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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday May 28, 2026 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 cancelled
	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	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		/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	P	P	P	P	P	
SC-11	2. Prehospital	<i>Gary Tucker-Atherley - Treasurer</i>	2026	P	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	P	
	WALLA WALLA COUNTY								
SC-63	1. Local Gov. Agency	Darren Goble	2028	P	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	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>	2028	P	P	P	P		
SC-30	3. Hospital	Sarah Downan/Dede Feddema	26/28	P/P	P/Ex	/Ex	P/	P/P	
SC-15	4. Paramedic	Dennis Blumer	2027	P	P	Ex		P	
SC-05	5. EMS	Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez	25/	P/P	P/P	P/P	P/P	/P	
	AIR MEDICAL								
SC-85	Airlift NW	Mike Ing-Moody			P	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	P	
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P	P	P	
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH		P		P	P	P	
	Chase Tucker			P	P	P		P	
	Christi Doornink			P	P	P	P		
	Elizabeth Emmet	DOH		P					
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH		P	P	P	P	P	
	Kayla Nored	Providence St Mary		P		P			

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	Dr Marlow Macht	Clark County MPD		P					
	Matt Scanlin	DOH		P					
	Treena Russell	Advanced Life Systems		P				P	
	Miki Fulbright				P				
	Marla Emde	DOH IVP TAC			P	P	P	P	
	Meagan McCoy	NWHRN			P				
	Matthew Borschowa	Mid Columbia EMS Council			P	P	P	P	
	Michael Heffner					P			
	J Hanes					P			
	Elya Baltazar	NWHRN				P			
	Dr Chris Schmelzer	Kittitas County MPD				P			
	Crystal Hedrick						P		
	Ronda Holden	Kittitas Valley Healthcare					P		
	Crystal Hedrick							P	
	Jason Norris	DOH						P	

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Bud Rose at 10am. The Vice Chair named those participants listed on the Zoom attendees list and asked for anyone else on the web/phone to introduce themselves.

II. Announcement of Chairperson's Resignation and Election to Fill Vacancy

Bud announced that David Lynde has resigned from the Council. Bud thanked David for his many years of service to the Council and the work he has done for the EMS system. Bud called for nominations to fill the position of Chairman as Bud would like to remain in the Vice Chair position. Gary Tucker-Atherley said he would be interested in being nominated for the Chair position.

III. Calendar of Meetings/Events

- A. Columbia County EMS Meeting – October 7, 2026; 6pm
- B. Kittitas County EMS Meeting – June 11, 2026; 5pm
- C. Mid-Columbia EMS Meeting – June 1, 2026; 1:30pm
- D. Walla Walla County EMS Meeting – June 4, 2026; 6pm
- E. Yakima County EMS Meeting – June 4, 2026; 2:30pm

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2026*

Gary Tucker-Atherley moved to approve the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Heather Lee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Approval of Emergency Executive Board Minutes from May 26, 2026*

Ken Eakin moved to approve the May 26, 2026 Emergency Executive Board meeting minutes as presented. Jeremy Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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C. Approval of Financial Statements from March 2026 and April 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	March 2026	April 2026		
Checking				
Begin Balance	\$112,327.09	\$104,557.18		
Debits	\$0.47	\$38,220.00		
Credits	\$7,770.38	\$19,440.00		
Ending Balance	\$104,557.18	\$123,337.18		
Investment CD				
Begin Balance	\$133,842.42	\$135,120.83		
Debits	\$1,278.41	\$0		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$135,120.83	\$135,120.83		

Ken Eakin moved to approve the March 2026 and the April 2026 Financial Reports as presented. Heather Lee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. 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 fourth 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. Most local councils have spent their grant funds for this fiscal year. All remaining grant fund RFPs need to be submitted to the Region no later than June 10th.

VI. Old Business

A. Min/Max Number Change Update

An updated list of min/max numbers for the Region was included in the meeting packet.

B. Updated Council Roster

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.

