie Profit			P	P				
	Stacy Paricek			P					
	Sarah H			P					

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- I. Call to Order and Introductions
Meeting was called to order by Chair David Lynde at 10:00am. 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 – February 5, 2024; 7pm
 - B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – December 12, 2024; 5pm
 - C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – January 6, 2025; 1:30pm
 - D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – December 5, 2024; 6pm (canceled)
 - E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – December 5, 2024; 2:30pm
- III. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2024*
 - B. Approval of Financial Statements from September 2024 to October 2024*
Prior to the meeting all Region Council members received a financial packet including the statement of assets, liabilities and equities BARS Cash Basis, aged payables (list of all vouchers that were paid), and the general ledger detail report for review which was prepared by the Plymale-Gillespie CPA office.

General Ledger Summary Report	September 2024	October 2024		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$68,694.96	\$94,179.27		
Debits	\$25,484.31	\$3.66		
Credits	\$0	\$14,478.87		
Ending Balance	\$94,179.27	\$79,704.06		
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$125,409.43	\$126,961.42		
Debits	\$1,551.99	\$0		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$126,961.42	\$126,961.42		

Tony Miller moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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 region will complete the work for this contract in June.
 - B. FY2024-2025 Training Grants Update
April reported that the training grant funds are being spent by some councils while other councils spend their funds for OTEP which they will bill the Region for in May.
- V. Old Business
 - A. PCPs Revision Update
April reported that she submitted the PCPs to the DOH for review and approval in mid-November; we should hear from the DOH soon on this.

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B. New PCP for Trauma Triage Tool Update

The new PCP format for the Trauma Triage Tool was included in the meeting packet. The PCP committee will review and update this PC and bring a draft to the council for approval.

C. FY2025-2027 Trauma Plan Update

The trauma plan is being updated. The county councils have provided information for the plan update. Once all updates have been made, April will send the plan to the council for a final review before bring it to the January council meeting for approval.

D. Trauma Services Assessment Update

April reported that we are still waiting for the DOH to inform the regions of any trauma service assessment work they would like us to do.

VI. New Business

A. Presentation: WATrac (Kara Welchel)

Kara gave a presentation on the WaTrac system which is an emergency patient tracking platform used throughout Washington to show diversion activity, bed count, etc, at hospitals. The system can also provide mass alerts to all users about emergency situations, facility updates, etc. The Council said this is not used in the SC Region as there is only one hospital in most counties. They are working on streamlining the system and making it more usable for hospitals and EMS. Kara would like input from the council on what things can be done to make the system work better for EMS. She also asked that anyone interested in participating on the WaTrac user group or WaTrac Steering Committee to contact her at kara.welchel@nwhrn.org

B. 2025 SC Region Meeting Schedule

The 2025 meeting schedule was included at the bottom of the agenda. April noted that due to the Thanksgiving holiday in November, the November meeting will be held on the first Thursday of December.

C. Housekeeping

1. OPMA Training <https://www.atg.wa.gov/open-government-training>

April reported that all council members need to do the Open Public Meeting training at least once every four years. The meeting is done online via the link in the agenda and once someone has completed the training, they should report this to April.

2. Conflict of Interest Forms

A conflict of interest form was included in the meeting packet. All council members were asked to complete the form and send it to April.

D. Other Grants (EMSC, Opioid)

April reported that the DOH asked the region to submit any EMSC grant funding requests with only a week's notice. Four agencies in the SC Region submitted applications for this grant and we should hear back next week if any of these applications were approved for funding. There are also a few sources of opioid funding available; one is for EMS leave-behind programs and another will be announced soon.

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VII. Local Council Reports

- A. Columbia: No report.
- B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported that their EMT class will start in January with 18 students. A workgroup is working on updating EMS documents including their COPs and BLS scope of practice. The new requirements for ESSO organizations when it comes to equipment may cause some of these agencies not to renew their applications.
- C. Mid Columbia: They met on Monday and had a light agenda. They discussed their communications audit and had elections.
- D. Walla Walla: Heather reported that their EMT and EMS Evaluator's classes are done. Their MPD and MPD Assistant both signed their contracts.
- E. Yakima: Tony reported that their Council will meet today. Their next EMS class will start soon; their fall EMT class is ending soon. They are working on their 2025 OTEP.
- F. AirLift NW: Delcie reported that their MPD, Dr Jobe, will do another contract. They will be holding a good advanced airway class. They did three MCI exercises, two were tabletop exercises and one was a full-scale exercise in November. Currently there is no fixed-wing aircraft in Wenatchee.

VIII. Preparedness Report

The Northwest Healthcare Response Network will be taking over regional preparedness activities in the South Central Region. Agencies/County EMS Councils that would like to get on the email list to receive NWHRN updates should contact Kara Welchel at kara.welchel@nwhrn.org

IX. SC Region CQI Report

No report.

X. State Committee Reports

David reported that at the last Steering Committee meeting they introduced the new Steering Committee members, reviewed their membership list, and set their 2025 meeting schedule. They discussed the upcoming legislative session and said that a funding package has been submitted to the legislature but the state is looking at a dire financial situation next year. They are still working on the Trauma Services Assessment, and are trying to get all of the backlogged data into the Trauma Registry. The Cost TAC and Rehab TAC gave their annual reports. They reviewed the ECS strategic plan. There was also a presentation on the TQIP program. There will be a gala to celebrate Dr Wayne's 50+ years of service on February 8th in Whatcom County. April reported that at the recent RAC TAC meeting they discussed the rural EMS grant and reviewed the RAC TACs strategic plan. They reviewed the PCP update timeline as well as the regional trauma plan timeline. They are working on updating the trauma registry and asked all RAC members to ask their hospitals to submit their backlogged data as soon as possible. Jill Hayes is their new opioid program coordinator. The DOH is working on the contracts and SOWs for the next biennium.

XI. DOH Report

April will send a copy of the DOH Report to Regions to all Council members after the meeting.

XII. Good of the order

April reminded the group to check the region's website (www.screms.org) for a list of upcoming classes and events. She added that the SW Region is discussing region-wide active shooter training; Heather said this would need to be coordinated with the DEMs in the South Central Region.

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XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:14am.

Future Meeting Dates: January 23, 2025; March 27, 2025; May 22, 2025; July 24, 2025; September 25, 2025;
December 4, 2025