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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 27, 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							
	COLUMBIA COUNTY								
	1. REDi HC Coalition								
	2. Prehospital								
SC-7	3. Hospital								
SC-12	4. Training Coordinator	Bob Allbee	2027	P		P	P		
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	KITTITAS COUNTY								
	1. Local Gov. Agency								
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Danielle Bertschi	2026		P	P			
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub	2025			P/A	P		
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2026	P	P	P			
SC-18	5. Paramedic	Tom Watkins	2025						
	BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026	Ex	P	P	P		
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2026	P	P		Ex		
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>	2027	P	Ex	P	P		
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY								
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		P		
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2027	P	P	P	P		
SC-66	5. Law Enforcement	Gunner Fulmer	2026				Ex		
	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	Ex		
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan	2026	P	P	P	P		
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2024			P	Ex		
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller	2025	P	P	P	P		
	AIR MEDICAL								
SC-85	Airlift NW								
SC-86	Life Flight Network	Erin Whitney	2027	P					
	Other Attendees								
	April Borbon	SC Region Exec Director		P	P	P	P		
	Scott Williams	DOH		P		P	P		
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH			P	P	P		
	Jason Norris	DOH		P					
	Jeremy Rodriguez	YCDEMS		P		P	P		
	Jordan Hanes	FCEMS		P					
	Dan Mann	SAO		P					
	Dani Piper	KVH		P	P	P			
	Dr Lewis Neace	MPD				P	P		
	Niles Kostick	SAO		P					

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	Elya Baltazar	NWHRN				P			
	Kara Welchel	NWHRN		P	P	P	P		
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH				P			
	Marla Emde	DOH				P			
	Treena Russell	Advanced Life Systems				P	P		
	Stacey	NWHRN		P					
	Delcie Proffitt	AirliftNW		P	P	P			
	Stacy Paricek			P					
	Meagan McCoy	NWHRN				P	P		
	Mike Thomas	Spokane Police					P		
	Chase Tucker	Yakima DEM					P		
	Kayla Nored	Providence St Mary MC					P		

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bud Rose at 10:00am. The Vice 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 – April 2, 2025; 7pm
- B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – April 10, 2025; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – April 7, 2025; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – April 3, 2025; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – April 3, 2025; 2:30pm

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2025*
- B. Special Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2025*
- C. Approval of Financial Statements from January 2025 to February 2025*

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.

Beki asked why some of the payables were made directly to OTEP trainers instead of the trainers being reimbursed by the county council. It was determined that each county council worked differently; the Yakima Council does not have a bank account so all payments go through the EMS office, some councils pay all of their bills then seek reimbursement from the region office, other county councils may have the region office pay some of their vendors directly.

General Ledger Summary Report	January 2025	February 2025		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$78,636.50	\$94,099.45		
Debits	\$25,484.06	\$25,484.95		
Credits	\$10,021.11	\$13,235.00		
Ending Balance	\$94,099.45	\$106,349.40		

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Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$128,490.47	\$128,490.47		
Debits	\$0	\$0		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$128,490.47	\$128,490.47		

Tony Miller moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Beki Hammons 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 and all of their deliverables are being met; 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. The county councils were encouraged to spend all of their grant funds and submit RFPs to the region no later than June 10th.

V. Old Business

A. PCPs Approval Update

April reported that the revised PCPs which the region submitted to the DOH will be included in the FY2025-2027 trauma plan then the entire document will be approved at the May Steering Committee meeting.

B. Membership Roster Review

The group reviewed the council membership roster and made several changes: Dani Piper will replace Dede Utley as the KVH alternate, Gunner Fulmer is no longer in law enforcement and is now a commissioner, Dede Utley will now be the Yakima hospital alternate rep, Erin is with LifeFlight not ALNW, and Jeremy Rodrigues will be the alternate for Tony Miller.

C. Opioid Grant Update

April reported that the region was recently awarded an opioid grant in the amount of \$49,250 for opioid prevention activities. Although the region only requested around \$15,000 for the Walla Walla EMS Council and Pasco Fire to do some prevention projects, the state has divided up the funds evenly among all of the regions. There are currently funds available for any of our stakeholders who would like to fund opioid prevention projects. All projects will need to be completed and RFPs submitted by June 10th. Contact April for more information on this.

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D. FY2025-2027 Regional Plan Update

The FY2025-2027 regional plan was submitted to the DOH and the DOH sent back the plan yesterday with suggested edits. April will update the plan with the suggested edits then have the Executive Board review it before resubmitting it to the DOH by April 9th. The plan will then be reviewed by Steering Committee members, sent back to the region if there are additional edits needed, submitted back to the DOH, then approved by the Steering Committee at their May meeting.

