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**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
 Thursday September 25, 2025 10AM via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE									
		VOTING MEMBERS 27 Board Member Positions	Term Exp. Sept.	Sept 25 2025	Dec 4 2025	Jan 22 2026	March 26 2026	May 28 2026	July 23 2026
	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						
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	<b>KITTITAS COUNTY</b>								
	1. Local Gov. Agency								
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Danielle Bertschi	2026						
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub/Dani Piper	2025						
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2026	P					
SC-18	5. Paramedic	Tom Watkins	2025						
	<b>BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)</b>								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026	P					
SC-11	2. Prehospital	Gary Tucker-Atherly	2026	P					
SC-26	3. Hospital	<i>Beki Hammons - Treasurer</i>	2026	P					
SC-70	4. Consumer								
SC-17	5. Education	<i>James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair</i>	2027	P					
	<b>WALLA WALLA COUNTY</b>								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	Darren Goble	2028	P					
SC-02	2. Prehospital	Rob Nelson	2026						
SC-29	3. Hospital	Susan Leathers	2026	P					
SC-04	4. County Director	Heather Lee	2027	P					
SC-66	5. Law Enforcement	Gunner Fulmer	2026	Ex					
	<b>YAKIMA COUNTY</b>								
SC-55	1. Local Gov. Agency	Ken Eakin	2025	P					
SC-16	2. Prehospital	<i>David Lynde - Chair</i>	2028	P					
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan/Dede Feddema	26/28	P/P					
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2027	P					
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez	25/	P/P					
	<b>AIR MEDICAL</b>								
SC-85	Airlift NW								
SC-86	Life Flight Network	Erin Whitney	2027						
	<b>Other Attendees</b>								
	April Borbon	SC Region Exec Director		P					
	Scott Williams	DOH		P					
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH		P					
	Chase Tucker			P					
	Christi Doornink			P					
	Elizabeth Emmet	DOH		P					
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH		P					
	Kayla Nored	Providence St Mary		P					
	Dr Marlow Macht	Clark County MPD		P					

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	Matt Scanlin	DOH		P				
	Treena Russell	Advanced Life Systems		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 – October 9, 2025; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – October 6, 2025; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – October 2, 2025; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – October 2, 2025; 2:30pm

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2025\*

B. Approval of Financial Statements from May 2025 to August 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	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025
<b>Checking</b>				
Begin Balance	\$110,428.49	\$73,672.75	\$79,625.43	\$79,630.46
Debits	\$4.89	\$39,500.47	\$4,380.43	\$4.29
Credits	\$36,760.63	\$33,547.79	\$4,375.40	\$25.00
Ending Balance	\$73,672.75	\$79,625.43	\$79,630.46	\$79,609.75
<b>Investment CD</b>				
Begin Balance	\$129,848.62	\$129,848.62	\$131,184.31	\$131,184.31
Debits	\$0	\$1,335.69	\$0	\$0
Credits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ending Balance	\$129,848.62	\$131,184.31	\$131,184.31	\$131,184.31

Tony

Miller moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Darren Goble seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Region System Plan/DOH Contract Progress

A. FY2023-2025 Region Council Plan Work Wrap Up

April reported that the FY2023-2025 Region Council Plan work was completed at the end of June and submitted to the DOH.

B. FY2025-2027 Region Council Plan Work Update

April reported that the region council plan work for FY2025-2027 has begun and we are meeting the work timelines.

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C. FY2024-2025 Training Grants Wrap Up

April reported that the FY2024-2025 training grant funds were spent by the middle of June and there was very little carryover of funds.

