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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday January 22, 2026 2PM 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			P			
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	P			
SC-03	4. County Coordinator	<i>Cheryl Burrows - Secretary</i>	2026	P		P			
SC-18	5. Paramedic	Tom Watkins	2025						
	BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA)								
SC-01	1. Local Gov. Agency	Sean Davis	2026	P	P	P			
SC-11	2. Prehospital	<i>Gary Tucker-Atherly - Treasurer</i>	2026	P	P	P			
SC-26	3. Hospital		2026	P	P				
SC-70	4. Consumer								
SC-17	5. Education	<i>James (Bud) Rose Vice Chair</i>	2027	P	Ex	P			
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	Darren Goble	2028	P	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	P			
SC-16	2. Prehospital	<i>David Lynde - Chair</i>	2028	P	P	P			
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan/Dede Feddema	26/28	P/P	P/Ex	/Ex			
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2027	P	P	Ex			
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez	25/	P/P	P/P	P/P			
	AIR MEDICAL								
SC-85	Airlift NW	Mike Ing-Moody			P	P			
SC-86	Life Flight Network	Erin Whitney	2027		P	P			
	Other Attendees								
	April Borbon	SC Region Exec Director		P	P	P			
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P			
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH		P		P			
	Chase Tucker			P	P	P			
	Christi Doornink			P	P	P			
	Elizabeth Emmet	DOH		P					
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH		P	P	P			
	Kayla Nored	Providence St Mary		P		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	P		
	Meagan McCoy	NWHRN			P			
	Matthew Borschowa	Mid Columbia EMS Council			P	P		
	Michael Heffner					P		
	J Hanes					P		
	Elya Baltazar	NWHRN				P		
	Dr Chris Schmelzer	Kittitas County MPD				P		

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Lynde at 2pm. 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 – February 12, 2026; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – February 2, 2026; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – February 5, 2026; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – February 5, 2026; 2:30pm

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2025*
- B. Approval of Financial Statements from November 2025 and December 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	November 2025	December 2025		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$96,917.72	\$93,203.65		
Debits	\$5.18	\$3.73		
Credits	\$3,719.25	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$93,203.65	\$93,207.38		
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$132,526.57	\$132,526.57		
Debits	\$0	\$1,315.85		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$132,526.57	\$133,842.42		

Sean Davis moved to approve the December 4, 2025 meeting minutes and the November 2025 Financial Reports as presented; the final December financial report was not available so the December financial report will be approved at the March meeting. Gary Tucker-Atherly seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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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 deliverables timelines.

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 copy was also included in the meeting packet. 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 provided a draft of the SCREMS Reserve Policy. The policy, which calls for the Council to keep funds to cover six months of administrative funds and one year of grant funds in reserve, was reviewed by the group. These reserves would allow the Council to continue to cover their financial obligations for an additional year in the event of funding cuts by the DOH. The group will continue to discuss funding issues and how to manage administrative duties if cuts are made to the region's funding.

Gary Tucker-Atherly moved to approve the SCREMS Reserve Policy as presented. Bud Rose seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Behavioral Health PCP Approval*

The group reviewed the Behavioral Health Transport PCP draft which was revised by the PCP Committee. Cheryl requested more time to review the document. This item will be added to the March agenda.

C. Min/Max Number Change Update

David reported that the min/max change applications for Benton and Franklin counties are waiting for review by the DOH and should be on the March Steering Committee agenda for approval. We are waiting for notice from the DOH on the downgrade application for White Swan Ambulance. We will discuss the Columbia-Walla Walla FD #2 application in new business.

VI. New Business

A. Elections

The current Executive Board members are David Lynde—Chairperson, Bud Rose-Vice Chair, Cheryl Burrows-Secretary, and Gary Tucker-Atherly—Treasurer. There were no additional nominations for any of the Executive Board positions.

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Darren Goble moved to reelect the current slate of officers. Bob Albee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Approval of Columbia-Walla Walla FD #2 Min/Max Change Application*

The application for Columbia-Walla Walla FD #2 to apply for a min/max number in Columbia County was included in the meeting packet. Currently this agency only has a min/max number in Walla Walla County but since they provide primary service in an area of Columbia County, they are required to have a min/max number in Columbia County as well. Bob Albee stated that their county has a min/max number for BLS AID available in Columbia County and that the application had been approved by the Columbia County EMS Council.

Sean Davis moved to approve the Columbia-Walla Walla FD #2 application as presented. Ken Eakin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Trauma Triage PCP Final Update Approval*

The group reviewed the Trauma Triage PCP which had been submitted to the DOH for approval. The document was returned to the Council with a comment to review the last sentence in the Specialty Care section about secondary triage. The group determined the sentence should be removed.

