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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 26, 2026 10AM via Zoom

| BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 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 | 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 | P | | |
| SC-18 | 5. Paramedic | Tom Watkins | 2025 | | | | | | |
| | BENTON/FRANKLIN (MID-COLUMBIA) | | | | | | | | |
| SC-01 | 1. Local Gov. Agency | Sean Davis | 2026 | P | P | P | P | | |
| SC-11 | 2. Prehospital | <i>Gary Tucker-Atherly - Treasurer</i> | 2026 | P | 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 | 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 | | | 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> | 2028 | P | P | P | P | | |
| SC-30 | 3. Hospital | Sarah Downan/Dede Feddema | 26/28 | P/P | P/Ex | /Ex | P/ | | |
| 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 | P/P | | |
| | AIR MEDICAL | | | | | | | | |
| SC-85 | Airlift NW | Mike Ing-Moody | | | P | P | P | | |
| SC-86 | Life Flight Network | Erin Whitney | 2027 | | P | P | | | |
| | Other Attendees | | | | | | | | |
| | April Borbon | SC Region Exec Director | | P | P | P | P | | |
| | Scott Williams | DOH | | P | P | P | P | | |
| | Christina Eickmeyer | DOH | | P | | P | P | | |
| | Chase Tucker | | | P | P | P | | | |
| | Christi Doornink | | | P | P | P | P | | |
| | Elizabeth Emmet | DOH | | P | | | | | |
| | Jeff Sinanian | DOH | | P | 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 | P | |
| | Meagan McCoy | NWHRN | | | P | | | |
| | Matthew Borschowa | Mid Columbia EMS Council | | | P | P | P | |
| | Michael Heffner | | | | | P | | |
| | J Hanes | | | | | P | | |
| | Elya Baltazar | NWHRN | | | | P | | |
| | Dr Chris Schmelzer | Kittitas County MPD | | | | P | | |
| | Crystal Hedrick | | | | | | P | |
| | Honda Holden | Kittitas Valley Healthcare | | | | | P | |

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Lynde at 10am. 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 – April 1, 2026; 6pm
- B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – April 9, 2026; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – April 6, 2026; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – April 2, 2026; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – April 2, 2026; 2:30pm

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2026*
- B. Approval of Financial Statements from December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026*

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 | December 2025 | January 2026 | February 2026 | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Checking | | | | |
| Begin Balance | \$93,203.65 | \$93,207.38 | \$112,321.15 | |
| Debits | \$3.73 | \$38,223.77 | \$5.94 | |
| Credits | \$0 | \$19,110.00 | \$0 | |
| Ending Balance | \$93,207.38 | \$112,321.15 | \$112,327.09 | |
| Investment CD | | | | |
| Begin Balance | \$132,526.57 | \$133,842.42 | \$133,842.42 | |
| Debits | \$1,315.85 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Credits | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Ending Balance | \$133,842.42 | \$133,842.42 | \$133,842.42 | |

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Ken Eakin moved to approve the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes and the December 2025, January 2026, and the February 2026 Financial Reports as presented. Heather Lee 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 third quarter of the plan and we are meeting the deliverables timelines. The group reviewed the most recent Region Council work plan and April explained to the group how the region's work, grant spending, and office tasks are reported on the form which is sent to the DOH each quarter with our payment invoice.

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. Some of the local councils are spending their grant funds over the course of the grant period while other councils submit an RFP for all of their grant funds at the end of the fiscal year. April asked that all grant funds be spent and RFPs be submitted to the Region by June 10th at the latest.

V. Old Business

A. Grant Fund Spending Policy

David reported that the grant fund spending policy which was approved at the last meeting is now in place. This may be a topic on a future agenda but as of now, the DOH has not yet informed the regions of any budget cuts. At recent state meetings it was noted that the state is in a dire financial situation and cuts could be made to the region's funding.

B. Behavioral Health PCP Approval*

The draft Behavioral Health PCP which was discussed at the last meeting was included in the meeting packet. There were no other changes suggested by the group.

Ken Eakin moved to approve the Behavioral Health PCP as presented. Tony Miller seconded the motion. All approved the motion except for Cheryl Burrows who abstained.

C. Min/Max Number Change Update

David reported that the min/max number increase requests for an additional ALS AMB number in both Benton and Franklin counties was recently approved by the Steering Committee. The approval letter is posted on the Region's website. An updated list of the region's min/max numbers was also included in the meeting packet.

D. Updated Council Roster

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An updated council roster was included in the meeting packet. The group reviewed the roster and local councils were asked to appoint members to the Region Council to fill their vacant positions.

