

Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council

January 30, 2020

Member present: MPD-Dr. Lightfoot; Whitcom – Jamie Keller (Pres); Albion – Jessie McCleary; Airport – Alex Aegerter; Colfax FD – Jake Smith, Randy Miller, Tim Tingley; Colton/Uniontown – Brenda Dahmen (Tres), Jon Dahmen; Endicott – Keith Luft, Lacrosse – Bill Baker (V.Pres); Palouse EMS – Terri Terre, Annie Pillars, Marv Pillars; Rosalia/East Region – Ron Willy; Steptoe – Jeff Kuhlman, Jill Whitman; St. John – David White, Jennifer Richmond, Michael Thomas; Tekoa – Sherma Tysz, VFI – Milt Groom; WCFD#12 – Mirenda Stenbakken;

Agencies missing representation: Lamont, Malden, Oakesdale, Pullman Fire, and Garfield

Prior Minutes: Motion by Brenda to pass previous minutes as presented, second by Bill, pass by all.

Treasurer's report:

- Checking - \$24.61
- Savings - \$11,409.14.
- Motion by Bill to pass treasurer's report, second by Randy, passed by all

Emergency Management:

- Troubleshooting tool has been added to radio system. Has already helped solve some radio problems.
- No other changes coming at this time.

Whitcom:

- Down to 10 dispatchers out of 22 (correction made from 9 dispatchers to 10, will be down to 9 next month as we know of another leaving – per Jamie Keller 1/31/20)
- 4 dispatchers in training right now as well as 4 part-time dispatchers
- Radio traffic may take a bit as your dispatcher is also taking the phone call. Please be patient
- If you need to update your response plans or have a complaint/issue with dispatch, please email

East Region:

- Reviewing Min/Max numbers for region
- Discussion on ways to retain/keep EMT's around

MPD:

- WEMSIS
 - Must be using it!
 - Can have person responsible for care complete the report or appoint someone to input them. THEY MUST BE DONE.

- Pullman Fire Department Medics are completing training to have ultrasound systems on the ambulance. Not in protocols right now.
 - Will be used to complete EFAST Exam which looks for pneumothorax and abdominal bleeding.
 - May not change the field treatment but helps Emergency Department get surgeon coming sooner but quicker surgery times when needed.
- Dr. Lightfoot is now the Medical Program Director for the LCSC Paramedic Program. If anyone is interested in going through the program, it is available and a great program.
- Coronavirus
 - Whitcom asked about changing call taking questions for “sick person” and “breathing difficulty” calls. They can ask an additional 24 questions. Dr. Lightfoot would like to add those questions if the person has been outside of the US recently. Jamie to work with Whitcom on changing that protocol for call taking.
- EMR’s can give oral glucose
- Once trained on the IGEL’s, your agency can start using them.
- Protocols were sent off to the State the beginning of January. Still waiting to get them back as approved.

Old Business:

- Previous EMT class
 - Discussion about reimbursing agencies for funds not used.
 - Most discussion by people was to keep the money as the council and use it for updating equipment and bring trainings in.
- Disability Assessment Training/Travis Act
 - Needed to be completed by December 31st, 2019
 - Anyone can teach the class as the documents are all provided
 - Can be included in an OTEP program

New Business:

- EMR Class (Palouse Fire Department)
 - October 3rd – November 21st, Saturdays only
 - \$350/student, limit 12 students
 - Brenda made a motion to approve the proposed class, second by Terri, passed by all
- Mental Health First Aid Class
 - Discussion by Annie about the Task Force which was started in October 2019.
 - Annie explained what the Task Force is working to do and how they can help
 - Fire District 12 is hosting a class February 22nd from 8:30am-5pm. They will fill class with as many of their people as they can but if there are open seats, they fill with others if interested. Contact Mirenda if wanting to be in the class.
 - Classes are typically 8 hours

- Mirenda made a motion for the Council to host 2 – 8 hour Mental Health First Aid classes, 1 in Oakesdale and 1 in St. John within the next 6 months. Motion was seconded by Terri and passed by all.
- Jamie will send an email out when dates are decided. Classes are limited to 30 students.
- Jamie to look into getting an Evaluator re-certification class locally again
- Tekoa got a Medicare survey for 2020. It is a 220 page survey, lots of work to be done on it. Learned it will be coming to all agencies within the next 4 years.
- New skills sheets are on the Council website. They are the most up to date ones
- Jon asked about adding an agency report for future meeting. Looking to learn what is happening in other Districts or what is new for equipment where.
- Survey coming soon for Best Practices to be put out by the MPD. Does not replace protocols, just looking to keep everyone up to date with the best way to do things

Elections:

- President
 - Nominations were Jamie Keller and Mirenda Stenbakken
 - Jamie Keller was elected. (Jamie 12 votes, Mirenda 1 vote)
- Secretary
 - Nominations were Laban Molsee
 - Laban was elected with no nominations from the floor

Meeting Adjourned 2025

Randy Miller

Fill-in Secretary

Next EMS Council Meeting – Thursday, March 26th, 2020 – 1900

Colfax City Council Chambers