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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Thursday December 4, 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							
	COLUMBIA COUNTY								
	1. REDi HC Coalition								
	2. Prehospital								
SC-7	3. Hospital								
SC-12	4. Training Coordinator	Bob Allbee	2027						
SC-65	5. Law Enforcement								
	KITTITAS COUNTY								
	1. Local Gov. Agency								
SC-13	2. Prehospital	Danielle Bertschi	2026						
SC-28	3. Hospital	Cody Staub/Dani Piper	2025		/P				
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2026	P					
SC-18	5. Paramedic	Tom Watkins	2025						
	BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026	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				
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	Darren Goble	2028	P	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					
	YAKIMA COUNTY								
SC-55	1. Local Gov. Agency	Ken Eakin	2025	P	P				
SC-16	2. Prehospital	<i>David Lynde - Chair</i>	2028	P	P				
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan/Dede Feddema	26/28	P/P	P/Ex				
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2027	P	P				
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez	25/	P/P	P/P				
	AIR MEDICAL								
SC-85	Airlift NW	Mike Ing-Moody			P				
SC-86	Life Flight Network	Erin Whitney	2027		P				
	Other Attendees								
	April Borbon	SC Region Exec Director		P	P				
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P				
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH		P					
	Chase Tucker			P	P				
	Christi Doornink			P	P				
	Elizabeth Emmet	DOH		P					
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH		P	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				
	Miki Fulbright				P			
	Marla Emde	DOH IVP TAC			P			
	Meagan McCoy	NWHRN			P			
	Matthew Borschowa	Mid Columbia EMS Council			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 – February 4, 2026; 6pm
- B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – December 11, 2025; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – February 2, 2026; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – December 4, 2025; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – December 4, 2025; 2:30pm

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2025*
- B. Approval of Financial Statements from September 2025 and October 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	September 2025	October 2025		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$79,609.75	\$79,612.88		
Debits	\$3.13	\$38,223.21		
Credits	\$0	\$20,918.37		
Ending Balance	\$79,612.88	\$96,917.72		
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$131,184.31	\$132,526.57		
Debits	\$1,342.26	\$0		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$132,526.57	\$132,526.57		

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. FY2025-2027 Region Council Plan Work Update

April reported that the region council plan work for FY2025-2027 is now in the second quarter of the plan and we are meeting the work timelines.

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B. FY2025-2026 Training Grants Update

April reported that the FY2025-2026 updated training grant sheet is provided to the local council Chairs at the end of each month. A few local councils have begun spending their training grant funds while other counties bill out their funds for OTEP at the end of the fiscal year.

V. Old Business

A. Grant Fund Spending Policy

David reported that the Council will need to figure out how to prepare for spending grant funds in an uncertain financial climate. There is the possibility that the DOH may cut some of the funding provided to the regions in the future, so our Council needs to be proactive in determining the best way to prepare for this. More information on this will be provided at our next meeting.

B. Benton County Min/Max Number Increase Approval*

The application for Benton County to increase their AMBV ALS min/max numbers by one was included in the meeting packet. This increase is necessary as Benton County FD #4 has been providing this level of service since 2011, so this will allow for the min/max numbers to accurately reflect the services offered in Benton County.

Gary Tuckler-Atherly moved to approve the Benton County AMBV ALS Min/Max Number increase as presented. Ken Eakin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Franklin County Min/Max Number Increase Approval*

The application for Franklin County to increase their AMBV ALS min/max numbers by one was included in the meeting packet. This increase is necessary as Franklin County FD #3 has been providing this level of service since 2013, so this will allow for the min/max numbers to accurately reflect the services offered in Franklin County.

Gary Tuckler-Atherly moved to approve the Franklin County AMBV ALS Min/Max Number increase as presented. Dennis Blumer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Trauma Triage Destination PCP Approval*

The PCP committee revised and updated the region's Trauma Triage Destination PCP which was included in the meeting packet for review. The updated document was previously reviewed by the MPDs with no questions or concerns about the changes.

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Tony Miller moved to approve the revised Trauma Triage Destination PCP as presented. Gary Tuckeer-Atherly seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Behavioral Health PCP Need Review Meeting

The PCP Committee did not have time to review the Behavioral Health PCP; they also requested that someone who works in the field participate in the update of this PCP. Jeremy and Gary will join the PCP Committee to review this PCP. April will set a meeting within the next week or so to review the PCP.