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C. FY2026-2027 Grant Application Approval*

A draft of the revised FY2026-2027 grant application was reviewed by the group. The group discussed approving the application today or waiting until the Region finds out if there will be any budget cuts to the Region which may not happen until July. Since the fiscal year begins July 1 and since the Region has enough money to cover the grant funds if there are budget cuts, the group agreed to approve the application as-is so the county Councils will have time to review and allocate grant funds prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. April will send out the application to the local councils as soon as she receives the new attestation and waiver forms from the DOH.

Jeremy Rodriguez moved to approve the FY2026-2027 grant application as presented. Gary Tucker-Atherley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. New Business

A. Executive Board Discussion/Election of New Chairperson*

Bud called for any additional nominees for the position of Chairperson; there were no additional nominees.

Ken Eakin moved to elect Gary Tucker-Atherley to the position of Chairperson. Heather Lee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

With Gary's election to the Chairperson position, his position as Treasurer is now vacant. Bud called for nominees for the position of Treasurer. Jeremy Rodriguez said he would be interested in the position.

Ken Eakin moved to elect Jeremy Rodriguez to the position of Treasurer. Gary Tucker-Atherley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. FY2026-2027 Budget Approval*

The draft FY2026-2027 budget was included in the meeting packet. The budget splits the Region's funds, half goes to the SW Region for administrative services and half goes to training grants for the counties. Cheryl requested a copy of the SW Region's administrative budget in order to see how the funds are being spent.

Gary Tucker-Atherley moved to approve the FY2026-2027 budget as presented. Ken Eakin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Council Membership Renewals

Several Council members' terms will be expiring in September. Christina sent a renewal application to the Region which was recently developed and is more streamlined; this is better than having renewing members fill out the entire application. April will send this application out to the members whose appointments will be expiring in September. Applications will be due to the DOH by August 1st.

D. Franklin 3 Upgrade Application Approval*

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The application for Franklin 3 to upgrade to ALS AMB service was approved by the DOH and sent to the Region Council for approval. The application was included in the meeting packet for review.

E. Benton 4 Upgrade Application Approval*

The application for Benton 4 to upgrade to ALS AMB service was approved by the DOH and sent to the Region Council for approval. The application was included in the meeting packet for review.

Gary Tucker-Atherley moved to approve the Franklin 3 and Benton 4 upgrade applications as presented. Dennis Blummer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. FY2023-2025 Audit Report

April reported that the FY2023-2025 audit was completed. The audit report was included in the meeting packet.

VIII. Local Council Reports

A. Columbia: No report.

B. Kittitas: Cheryl reported that their EMT class finished last week and all students passed the class. She is busy doing updates with their new MPD.

C. Mid Columbia: Bud said their EMT class will finish soon; they have 18 people in the class. Columbia Safety also has an EMT class that will finish soon; the class has 24-30 students. DCH will have another EMT class starting soon.

D. Walla Walla: They are looking to fill more Board positions.

E. Yakima: No report.

F. AirLift NW: Mike said that they are busy doing landing zone trainings, they are also getting ready for the FIFA World Cup. They will do a landing zone training in Yakima on September 22nd; all are invited to participate.

G. LifeFlight: No report.

IX. Preparedness Report

April reported that the NWHRN is working on FIFA planning.

X. IVP Report (Marla Emde)

Marla reported that they are working on June IVP activities. There will be a webinar on ageing in place on June 6th. The West Region Conference is coming up in June. June is National Safety Month. Their next IVP TAC/Falls meeting will be on June 3rd with some good presentations scheduled. Marla will send out a list of IVP links to the group.

XI. DOH Report (Scott Williams)

Christina reported reviewed the DOH's Region Hub page. On it, you will find their quarterly report to regions, legislative updates, information on projects like the Rural Health Transformation Plan that they are working on, rulemaking links, region council member

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information, a calendar of upcoming events, and many other resources. She also noted that the region planning cycle will start soon.

- XII. SC Region CQI Report (Kayla Nored)
April reported that this group met last Tuesday. They had a case review and data presentation. Their next meeting will be on September 22nd.
- XIII. State Committee Reports
Scott reported that at the last RAC meeting they reviewed their annual report which was presented to the Steering Committee.
- XIV. Good of the order
Dennis said to keep the responders and people impacted by the explosion in Longview in your thoughts and also wished everyone a safe and happy summer.
- XV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:09am.

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