

**WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**  
**April 7, 2016 6:00 PM WWCC BOARDROOM**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Liz Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm in the Boardroom @ WWCC**

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Everyone introduced themselves and what agency they represent.

**PRESENT:** Melissa Bowe, Brian Callahan, Bill Dunham, Liz Jessee, Brian Jones, Holly Jones, Justin Lessard, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Brad Mason, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Dominic Pomponio, Alyssa Wells, Liz Wolotira and Neosha Guse.

**EXCUSED:** Bill Box, Patty Courson, Dr. Harvey Crowder, Jim Duncan, Linda Givens, Kevin Kromm, Patti Loney, Brad Morris, Dr. Thomas Underhill and David Winter.

**ABSENT:** David DeVere, Charlie Drury, Jim Estep, Walt Gobel, Randy Hinchliffe, Steve Hoffman, Alysa Kyle, Erik Swanson, Lori Wardlaw, Dennis Waters, and Eric Wood.

**GUEST:**

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Motion made by Neosha Guse and seconded by Brian Callahan that the minutes be approved, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\$20,908.18, all bills paid

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

All new officers signed the bank signature card.

**MPD REPORT:**

None

**EMS DIRECTOR:**

Heather Lee Reported

- We've discovered an issue with Phillips FRX and FR2 AEDs and high performance CPR. Those two modules will not allow you to do chest compressions while the devices are charging; doing compressions during this time will either delay or cancel the shock decision. There are several of them in use throughout the county and we are recommending when they are due for replacement that those models are not purchased. Otis Garbe will be researching other options and we are also looking into the possibility of a grant to replace the devices sooner rather than later. In the meantime agencies that have these modules have explained to their personnel how CPR is to be done.
- We have approximately \$5,200.00 left of the 2015-2016 training grant left to spend. Handouts were provided to those present with some possible purchase options of training equipment and supplies. After some discussion a motion was made by Brian Callahan to allot \$500.00 for moulage supplies. Bill Dunham seconded motion. Motion carried. Brian Callahan made a motion to purchase licensing for the QCPR mannequins we currently have for \$945.00. He also made a motion to purchase a laptop and project to use with those mannequins with a cap of \$2,000.00. The motion was later amended to include \$182.00 for purchase of a USB PC Antenna that would allow the mannequins to connect to the laptop via Bluetooth. Neosha Guse seconded those

motions. Motion carried. Heather suggested paying mileage and per diem for the two or three instructors attending the SEI training in Yakima. Holly made a motion to allot \$100.00 to cover those expenses and Neosha seconded it. Motion carried. Holly Jones made a motion to purchase a bariatric mannequin and a baby QCPR mannequin. Brian Callahan seconded. Motion carried.

- With the 2016-2017 training grant we need to determine our priorities. After some discussion it was decided that OTEP would be the first priority. Brad informed the group we should plan on a 10% increase in cost. That will account for approximately \$7,200.00. There is also need for an EMR course. Districts 2, 4, and 6 have individuals interested in attending this course. The cost of this course would use up the remaining funds for 2016-2017. Brad Mason moved that these be our two listed priorities. Bill Dunham seconded. Motion carried.
- The Regional council is providing an additional \$1,000.00 to each local council to conduct an SEI Workshop or EMS Evaluator course. The catch is the course has to be completed by June. The need for EMS Evaluators is vital for EMT class and Columbia County has expressed a need for an EMS Evaluator course as well. The class will be approximately 2 days in length. Brian Callahan made a motion to proceed with scheduling the class and Neosha Guse seconded. Motion carried.
- EMT class has completed and 10 of the 11 students have taken the National Registry exam. So far we have a 60% first time pass rate, which is higher than the State and National standard.
- Volunteers are need for the May 23, 2016 MCI Airport Exercise. WWCC nursing program has offered expressed interest in providing some volunteers; however we need 40 volunteers so if you're interested please contact Heather.
- Tour of Walla Walla bike race is happening next weekend (April 15-17) and we are looking for volunteers to provide first aid. Dist. #2 is helping on Friday and Sunday, as well as, the Amateur Radio Operators that Emergency Management works with. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kara Thonney.