VI. New Business

A. 2026 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for the Council for 2026 will be January 22, 2026; March 26, 2026; May 8, 2026; September 24, 2026; December 3, 2026.

B. January Elections

Council Executive Board elections will be held in January; please send nominations for the Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer positions to David or April by January 10th.

C. Approval of White Swan Downgrade Application*

The application for White Swan Ambulance to downgrade their services from AMBV ILS to AMBV BLS was included in the meeting packet. The agency no longer has the ILS staff to support their current level of service.

Ken Ekin moved to approve the application for White Swan Ambulance to downgrade services as presented. Dennis Blumer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Beki Hammons Retiring/Appoint New Treasurer

David reported that Beki Hammons will be retiring at the end of December. He thanked her for her many years of service to the EMS system at the county, regional, and state level. Since Beki is retiring, David appointed Gary Tucker-Atherly to fill Beki's position as Council Treasurer through the end of her term.

E. County MCI Plans/Working Collaboratively

One of the objectives in the region's workplan is to encourage counties to consider ways they can work collaboratively with neighboring counties in the event of a mass casualty incident. The group was encouraged to consider this when they next update their MCI plans.

VII. Local Council Reports

- A. Columbia: They met last night. They discussed their membership roster, approved their grant allocations, and discussed min/max numbers as Columbia-Walla Walla FD #2 will need to apply for a min/max number in their county since that is one of their primary service areas.

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- B. Kittitas: Dr Schmelzer is their new MPD.
- C. Mid Columbia: They have been working on updating their bylaws and their min/max applications. Their EMS class is finishing with 25 students.
- D. Walla Walla: Their Council will meet this evening.
- E. Yakima: They will meet this afternoon. They are finishing up their fall EMT class and have 17 students so far for their winter EMT class. They are working on their PulsePoint program; the program should be ready to go in January. Jeremy is working on buprenorphine at the paramedic level; they applied for a \$400k grant and an \$800k grant to support this program. They are also going to have a behavioral response vehicle for overdoses.
- F. AirLift NW: Mike reported that he will be scheduling landing zone trainings in 2026.
- G. LifeFlight: Erin reported that they are fully staffed in the Tri Cities and everything is going well.

VIII. Preparedness Report (Kara Welchel)

Meagan McCoy reported that they are offering monthly WaTrac training; if interested please email watracc@nwahrn.org. She added that flu and RSV cases are trending up. They are also holding regular FIFA planning sessions; if interested please contact Meagan.mccoy@nwahrn.org.

IX. IVP Report (Marla Emde)

Marla reported that the IVP TAC met yesterday. They had good presentations on exercise for falls prevention and Pt Angeles' program 'Operation Shielding Hope', their opioid overdose response program. Their next meeting will be on March 4, 2026. They are providing educational opportunities for overdose response, they are working on their contracts for grab bars and nightlights, and will work on a child window falls campaign in the spring.

X. DOH Report (Scott Williams)

Scott reported that the Steering Committee has a position open for a WSNA trauma nurse representative. There will be an Outcomes TAC meeting on December 9th in which the Trauma Service Assessment will be reviewed. Scott clarified that once White Swan downgrades to a AMBV BLS agency, they cannot provide ILS-level care; please follow up with Jason Norris if there are further questions about this.

XI. SC Region CQI Report (Kayla Nored)

Kayla reported that they met last week; their next meeting will be on January 27th.

XII. State Committee Reports

David reported that at the recent RAC TAC meeting, they the Regional QI Committee structure and had a presentation on holding effective meetings. The DOH staff is doing some pre-legislative work, there will be a HELMS update in early 2026, and the trauma registry data is complete through 2024. There was also a presentation on succession planning. At the

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recent Steering Committee meeting, they discussed rulemaking. The upcoming legislative session will be a short session focused on budget reconciliation. The state still faces a sizable deficit. The Cost TAC gave a report; they are now working on the 2027-2029 spending plan. The new Secretary of Health attended the meeting as part of the listening sessions he is holding across the state to determine the needs of various agencies. The ECS TAC gave an annual update, there was a presentation on TQIP, and the Hospital TAC presented a resuscitation guidelines document which was approved by the Steering Committee.

XIII. Good of the order
None

XIV. Adjourn

Darren Goble moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44am. Dennis Blumer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Future Meeting Dates: January 22, 2026; March 26, 2026; May 8, 2026; September 24, 2026;
December 3, 2026