Ken Ekin moved to approve the revised Trauma Triage PCP draft. Cheryl Burrows seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Fatal and Non-Fatal Injury Data/Data Sources

April reported that one of the region's deliverables is to provide updated fatal and non-fatal injury data tables to the local councils as well as provide a list of data sources that Council members can use to retrieve data for grants and other activities. April showed the group the addition of a data section on the front page of the Regions website as well as how to access data from the DOH's fatal and non-fatal injury data dashboard. Currently there is not a way to print out the data sheets but the DOH is working on this.

VII. Local Council Reports

- A. Columbia: At their last meeting they discussed grant fund spending and the Columbia-Walla Walla FD #2 min/max number application.
- B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported that their EMT class started last week with seven students. They are finalizing their OTEP plan. Dr Schmelzer is their new MPD.
- C. Mid Columbia: Bud reported that their last EMT class finished in December with 18 students. Columbia Safety's EMT class finished with 30 students. They are spending their training grant funds.
- D. Walla Walla: Darren reported that their last EMT class has now finished.
- E. Yakima: They finished their last EMT class in mid-December with seven students. Their winter EMT class just started with 13 students. They are starting their buprenorphine program and in the future they will start their whole blood program.
- F. AirLift NW: No report.
- G. LifeFlight: No report.

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- VIII. Preparedness Report (Ilya Baltizar)
Ilya reported that they are working on their DMCC framework and will have a meeting about this on Monday. The state DMCC is working on their first steps. In the first week of May they will have a surge exercise with a focus on the World Cup event. They will conduct their Healthcare Vulnerability Assessment in May. Meetings for FIFA planning are ongoing; contact Ilya for an invite. The ChemPrep training that was cancelled has been rescheduled; dates for the training will be sent out when confirmed.
- IX. IVP Report (Marla Emde)
Marla reported that she will send links to the group on the UW Geriatrics Healthcare series, overdose response, and Healthy Aging flyers. The next IVP TAC meeting will be on March 4th from 9am to 10:30; please contact Marla for an invite to the meeting.
- X. DOH Report (Scott Williams)
Scott reported that the DOH has a new 'Report to Region's' page on their SharePoint site; they will also send out this information in newsletter format. This is a short legislative session which will end on March 12th. All Council members must complete the online Open Public Meeting training at least once every four years; the DOH is working on an attestation form that all council members will need to sign to confirm they completed the training. The Trauma Services Assessment should be published within the next few weeks. After the TSA is released, the DOH will conduct training on how to use the results of the assessment for Council work. They will ask that the Region Director, along with a few Council members, participate in this training.
- XI. SC Region CQI Report (Kayla Nored)
Kayla reported that their next meeting will be on January 27th. One of the topics they will discuss is the new law that bleeding control training will be taught to all students in Washington State. They will discuss how this program will be rolled out.
- XII. State Committee Reports
David reported that at the recent RAC TAC they discussed the following bills: HB2232 creating a single data repository for cardiac, stroke, and trauma data; HB2382 tobacco excise tax bill; taxes on vapes and other tobacco products would fund a time-sensitive emergency account and also fund cardiac/stroke work; HB2110 specialty care transport bill would allow nurses to do interfacility transports on an ambulance without being certified as an EMS provider; HB2261/SB6166 healthcare provider ID (badges on uniforms, etc); HB2383 would allow EMS providers to transport involuntary patients to behavioral health facilities; HB2540 EMS provider certification would be on a three-year schedule; after 10 years of certification they would need to recertify every six years; and HB2351 protecting EMS providers

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SB6102 QA fee for private ambulances. They discussed the list of agencies around the state that are participating in the OD2A grant. And they discussed the guidance documents for the 50-50 matching grant requirements. At the recent Steering Committee meeting, they discussed the challenging fiscal environment the state is facing. The law to allow 16 year olds to participate in EMT training is moving to the CR102 phase. They are looking for other sources of funds for the trauma registry as this was not funded during the last legislative session. The Hospital TAC gave their annual report, Isahn Mahdi gave a presentation on hospital performance measures, and they discussed the rural health transformational plan grant.

XIII. Good of the order

David thanked the group for attending today's meeting even though the time was changed to 2pm due to scheduling conflicts. He appreciates the member's support for the Council.

XIV. Adjourn

Bud Rose moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:57pm. Gary Tucker-Atherly seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Future Meeting Dates: March 26, 2026; May 28, 2026; September 24, 2026; December 3, 2026