

Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council
March 24, 2022
Via Zoom

Agencies present: Albion, Colfax FD, Lacrosse, MPD, Palouse, PUW-ARFF, Rosalia, Steptoe, Tekoa, VFI, Whitcom, WCFD #12, WCFD #14

Meeting called to order 1901

Prior Minutes: Minutes from January 27, 2022 approved.

Treasurers report: approved

Checking: \$1,117.97

Savings: \$11,434.77

Sheriff's Office: NA

Emergency management:

New improvements are progressing. 1/10 1% kicks in April 1 and will bring some new changes.

Whitcom: Jamie

- Please notify Whitcom by radio if your agency isn't able to respond to a PAGE that has been sent to your agency promptly.
- Staffing update: 3 FT dispatchers in training, 11 FT dispatchers working, Brenden McNannay new Deputy Director
- Please call or email supervisors@whitcom.org with any questions
- Jamie has resigned from Whitcom, the above address will contact all Supervisors and both Directors

East region: NA

MPD: Dr. Lightfoot

- Will be teaching @ Pullman EMT class – cardiology
- IV Class – gave a lecture on shock
- Would like to see requirements in bylaws to allow for those who have supervisor and MPD approval w/ less than 3 years. These approvals would be on a case-by-case basis and all applications for approvals need to be turned in 2 weeks prior. Current Bylaws state no exceptions allowed to 3 year rule.
- Dr. Lightfoot is in need of having a list of Agency contact individuals.
- Covid update: Providers should be wearing an N95 on respiratory calls. A surgical mask is sufficient for other calls.

- Dr. Lightfoot was contacted by the state DOH in regard to an SEI pilot project that the DOH would like run. The changes would allow experience in EMS outside of WA to count for SEI experience requirements. Allow EMR's to be SEI's for EMR classes. Annie Pillers added that Whitman County has been working with the state to try to implement this pilot project. Jamie mentioned that she would like to implement this in a possible EMR class in Colton. This EMR class will be open to all county agencies.
- Marv has been putting in a lot of work getting the BLS protocols updated. He is finished and they are being sent to the state. Hyperlinks have been removed for update ease.
- Jessie M. D12: Brought up a call where a pt was choking and CPR was withheld by bystanders due to DNR. Dr. Lightfoot confirmed that CPR should be performed due to this being a non-cardiac related arrest.
- Epi draw up (Jamie) – Is there any concern about contamination? Lightfoot: No, as long as needle stays capped.

Committees: None

Old Business:

- IV class report (Laban) – Class went very well. 14 students attended, all passed. Thank you to all who attended, you represented your departments well.

New Business:

- **Motion** (Lightfoot): **Bylaws** amendment to Addendum 001:
 - Remove line “No waivers to this requirement will be granted. “
 - Replace with: “Waivers to the 3-year requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis, as approved in writing by EMS Chief and MPD. MPD must receive requests 2 weeks prior to class start.”
 - **Second** Scott Keller
 - This will be voted on following 30 day written notice and confirmed distribution to council members, according to Bylaws Article 8.
- **Motion** (Scott Kruse), 2nd Jessie McCleary – Approve Jamie putting on an EMR class as a pilot program for the state. – **Passed**
- Palouse would like to put on an EMT class in Palouse. It is the hope that this could also include a bridge RN-to-EMT (approx. 40hrs). An SEI has not been selected yet and Joe Handley is still gathering information. More information to come.
- Pullman Airport: Cards are no longer used for gaining access to the airport and is now possible by coming 3A call station to be let in. 338-3326

Whitman Hospital: *NA

Upcoming Training:

- VFI 4/12 @ 6pm – High performance CPR – Contact Scott Kruse
- Palouse Grain Growers is putting on a ropes rescue class. June 27-30

Agency Reports: LaCrosse, VFI, Palouse, Airport, Colton, Tekoa

Meeting adjourned 2005

Laban Molsee
Secretary

**Next EMS Council Meeting – Thursday, May 26, 2022
Colfax City Council Chambers**