E. Approved SC Region PCPs

The DOH recently approved the Region's PCPs document which includes the revised Trauma Triage PCPs. Copies of the approved PCPs and the approval letter were sent to the MPDs and county council Chairs, posted on the Region's website, and included in the meeting packet.

VI. New Business

A. Draft FY2026-2027 Grant Application Review

A copy of the revised FY2026-2027 training grant application was included in the meeting packet. The group discussed whether or not to leave in the three-year needs assessment as the DOH does not currently collect this information but David said this section is still useful to help estimate future needs and to show how much of the training is not being funded. The group discussed how grant allocations to the county EMS councils is done; this will be a topic on the September agenda and the current formula will be used for this application. Rollover of funds, although not often needed, will be discussed by the council on a case-by-case basis. Scott discussed three new documents which the Region will include with the grant application in regards to matching funds. Matching funds for grants is required by the WAC and RCW but this has not been enforced in the past. Scott is developing a guidance document, a waiver form for counties that cannot provide matching funds, and an attestation form which counties will sign to confirm that they are in compliance with the matching funds requirements. He noted that in-kind contributions can be used in place of matching funds.

B. FY2026-2027 Funding Discussion

Our grant contracts for the next fiscal year will be approved for the usual amount of grant funding even if there are cuts to the region's funding; this is why the grant fund spending policy was put in place. If there are funding cuts, further discussion on this topic will take place at future meetings.

VII. Local Council Reports

A. Columbia: No report.

B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported that they will meet on April 9th; MPD policy updates will be reviewed at the meeting. They have some new reps on their council. They had a successful MCI OTEP training for ALS and BLS. They will be doing a virtual tabletop exercise soon. Their EMT class is ongoing. She thanked Mike from ALNW who will be doing a landing zone training for their county this evening.

C. Mid Columbia: Matt said they are working on their service upgrade applications. Bud said their EMT class will start on April 7. They will also have an IV class in April.

D. Walla Walla: They are waiting for the state to approve their updated protocols. Commissioner Fulmer worked on HB2451 which recently passed; this bill is on local tax

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increment financing and will impact EMS services. They are getting ready for their next EMT class.

- E. Yakima: They are working on becoming certified to teach AEMT classes.
- F. AirLift NW: Mike said that he can provide landing zone training if needed; contact him for more information on this. They can also participate in drills and exercises.
- G. LifeFlight: No report.

VIII. Preparedness Report

April reported that the NWHRN is working on FIFA planning. April will send out the link for the FIFA tabletop exercise which will take place in May.

IX. IVP Report (Marla Emde)

Marla reported that the WTSC has some last minute grant funding available for school zone improvements. They are kicking off their Child Window Falls Campaign; 3000 to 5000 children in Washington are injured each year from falling out of windows. They are also putting together guidelines for the safe use of ebikes and scooters. They send out a monthly IVP newsletter; contact Marla if you would like to post your upcoming IVP events or classes in the newsletter. The next IVP TAC/Falls Prevention meeting will be on June 3 at 9am.

X. DOH Report (Scott Williams)

Christina reported that they are working on their next quarterly newsletter for regions. She also gave a demonstration of the newly revised Sharepoint site for regions. Scott said the TSA education for regions is on hold until the Trauma Services Assessment is approved.

XI. SC Region CQI Report (Kayla Nored)

April reported that this group met last Tuesday. They had a case review and discussed future case review schedules.

XII. State Committee Reports

David reported that at the recent Steering Committee meeting, Ian Corbridge announced he will be leaving his position at the DOH. The legislative session is finished. Bills that passed include SB5988/HB2347 OTP Accreditation, HB2577 Hospital Inspections, HB2110 Nurses and EMTs, HB2540 EMT Recertification schedule, and HB1187 Delayed Ambulance Bills. Bills that did not pass include HB2232 Cardiac and Stroke Policy bill, HB2382 Excise Tax on Cigarettes (would have supported ECS/Time Sensitive Emergencies), and HB2168 Opioid Mapping. They are working in rulemaking for the bills that passed. They are looking for alternate funding sources for the trauma registry since the current platform will be sunseting soon. The Pediatric TAC gave their annual presentation and there was a pediatric data presentation. Min/max number changes were approved by the Steering Committee. There was also a presentation by the Washington Poison Center. At the RAC TAC meeting they reviewed their strategic plan and discussed succession planning. They discussed the SAO

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checklists which are useful for the regions. The regions will begin working on their 2027-2029 trauma plans soon.

XIII. Good of the order
David thanked the group for attending today's meeting.

XIV. Adjourn

Cheryl Burrows moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:14am. Ken Eakin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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