

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

December 6, 2018 6:00 PM

WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Liz Jesse called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Fulton Room @ WWPD

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves and the agency represented.

PRESENT: Sharon Brooks, Bill Dunham, Jodi Ferguson, Don Groat, Steve Hoffman, Liz Jessee, Todd Kimball, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Justin Lessard, Dr. Lewis Neace, Rob Nelson, Casey Potts, Jim Ruffcorn, and Erin Whitney

EXCUSED: Patty Courson, Brian Jones, Kevin Kromm, Todd Reiswig, Melissa Rodriguez, Alyssa Wells, and Neosha Zabel-Guse

ABSENT: Kathy Adamski, Brian Callahan, Meghan DeBolt, Sgt. David DeVere, Charlie Drury, Jim Estep, Randy Hinchliffe, Mitch King, Alysa Kyle, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Brad Morris, Erik Swanson, and Dennis Waters

GUEST:

None

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$21,057.50 all bills paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Heather Lee reported –

- We received a letter from the Employment Security Department of Washington State related to the Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave insurance program that goes into effect January 1, 2020. As the Council doesn't have any employees this does not impact us.

MPD REPORT:

Dr. Lewis Neace reported –

- Dr. Neace introduced himself and provided a brief background to the Council. Dr. Neace encouraged everyone present to reach out to him if any issues arise and explained that there would be no immediate changes coming to the way Walla Walla County agencies currently do things.

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee reported –

- Reminded everyone that the MCI exercise at WWCC for the EMT class is occurring tonight, so if you receive any questions regarding an MCI at WWCC please advise them this is an exercise.

- Grande Ronde Training Center came down the week of Thanksgiving to evaluate our Training Site and we did very well. The Training Center is very pleased with our record keeping and instructors. Heather did mention that in the future we may need to revisit the discussion about where the Training Site should be housed as this is taking up more of her time than originally anticipated.
- The NREMT has recently announced a change to the expiration date of psychomotor examinations. Currently the psychomotor exam expires 12 months from when providers passed the exam; however, all other NREMT exams are valid for 24 months. To align with how they do other exams the NREMT extended the expiration date of psychomotor exams to 24 months from the date providers passed the exam. This will bring everything in line with the 24 month standard and help reduce confusion for providers.

REGIONAL:

Heather Lee reported –

- The Regional Council is working on updating our Regional Plan and Patient Care Procedures.

LIFELIGHT:

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- The Hazard Mitigation plan has been approved by all jurisdictions and FEMA.
- A group is currently meeting to assist planning of the Airport Exercise that will take place in May 2019. They had a date in mind, however there may be a scheduling conflict, so the date could be changing. They will be reaching out to Life Flight once they've determined a date. EMS agencies will be practicing Tactical EMS, as well as, transporting patients to PSMC and the walk-in clinic.

TRAINING:

Heather Lee reported –

- The EMT class is almost finished and going well. The 18 students are predominantly affiliated and doing well. Class will end on Thursday, December 13th.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Jodi Ferguson reported –

- Nancy is looking for volunteers for Topsy Taxi, if you are interested please get in touch with her.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported –

- 17 of their 22 employees have finished Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED training with Heather.
- Three of their employees were able to attend the ICS 400 course that Emergency Management arranged. They now have nine of their 22 employees trained.
- They will be having bi-weekly conference calls related to infectious disease until flu season subsides.
- The drive thru Flu Clinic went extremely well this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Nelson reported –

- On November 26th and 27th he and Justin Lessard completed ACLS training with approximately 35 personnel. After completing this ACLS class with Rob, Justin will be able to become an AHA ACLS Instructor.
- Over the past few months, WWFD has hosted Dr. Dryer for a Head Injury class and Dr. Minckler for a Sepsis class. Both presentations were recorded so they can be viewed by staff that weren't able to attend.
- On January 14th Pediatric Focus will be conducting PALS training for WWFD. On January 15th and 16th they will be at Dayton General conducting an initial and renewal PALS course for them. Rob will be the point of contact for both these classes.

Susan Leathers reported –

- Stop the Bleed training is going very well every month. The training for the Latino Club at Wa-Hi went very well and the students were extremely engaged and interested.
- PSMMC has seen Type A flu cases over the last few weeks. This is a bit earlier than normal, so please be aware the flu is here.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 7:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 7, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

Heather M. Lee, EMS Director