D. FY2025-2026 Training Grants Update

April reported that the FY2025-2026 training grant contracts have been submitted by all counties and the funds are now available to spend. A copy of the updated training grant sheet was included in the meeting packet.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

A. New NAEMSP Chapter in WA State (Dr Macht)

Dr Macht reported that there is now a NAEMSP chapter in Washington State; Dr Macht is the president of this new chapter. He said there are a number of benefits that come with joining this organization including collaboration, education and resources. More information on this organization can be found at <https://naemsp.org/chapters/details/?id=WA>

B. Presentation: 988 for First Responders (Elizabeth Emmet, Matt Scanlon)

Elizabeth and Matt gave a presentation on the 988 system in Washington. 988 is the new number to call for the suicide and crisis lifeline. This service is free, confidential, and staffed by trained mental health professionals. This number can also connect callers to specialized services for Spanish speakers, veterans, and tribal members as well as ASL (sign language at [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org)). There are three crisis centers that answer calls and texts for help in Washington State. In July the 988 line received nearly 20,000 calls and texts for assistance. The 911 system is for urgent threats to life or safety, the 988 system is for emotional support, crisis de-escalation, and connection to community resources. 99% of their calls are handled without involving emergency services. They are currently working on a Mental Health Crisis Call Diversion initiative and warm transfer protocols.

C. SC Region Reserve Fund Discussion

The group discussed the Region's funding. Although there had been word from the DOH that there would be funding cuts to the Regions this fiscal year, the DOH was able to fully fund the Region for this biennium. Scott added that while funding is currently stable, budget cuts could come at any time due to state and federal budget changes. Currently the Region has a little over \$200,000 in the checking and CD investment accounts. The Region has always maintained at least six months' funding in reserve. The state switched to quarterly funding instead of the region receiving funds every other month; our first payment for this fiscal year is due in October. David recommended that the Region develop a spending policy to identify appropriate reserve levels and use practices; this will be brought to the next meeting. April noted that most counties spend their funds on OTEP at the end of the fiscal year.

D. Min/Max Number Update

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David told the group that Yakima and Mid Columbia counties are updating their min/max numbers and will bring their applications to the Region Council for approval at a future meeting.

E. Trauma Triage Destination PCP

The Trauma Triage Destination PCP needs to be updated into the new format provided by the DOH. Bud, Cheryl, and Tony will work on updating this PCP and bring a draft for approval to the November meeting. A copy of the current PCP as well as an example of the new format was included in the meeting packet.

F. Behavioral Health PCP

The Behavioral Health PCP also needs to be updated into the new format provided by the DOH. The PCP Committee will work on this as well and bring a draft for approval to the next meeting. A copy of the current PCP as well as an example of the new format was included in the meeting packet.

VII. Local Council Reports

A. Columbia: They will meet next week.

B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported their new MPD, Dr Schnelzer, will take over at the end of the month when Dr Horsley retires. They will hold an Enhanced First Aid class; Cheryle said this is a good stepping stone for students to become EMTs. They will hold an EMT class in January in Cle Elum. They will hold a PEAC train the trainer class next year at CWU.

C. Mid Columbia: Gary reported that they are revising their COPs and working on aligning their min/max numbers. They will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

D. Walla Walla: Heather reported that they currently have an EMT class running with 24 students (runs September to December) and they are working on some minor updates to our protocols (all levels).

E. Yakima: Tony reported that their September EMT class has nine students. Their winter EMT class will begin in January. They are working on their OTEP.

F. AirLift NW: No report.

VIII. Preparedness Report (Kara Welchel)

No report.

IX. IVP Report (Marla Emde)

This is Falls Prevention Awareness Week. April will forward links to the Finding Our Balance Toolkit, as well as a Healthy Aging Guide for EMS and Hospitals. The next IVP TAC meeting will be on December 3, 2025.

X. DOH Report (Scott Williams)

Scott thanked the group for working on their PCPs. He will provide budget updates as available. Scott asked for input on the kind of information the region would like to receive from the DOH in his region reports.

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XI. SC Region CQI Report (Kayla Nored)

Kayla reported that their group met a couple of days ago. They discussed ways to spend their remaining QI fund money; they may spend this on a training opportunity or triage tags. Their next meeting will be on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

XII. State Committee Reports

Scott reported that the RAC TAC recently met. They changed the format of their meetings to have the round table first so the group can discuss topics of importance to the group in a more in-depth manner. They reviewed the RAC TAC's strategic plan. They discussed updating the trauma triage destination and behavioral health PCPs. Christina said they are transitioning some of their work to a new appointment lead so member applications approvals may take a bit longer to process. They discussed the Trauma Services Assessment.

XIII. Good of the order

None

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am by consensus.

Future Meeting Dates: December 4, 2025