

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

June 6, 2019 6:00 PM

WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Liz Jessee 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, Patty Courson, Charlie Drury, Bill Dunham, Jodi Ferguson, Deb Fortner, Darren Goble, Liz Jessee, Todd Kimball, Kevin Kromm, Alysa Kyle, Heather Lee, Mike Wickstrom, Dr. Lewis Neace, Brad Morris, Casey Potts, Todd Reiswig, Melissa Rodriguez, Jim Ruffcorn, Neosha Guse and Alyssa Wells

EXCUSED: Susan Leathers, Rob Nelson, Nancy McClenny-Walters

ABSENT: Kathy Adamski, Justin Destito, Jim Estep, Don Groat, Randy Hinchliffe, Steve Hoffmann, Brian Jones, Kris Kerr, Mitch King, Justin Lessard, Patti Loney, Patrick Purcell, Dennis Waters and Erin Whitney

GUEST:

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$16,310.51 all bills paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

MPD REPORT:

Dr. Lewis Neace reported –

- Attended the State MPD meeting on Monday. Washington State has the highest survival rate, from cardiac arrest, in the country.
- The state wants to raise trauma levels for hospitals. They would like to see a level one trauma hospital on this side of the state as well.
- The chair of the MPD Committee for the state has stepped down. He has been replaced by Dr. Jim Nania.
- Dr. Marvin Wayne has developed a pilot program for BLS providers to utilize nitrous. This may prove helpful in more rural areas. I am considering it but haven't made a final decision yet.
- Medic One is starting a trial of using whole blood in the field. Their on-duty medic supervisor will deliver the whole blood to the scene. We may investigate using freeze dried plasma once it is approved by the FDA.
- We received approval from the state on all protocols. Although they did not approve the use of zip cuffs on patients, for restraint.
- There is a new unfunded mandate that requires all agencies to enter data into WEMSYS.

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee reported –

- She's identified needs for the training grant, including what would actually be needed to fully fund training versus the amount we receive from the training grant. For 2019-2020 we will continue with the OTEP portion of the training grant but will be requesting to utilize the remaining dollars for EMT course scholarships. We will bring this back up in August to determine how many scholarships and the amount of each.
- Heather put together a flyer to thank Baker Boyer Bank for their generous donation to support EMS in Walla Walla County.

REGIONAL:

Heather Lee reported –

- They are currently working on patient care protocols. They are trying to make them uniform throughout the state.

LIFEFLIGHT:

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- The MCI training held at the airport last month was a success. If you participated, please turn in any observations. We would like to include them in our after-action report.
- We will be allocating public information at the following meetings in June:
 - June 5, Fire Awareness with WWFD 8, GESA Power House Theater
 - June 11, Emergency Preparedness, Christ Lutheran Church
 - June 18, FireWise, WWFD 4 Mill Creek Fire Station
 - June 25, FireWise, City of Waitsburg

TRAINING:

Melissa Rodriguez reported –

- Walla Walla Community College hosted this year's Fire Academy graduation. 24 students graduated, 10 of those were in the Fire Science program at WWCC.
- We have 12 EMT applicants for Fall quarter. She is going to start advertising to see if we can boost those numbers.
- We have 24 students for Fire Science. The advisory board has made a change to allow students with fire science background to start the program on even numbered years.
- We are continuing to look for scholarship opportunities for EMT students.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported –

- We will be doing air quality messaging, in conjunction with Emergency management and Providence St. Mary Medical Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

Heather Lee reported-

- Interviews for the MPD positions were held on May 24th. Heather read the letter from the interview panel committee and they recommend Dr. Neace for the position. Heather opened the floor to questions. There were none. Sharon Brooks made a motion to approve and Neosha Guse seconded. A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously to recommend Dr. Neace to DOH as the Walla Walla County MPD.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heather Lee reported –

- We celebrated EMS Week the entire month of May with hat and tee shirt give ways. We also posted a thank you to all providers on Facebook. It was seen by over 16,000 people! We are pleased to present the flags (thank you Columbia-Burbank High School shop class for making the flags) tonight to one agency and three outstanding individuals.
 - Agency – Walla Walla County Fire District 5
 - Individual – Kevin Kromm
 - Individual – Brandon McKinney
 - Agency Nominated Individual – Brandon Cadwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 6:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Thursday, August 1, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Wells, Secretary