

**Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council
November 18, 2021
Via Zoom**

Agencies present: Whitcom, WCSO, Albion, Colfax FD, Garfield, LaCrosse, Palouse, Pullman, PUW-ARFF, Rosalia, St. John, Steptoe, VFI, WCFD 12, WCFD 14

Meeting called to order 1902

Prior Minutes: Minutes from September 23, 2021 were approved.

Treasurer's report: Approved

Checking: \$1680.95

Savings: \$11430.99

Emergency management:

- Due to changes to a tower, south end of the county may have some reception issues for the next week

Sheriff's Office: Sergeant Cooper

- Report given on law enforcement's response changes to medical calls due to RCW 71.05.153. See attachment. If you have questions, you may email Sgt. Cooper keithc@whitmancounty.net

Whitcom: Jamie Keller

- Whitcom has lost 4 dispatchers in the last month. One just starting out on her own, one in training, and one starting in December. Staffing is thin.
- **Inquiry:** Does the council have any feedback on EMS & Fire calls being pre-alerted and the page details being given only once, instead of twice?
 - **Discussion:** The second time is typically when the important information is caught. Active is helpful. May be helpful to start pre-alert with agency name.
 - Jamie will take this back to Whitcom.
- Please call or email supervisors@whitcom.org with any questions

East region: Ron Wiley

- No report.

MPD: Dr.Lightfoot – Not present

Old Business:

- Report from Laura Laughtenslager in regards to possible AEMT class. INHS is willing to do a Whitman County AEMT class if we can guarantee 10 people. No cost reported at this time. Further report will be coming in the future.

New Business:

- On November 6, Dr. Lightfoot gave a medication update for AEMT's.
- Please update your voting representative and alternate for Agencies. Return Appendix B (attached) to Jamie.
- **Whitcom request: All Agencies:** Please contact Whitcom and make sure your Agency Response plan is up to date. This is **urgent**.
- **Nominations:**
 - **President:** Jamie Keller
 - **Secretary:** Laban Molsee
 - Email Jamie if you have further nominations.

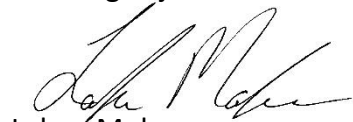
Agency Reports: VFI, Roselia, D12, Pullman

Announcements: If any EMT's are interested in working the Aid Booth at WSU Beasley for events, please contact Ryan Sharnhorst at Pullman Fire Dept.

Upcoming Training:

- **BLS Evaluator/Update Classes** –Register with Annie for upcoming 12/11 class in Steptoe.
- **EMR** class in Colton is on hold currently due to schedule conflict.

Meeting adjourned 1959



Laban Molsee

Secretary

Next EMS Council Meeting – Thursday, January 28th, 1900
Colfax City Council Chambers
Zoom available for those not able to attend in person



Crisis Evaluation

Whitman County Sheriff's Office • Colfax, WA • (509) 397-6266

Date: _____ Case Number: _____

Subject Name: _____ DOB: _____

Involuntary Evaluation – Per RCW 71.05.153, the undersigned peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that the subject is suffering from a behavioral health disorder and presents an imminent likelihood of serious harm to self, others, or property, or is in imminent danger because of grave disability. **A weapon WAS / WAS NOT involved with this incident.**

This agency recommends this subject not be released until he/she has been evaluated by a mental health professional. The peace officer would / would not like to be notified if the subject is not detained. (Phone: _____)

Voluntary Evaluation

Reason(s) for contact (check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Threat(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Care for Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Attempt | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Threats to Others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected Drug/ Alcohol Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Investigation notes (what words, actions, and/or behaviors did you witness upon arrival?)

Witness Information (Name): _____ Phone: _____

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The undersigned peace officer's observations and conclusions are based on training and experience including ongoing training and education in regards to persons in crisis and mandatory crisis intervention training. I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Investigator Signature

Badge

Date and Place

Additional notes:

RCW 71.05.153

(1) When a designated crisis responder receives information alleging that a person, as the result of a behavioral health disorder, presents an imminent likelihood of serious harm, or is in imminent danger because of being gravely disabled, after investigation and evaluation of the specific facts alleged and of the reliability and credibility of the person or persons providing the information if any, the designated crisis responder may take such person, or cause by oral or written order such person to be taken into emergency custody in an evaluation and treatment facility, secure withdrawal management and stabilization facility if available with adequate space for the person, or approved substance use disorder treatment program if available with adequate space for the person, for not more than seventy-two hours as described in RCW 71.05.180.

(2)(a) Subject to (b) of this subsection, a peace officer may take or cause such person to be taken into custody and immediately delivered to a triage facility, crisis stabilization unit, evaluation and treatment facility, secure withdrawal management and stabilization facility, approved substance use disorder treatment program, or the emergency department of a local hospital under the following circumstances:

(i) Pursuant to subsection (1) of this section; or

(ii) When he or she has reasonable cause to believe that such person is suffering from a behavioral health disorder and presents an imminent likelihood of serious harm or is in imminent danger because of being gravely disabled.

(b) A peace officer's delivery of a person, to a secure withdrawal management and stabilization facility or approved substance use disorder treatment program is subject to the availability of a secure withdrawal management and stabilization facility or approved substance use disorder treatment program with adequate space for the person.

(3) Persons delivered to a crisis stabilization unit, evaluation and treatment facility, emergency department of a local hospital, triage facility that has elected to operate as an involuntary facility, secure withdrawal management and stabilization facility, or approved substance use disorder treatment program by peace officers pursuant to subsection (2) of this section may be held by the facility for a period of up to twelve hours, not counting time periods prior to medical clearance.

(4) Within three hours after arrival, not counting time periods prior to medical clearance, the person must be examined by a mental health professional or substance use disorder professional. Within twelve hours of notice of the need for evaluation, not counting time periods prior to medical clearance, the designated crisis responder must determine whether the individual meets detention criteria. The interview performed by the designated crisis responder may be conducted by video provided that a licensed health care professional or professional person who can adequately and accurately assist with obtaining any necessary information is present with the person at the time of the interview. If the individual is detained, the designated crisis responder shall file a petition for detention or a supplemental petition as appropriate and commence service on the designated attorney for the detained person. If the individual is released to the community, the behavioral health service provider shall inform the peace officer of the release within a reasonable period of time after the release if the peace officer has specifically requested notification and provided contact information to the provider.

71.05.020(23)

"Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person, as a result of a behavioral health disorder: (a) Is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from a failure to provide for his or her essential human needs of health or safety; or (b) manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning evidenced by repeated and escalating loss of cognitive or volitional control over his or her actions and is not receiving such care as is essential for his or her health or safety;

71.34.020(9)

"Behavioral health disorder" means either a mental disorder as defined in this section, a substance use disorder as defined in this section, or a co-occurring mental disorder and substance use disorder.

APPENDIX B

EXAMPLE

Date 12/11/08

As the CEO of Pullman Regional Hospital I Scott Adams

Appoint Stacey Aggabao as the representative for our

Organization on the Whitman County Emergency Medical and Trauma Council.

Alternate for the above person is Dr. Richard Caggiano

I authorize our representative or the alternate to vote on our behalf. I realize that only one of them can vote and our representative will determine who votes.

Signature _____ Date _____

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I _____ appoint _____ as

the representative for our organization on the Whitman County Emergency

Medical and Trauma Council.

Alternate for the above person _____

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Signature _____ Date _____