VI. New Business

A. County FY2025-2026 Training Grant Fund Reminder (May Applications)

April reported that the region has not yet received their contract from the state and she does not know if there will be funding cuts to this contract due to the state's budget deficit. County EMS councils are encouraged to discuss and prioritize their training fund needs for the next fiscal year. Grant contracts will be sent to the county councils after the region council's budget and grant fund allocations are approved at the May meeting.

B. Motor Vehicle Collision Scenes- How First Responders Can work with Law Enforcement Without Jeopardizing Patient Care (Mike Thomas)

Mike Thomas from the Spokane Police Department gave a presentation on how first responders and law enforcement can work together in the field. He reported that drug overdoses for all types of drugs except for heroin have dramatically increased since 2020. Ketamine and fentanyl are two common types of drugs they see in the field. He noted that fentanyl in pill form is generally not a hazard to first responders but fentanyl in powdered form can be a danger for first responders so it is important when cutting off clothing to not cut through drugs in baggies that may be on the patient since a lethal dose of fentanyl can be equal in size to a couple of grains of salt. He said that sometimes drug users will mix drugs so they can have a wide range of symptoms. The presentation included photos of various drug paraphernalia. He said that EMS can assist law enforcement by notifying the police if they suspect a driver may be impaired at a collision scene, notifying law enforcement if drugs or drug paraphernalia are found on the patient, allowing law enforcement to get an exigent blood draw if possible, and notifying law enforcement if administering any drugs or blood products to treat the patient (this way they will know, for example, if the driver had Ketamine in their system prior to the crash or if it was administered after the crash as part of the patient treatment protocol). He added that patient care is the first priority and once EMS is giving medications, the person is no longer a law enforcement patient. He noted that state law allows blood draws without patient consent and the blood draw must be done according to law enforcement protocol.

VII. Local Council Reports

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- A. Columbia: Bob reported that they are sending one person to Spokane for an IV class. They are working on a plan to spend the rest of their grant funds.
- B. Kittitas: No report.
- C. Mid Columbia: Bud reported that their council met on February 3rd and elected new officers; Matt Borschwa is their new Chair and AJ Fandrich is their new Vice Chair. They are updating their protocols. Their EMT class is starting. BFD4 is planning on holding an EMT course.
- D. Walla Walla: Heather reported that 10 students completed their IV class; they will schedule another IV class soon. They will hold three initial EMS evaluator classes. Their new OTEP plan will be approved at their meeting next week.
- E. Yakima: Tony reported that they finished their winter EMT class. They will have an IV class in June. Their MCI truck is now in service; it can handle 80 to 100 patients. They will have an active shooter drill this Saturday. Their new CQI plan has been approved by the state. Their new BLS protocol exam is done and they are now working on their ILS protocol exam.
- F. AirLift NW: No report.

VIII. Preparedness Report (Kara Welchel)

Kara reported that they are working on the brief that they send out every week. She asked that if anyone has events, activities, or other information they want included in the brief to send it to her at kara.welchel@nwhrn.org. Anyone who would like to receive this brief should contact Kara to get on their mailing list. WaTrac training is ongoing. Flu and RSV cases are going down.

IX. IVP Report (Marla Emde)

No report.

X. DOH Report (Scott Williams)

Scott provided the DOH Report to regions which was included in the meeting packet.

XI. SC Region CQI Report (Kayla Nored)

A. Invitation to Council Members to Join the Committee

The SC Region CQI Committee needs more EMS providers to participate on the committee. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee they should contact Kayla at kayla.nored@rovidence.org.

B. Bariatric Patient Transfer Discussion

Cody discussed a recent problem they had with finding an agency that was able to do a bariatric patient transfer. Several agencies were called but none were able to transfer the patient due to the patient's girth even though the weight was OK. It took them three days to get a specialty transport by an out-of-region AMR bariatric unit. The group discussed the resources available in the region but there was no clear understanding of which agencies would be able to do such a transport in the future. Cody and April will work on

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a survey which will be sent to all agencies in the region in order to create a resource list for bariatric patient transfers in the region (ie: max weight and girth of patient, BLS/ILS/ALS/critical care transport capabilities, etc).

XII. State Committee Reports

Scott reported that at the last RAC meeting they discussed the contracts and SOW revisions with the regions as well as the regional plan timelines. Beki reported that at the last Steering Committee meeting they elected a new Chair and Vice Chair. They discussed legislative updates; this will be a long session which will end on April 27th. They approved a draft Trauma Care Fund spending plan.

XIII. Good of the order

None

XIV. Adjourn

Tony Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:58am. Jeremy Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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