## **REGIONAL:**

Heather Lee reported –

- The Regional Council is opening min/max numbers for counties within our region. We need to put together a committee to look at call volume, population density/age distribution, distance, desired response times, backup unit requirements on major trauma, tiered response, duplication of service, etc. In Walla Walla County we currently only have one ALS slot for WWFD and we need to look at adding another as Dist. #5 is capable of providing ALS services. The committee will consist of Brad Morris, Justin Lessard, Dr. Underhill and Brian Callahan. Neosha Guse made a motion to appoint this committee. Holly Jones seconded. Motion carried.
- WAC 246-976 will be opened for a complete review beginning in 2017.
- Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 6421 related to authorized health care providers prescribing Epinephrine (Epi) autoinjectors in the name of authorized entities and adding a new section to RCW 70.54 was approved during the 2016 regular legislative session. Essentially SSB 6421 would allow authorized entities (i.e., restaurants, recreation camps, youth sports leagues, amusement parks, colleges, universities, sports arenas, etc.) where potential exists for someone to experience an allergic reaction to have and administer Epi. More information will follow regarding this as we determine how it will impact EMS.
- There will be another Rural EMS Workshop offered in June at the Skamania Lodge. Brian Callahan attended the one in Spokane and said it was very informative and would recommend attending.

## **LIFEFLIGHT:**

Dominic Pomponio reported-

- Medstar and Lifeflight have merged as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are continuing operations as normal and will be opening a base in Walla Walla in mid to late summer. The phone numbers will remain the same and when called the closest aircraft will respond. The mobile application that individuals use on their smart phones will continue to be used; however they haven't been able to determine exactly who owns that application. Due to that they are in the process of developing a new application that will be owned by them. Medstar membership will be honored by Lifeflight; the change will be when you receive your renewal paperwork it will come from Lifeflight instead of Medstar. Liz Wolotira will continue to be the Lifeflight representative to the EMS council.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Liz Jessee reported-

- We just completed a CGS FEMA evaluated exercise and the FEMA evaluators were very complimentary of our level of commitment. For example, we all know how busy Commissioners are and Commissioner Johnson was present the entire day of the exercise. There will be a formal after action report sent out by May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- We are in the process of updating Everbridge to Everbridge Suites for reverse notification. The SO and PD could also make use of this system.
- Volunteers are needed for MCI Airport Exercise.
- The State is having a Cascadia Rising Table Top Exercise on June 8, 2016.
- The LAPC is having a statewide Hazardous Material conference in Lake Chelan if anyone is interested in attending please let Liz know.

### **TRAINING:**

Brad Mason reported-

- EMT class is over.
- OTEP will finish in June.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY:**

Nancy McClenny-Walters reported-

- Every 15 Minute Program will be at Touchet High School April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed.
- Car seat checks are now on a call basis through Nancy. Please do not send individuals directly to the fire station any longer.
- Nancy is completely out of car seats and is reaching out to the community for donations. She generally gives out about 15-20 car seats per year and they cost approximately \$40-\$50 each. Liz suggested contacting Walmart to see if they'd be interested in donating.

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

Liz Jessee reported -

- Flu season has hit late this year.
- Dr. Crowder will be retiring on May 2, 2016.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Heather Lee reported -

- EMS Week is coming up in May. In the past we have run an ad in the Union Bulletin in appreciation of those involved in EMS in Walla Walla County. Brian Callahan moved that we do so again this year with a cap of \$500.00 to be spent on this ad. Bill Dunham seconded. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Susan Leathers stated that a contractor with DOH came to visit PSMCC regarding surge capacity. She wondered if this could be related to the upcoming Cascadia Rising Exercise.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Liz Jesse adjourned meeting at 7:15 PM.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **Thursday, June 2, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWCC Boardroom

Respectfully submitted,

*Alyssa Wells*