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**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday January 23, 2025 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							
	<b>COLUMBIA COUNTY</b>								
	1. REDi HC Coalition								
	2. Prehospital								
SC-7	3. Hospital								
SC-12	4. Training Coordinator	Bob Allbee	2027	P		P			
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	<b>KITTITAS COUNTY</b>								
	1. Local Gov. Agency								
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Danielle Bertschi	2026		P	P			
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub / DeDe Utley	2025			P/A			
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2026	P	P	P			
SC-18	5. Paramedic	Tom Watkins	2025						
	<b>BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)</b>								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026	Ex	P	P			
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2026	P	P				
SC-26	3. Hospital	<i>Beki Hammons - Treasurer</i>	2026	P		P			
SC-70	4. Consumer								
SC-17	5. Education	<i>James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair</i>	2027	P	Ex	P			
	<b>WALLA WALLA COUNTY</b>								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	David Winter	2025						
SC-02	2. Prehospital	Rob Nelson	2026		P	P			
SC-29	3. Hospital	Susan Leathers	2026		P				
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2027	P	P	P			
SC-66	5. Law Enforcement	Gunner Fulmer	2026						
	<b>YAKIMA COUNTY</b>								
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	2026	P	P	P			
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2024			P			
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller	2025	P	P	P			
	<b>AIR MEDICAL</b>								
SC-85	Airlift NW	Erin Whitney	2027	P					
SC-86	Life Flight Network								
	<b>Other Attendees</b>								
	April Borbon	SC Region Exec Director		P	P	P			
	Scott Williams	DOH		P		P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH			P	P			
	Jason Norris	DOH		P					
	Jeremy Rodriguez	YCDEMS		P		P			
	Jordan Hanes	FCEMS		P					
	Dan Mann	SAO		P					
	Dani Piper	KVH		P	P	P			
	Dr Lewis Neace	MPD				P			
	Niles Kostick	SAO		P					
	Elya Baltazar	NWHRN				P			
	Kara Welchel	NWHRN		P	P	P			
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH				P			
	Marla Emde	DOH				P			

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	Treena Russell	Advanced Life Systems				P			
	Stacey	NWHRN		P					
	Delcie Profitt	AirliftNW		P	P	P			
	Stacy Paricek			P					
	Meagan McCoy	NWHRN				P			
	Sarah			P					

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**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, 2025; 7pm
- B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – February 13, 2025; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – February 3, 2025; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – February 6, 2025; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – February 6, 2025; 2:30pm

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- A. Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2025\*
- B. Approval of Financial Statements from November 2024 to December 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.

<b>General Ledger Summary Report</b>	<b>November 2024</b>	<b>December 2024</b>		
<b>Checking</b>				
Begin Balance	\$79,704.06	\$77,422.81		
Debits	\$4.26	\$25,483.69		
Credits	\$2,285.51	\$24,270.00		
Ending Balance	\$77,422.81	\$78,636.50		
<b>Investment CD</b>				
Begin Balance	\$126,961.42	\$126,961.42		
Debits	\$0	\$1,529.05		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$126,961.42	\$128,490.47		

Sean Davis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Heather Lee 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. An updated grant sheet is sent to each county council at the end of each month. All grant funds need to be spent by the end of May.

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V. Old Business

A. PCPs Revision Update and Approval\*

The group reviewed the PCPs which had been reviewed by the DOH; there were only a few items the DOH wanted clarification on. Updates were made as each of these items was discussed. Scott clarified the points that needed further discussion. The group pointed out that there may be some differences between the Air Medical PCP as the Air Medical Plan has not been updated in several years, and the Trauma Triage Tool; the group determined that the Air Medical PCP should follow the new Trauma Triage guidelines.

Tony Miller moved to approve the SC Region PCPs as updated. Bud Rose seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. New PCP for Trauma Triage Tool Update

The state has a new format for the Trauma Triage PCP and the Behavioral Health PCP. The goal is to have all of the PCPs in the state follow the same format but each council will update the new format PCPs to fit their needs. This will be done after the full PCP document is approved by the state. David pointed out that updating the PCPs one by one is difficult as every time a change is made to the PCPs, many other documents/apps/etc need to be updated. Scott said the DOH is working on ways to streamline this process. Christina pointed out that often legislative changes require updating or changing the PCPs.

C. FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma Plan Review and Approval\*

The group reviewed the final draft of the region's updated trauma plan. There were several items that had not been updated or had been updated yet the format changed. There were questions about the information in the appendix including updated hospital information that hasn't yet been updated on the DOH website. The group also wanted to review the number of SEIs as the numbers from the state did not correspond with the numbers the counties have. April will review these questions with the DOH then send the plan out to the council for a final review. The council will hold a special meeting at the end of February to approve the plan as the plan is due to the DOH at the beginning of March.

VI. New Business

A. Opioid Grant Division of Funds

The region was given the opportunity to apply for \$49,250 in opioid program grant funds. The only problem with this is that the funds need to be spent before June 30, 2025. Two agencies requested these funds to support ongoing opioid programs in their area. Franklin County/Pasco FD requested \$5,500 from the grant funds and Walla Walla County EMS Council requested \$8,200.

Tony Miller moved to approve the grant requests made by Franklin County/Pasco FD and the Walla Walla County EMS Council. Beki Hammons seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. IVP Program Presentation (Marla Emde)

Marla Emde, who is the Injury Prevention Specialist at the DOH, gave a presentation on the state's IVP program. The goal of the IVP TAC is to develop, implement, and evaluate strategies to reduce 911 calls  
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and trauma-related injuries. Her office can provide free grab bars and free nightlights through their senior falls prevention program; info sheets on these programs will be sent to the group. Her office can also provide a number of brochures and information sheets on healthy aging resources and falls prevention. She invited council members to attend the IVP TAC meetings (March 5, June 4, September 3 and December 3; 9am-10:30am; via online meeting). Her office sends out a monthly EMS Trauma IVP FP TAC Bulletin which provides a great deal of information on upcoming events, activities, and news updates; agencies can also request injury data reports from her office. Contact Marla at [marla.emde@doh.wa.gov](mailto:marla.emde@doh.wa.gov) for more information on any of the programs offered by her office.

VII. Local Council Reports

- A. Columbia: No report.
- B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported that their EMT class recently started with 22 students and they have 6 students in their ESE class. Their MPD will retire in September; the DOH will post this job soon. They recently approved two COPs.
- C. Mid Columbia: They will elect officers at their next meeting. They submitted their OTEP plan. They had 17 people graduate from their December EMT class.
- D. Walla Walla: Heather reported that they will have a supraglottic airway class in February and an IV Tech class in March. They are updating their OTEP plan.
- E. Yakima: Tony reported that they finished their fall EMT class; 16 students passed the test. Their January EMT class has started. They recently received an MCI Response truck.
- F. AirLift NW: Delcie reported that they are currently updating their air transport plan; their plan uses the new state trauma triage tool.

VIII. Preparedness Report

Kara reported that the NWHRN will host meetings in March in several catchment areas. All healthcare facilities were encouraged to complete the HVA survey by February 15<sup>th</sup>. They will also be having a water training class. Their organization provides a weekly update email on preparedness/healthcare topics that impact Washington State. Contact Kara for information on any of these topics at [kara.welchecl@nwhrn.org](mailto:kara.welchecl@nwhrn.org)

IX. SC Region CQI Report

Beki reported that their committee met last Tuesday. Kayla Nored was elected the new Chair. They reviewed a peds resuscitation case at the meeting. The trauma registry data has been updated through 2023 so they should be able to get updated data for their meetings. Beki linked their CQI plan in the chat.

X. State Committee Reports

David reported that at the last Steering Committee they discussed annual elections for the Steering Committee will take place in March, they are waiting for more information on the new governor's priorities and budget information before moving forward, they don't know if the DOH's funding request will be funded. They are still working on the statewide trauma services assessment. The new online licensing HELM system will be transitioned over in February which will result in a week-long shut down of licensing services in mid February when this happens.

XI. DOH Report

A copy of Scott's DOH Report to Regions was included in the meeting packet. Scott reported that their office is now fully staffed. They are finished with all of the EMS and WEMIS rules work. Their ESO and

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Image Trend users group meeting have changed from monthly to quarterly. The new Trauma Triage and Destination Procedure is now in effect; full compliance is required by January 1, 2025. Their office is working on several projects including the Trauma Triage and Behavioral Health PCPs, regional planning, 2025-2027 contracts/SOWs, and opioid support activities funding.

XII. Good of the order

Cheryl said that they may lose at least one of their ESSO agencies due to the new equipment requirements for ESSOs. Before there were no specific equipment requirements for ESSO agencies but now they must carry the same equipment as BLS AID services.

XIII. Adjourn

Tony Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:54am. Bud Rose seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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