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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Thursday May 22, 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							Cancelled
	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		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	P	
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2026	P	P		Ex	P	
SC-26	3. Hospital	<i>Beki Hammons - Treasurer</i>	2026	P		P	P	P	
SC-70	4. Consumer								
SC-17	5. Education	<i>James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair</i>	2027	P	Ex	P	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	P	
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2027	P	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	P	
SC-16	2. Prehospital	<i>David Lynde - Chair</i>	2025	P	P	P	Ex	P	
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan	2026	P	P	P	P	P	
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2024			P	Ex		
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller	2025	P	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	P	
	Scott Williams	DOH		P		P	P		
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH			P	P	P		
	Jason Norris	DOH		P					
	Jeremy Rodriguez	YCDEMS		P		P	P	P	
	Jordan Hanes	FCEMS		P					
	Dan Mann	SAO		P					
	Dani Piper	KVH		P	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	P	
	Chase Tucker							P	
	Christi Doornink	Prosser Health						P	
	Darren							P	
	Dede Feddema	Yakima Memorial Hospital						P	
	M Heffner							P	
	Terra Wiens	DOH						P	

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson 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 – October 1, 2025; 7pm
- B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – June 12, 2025; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – June 2, 2025; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – June 2, 2025; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – June 5, 2025; 2:30pm

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2025*
- B. Approval of Financial Statements from March 2025 to April 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.

General Ledger Summary Report	March 2025	April 2025		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$106,349.40	\$103,592.05		
Debits	\$4.65	\$25,484.43		
Credits	\$2,762.00	\$18,647.99		
Ending Balance	\$103,592.05	\$110,428.49		
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$128,490.47	\$129,848.62		
Debits	\$1,358.15	\$0		

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Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$129,848.62	\$129,848.62		

Sarah Downan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bud Rose 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 well and all the 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 are spending the rest of their grant funds and there should be very little rollover funds.

V. Old Business

A. FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma Plan and PCPs Approval Update

David reported that the Steering Committee approved the Region's FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma Plan and the updated PCPs. The approved PCPs will be sent to all MPDs and county councils when the region receives the approval letter from the DOH.

B. Membership Roster Review

The group reviewed the current membership roster; David will check and see if he can find an AirLift NW rep to join the council.

C. Opioid Grant Update

April reported that the Walla Walla EMS Council and Pasco Fire Department are working on opioid grant projects; the deadline to submit RFPs and deliverable reports to the region for payment from this grant is June 10th.

D. Bariatric Transport Survey

The group reviewed the results of the Bariatric Transport survey. David pointed out that ILS or ALS providers MUST be licensed in either the originating county, the destination county, or both when providing out-of-county bariatric transports.

VI. New Business

A. FY2025-2027 SC/SW Region Administrative Contract Approval*

The group reviewed the proposed FY2025-2027 SC/SW Region Administrative Contract which was approved by the SW Region Council. Changes made to the contract by the SW Region included moving all SC Region expenses to the list of expenses covered by the SW Region since all SC Region administrative funds are given to the SW Region to

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cover any expenses incurred by the SC Region Council except unbudgeted extraordinary expenses over \$5000. It was noted that this contract may be amended if the DOH makes cuts to the funds it provides to the regions.

Gary Tucker-Atherley moved to approve the SC/SW Region administrative contract as submitted. Heather Lee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. FY2025-2026 SC Region Council Budget Review and Approval*

The group reviewed the FY2025-2026 SC Region Council budget which allocates half of the Council's annual funds to training grants and half to the SW Region for administrative expenses. It was noted that the budget may be amended if the DOH makes cuts to the funds it provides to the regions.

Tony Miller moved to approve the budget as presented. Ken Eakin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. FY2025-2026 SC Region Training Grant Fund Allocation Approval*

The group reviewed a draft of the FY2025-2026 training grant agreement for the county councils. The amount will remain the same for each council as in previous years. Two additions were made to the grant agreement including a note that the grant funds may change during the fiscal year if funding to the region from the DOH is cut, and also a requirement that matching funds (including in-kind work) are now required although a waiver is available if needed; more information on this requirement will be provided by the DOH.

Ken Eakin moved to approve the FY2025-2026 training grant fund allocation and contract as submitted. Heather Lee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. July 24th Meeting Needed?

The Council usually cancels their July meeting. The group agreed to cancel the July meeting but hold a special meeting to discuss budget issues if needed.

VII. Local Council Reports

A. Columbia: No report.

B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported that they completed their EMT class. Their MPD will resign at the end of the year; they are currently working with the DOH to find a replacement for their MPD.

C. Mid Columbia: Bud reported that their EMS class is ongoing with 17 students.

D. Walla Walla: Heather reported that their OTEP plan has been updated and approved by the DOH. They made a couple of changes to their ALS protocols due to the new IVents they use.

E. Yakima: Tony reported that their winter EMT class has finished; their next EMT class will be in September. They had a 100% pass rate for last September's EMT class. Their OTEP plan had been updated and submitted to the DOH for approval.

F. AirLift NW: No report.

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- VIII. Preparedness Report (Kara Welchel)
April said that preparedness work is now ongoing in the region by NWHRN. For an invite to the meetings, contact Sierra Knutson (sierra.knutson@nwhrn.org).
- IX. IVP Report (Marla Emde)
The state is holding regularly-scheduled IVP TAC meetings; for an invite contact April.
- X. DOH Report (Scott Williams)
April reported that the DOH has been working on the regional planning process as well as processing PCP updates for the regions.
- XI. SC Region CQI Report (Kayla Nored)
The next SC Region QI Committee meeting will be held on May 27th at 1pm; contact Kayla for an invite.
- XII. State Committee Reports
David reported that at the last RAC meeting they said that the updated HELMS system is now live. Catie gave a brief budget report; she said more budget cuts will be coming but did not have specific details yet. They are completing the region planning process and discussed the matching grant fund requirements. They also reviewed that RAC TAC's annual report which will be presented to the Steering Committee. At the last Steering Committee meeting they noted the services of Mike Hilley, Dr Buck, and Beki Hammons who have all completed the maximum of three, three-year terms. Only one EMS-related bill passed the legislature this session and that was to allow 16 year olds to participate in EMT training. The trauma registry has nearly caught up with all of the backlogged records and can now begin doing data analysis through 2023; they also noted the records are much more complete than before. The final trauma service assessment will be completed in September; meetings will be held prior to this to review the draft of the assessment. All of the regional trauma plans for the next biennium were presented to the Steering Committee and approved. Three min/max changes were presented to the Steering Committee and approved. The RAC TAC and IVP TAC gave their annual report presentations to the Steering Committee. A data presentation on leading causes of death and injury in the state had technical issues and will be emailed to the group.
- XIII. Good of the order
None
- XIV. Adjourn

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Sarah Downan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41am. Bud Rose seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Future Meeting Dates: September 25, 2025; December 4, 2025

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