

Northwest Region EMS Council Minutes
November 12, 2009
The Lodge at Sherwood Village
Sequim, WA

REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

Clallam

Karen Blore (absent)
Keith Bogues (absent)
Allen Knobbs
John Wright
Cliff Wilson

Mason

Terri Gushee
Kym Yates
Tim McKern
Terry Anderson
Richard Knight (absent)
Denise McDevitt (absent)

West Olympic Peninsula

Patricia Hutson (absent)
Louise Smith
Rebecca Wilson

Local Law Enforcement

Vacant

Local Elected Official

Leslie Scholfield (absent)

Naval Hospital Representative

Vacant

State EMS Administrator

Scott Hogan

Northwest Region EMS Staff

Anice Grant
April Borbon
René Williams

Jefferson

Jim DeCianne
Robert Moser (absent)
Colleen Rodrigues
Tim Manly
Gordon Pomeroy

Kitsap

Kim Doyle
Stan Plyler (absent)
Mary Flick (absent)
Steve Engle
Mike Wernet
Joe Repar (absent)

Medical Program Directors

Steve Churchley, MD (absent)
Joe Hoffman, MD (absent)
Sandra Smith-Poling, MD
Martin Bennett, MD (absent)

USDA Forest Service/Park Service

Vacant

Consumer Representative

Vacant

Coast Guard Representative

Vacant

Region 2 Public Health

Jessica Guidry (absent)

Visitors

Jeff Richey

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- I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Tim McKern at 12:00pm.
- II. Approval of September 10, 2009 Minutes

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| Terry Anderson moved to approve the September 10, 2009 minutes as presented. Dr Sandra Smith-Poling seconded the motion. Motion was called with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as presented. |
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- III. Treasurer's Report

- A. FY 2010 YTD

- The FY 2010 YTD budget was included in the meeting packet. All local council contracts have been signed. The scanned payment and process document will be emailed to all local council chairs.

- IV. Chair Report

- No report.

- V. MPD Report

- Dr Smith-Poling reported that she is putting together a pilot study which will allow EMTs to draw up Epi. She also reported that the combat tourniquet has been used successful in the war; there have only been two people who sustained nerve injuries out of many thousands of people who used the tourniquet. Dr Smith-Poling attended a five-day resuscitation academy for MPDs and MSOs in October. This was a free course which provided very good information and was an excellent experience. Washington state has a save rate of about 46% for witnessed cardiac arrest whereas other places like Los Angeles and New York have a save rate of 4% and 3% respectively; bystander CPR is one of the main reasons for this along with AED use, phone CPR instructions, and QI programs. Dr Smith-Poling has agreed to enter Jefferson County cardiac data into the Washington State Coronary database. EMTs are having better save rates with bag valve masks when bagging after every 10 compressions.

- VI. DOH Report

- Scott reported that the DOH's H1N1 webpage is updated regularly. The Cost TAC is revising the State Trauma Fund portion of the state Trauma Plan, this

will affect participation grants for hospital and pre-hospital. The Hospital Designation rules revisions process is almost complete. The Pre-Hospital rules are being revised; they are working on the training program rules now. Due to state budget cuts, the WEMSIS program has been reduced to a half time position; Jethro Delisle has take Don Fernandez' position in the WEMSIS program and is working on a plan to increase WEMSIS participation. The DOH is issuing temporary practice permits to providers from other states which have similar requirements to Washington. The group discussed the problems they are having with getting certification for providers seeking reciprocity from other states. It is currently taking four to eight months for an EMS provider to receive certification through the reciprocity process; this has caused some agencies to lose job candidates due to the delay in allowing them to begin working. Reciprocity takes longer than initial certification. It was determined that an ad hoc committee will be formed to work on this problem and bring suggestions for improvement to the state; things such as having the counties enter data for the state was discussed.

VII. Airlift Northwest Report

Jeff gave a PowerPoint presentation to the group during lunch which covered the history and capabilities of Airlift Northwest. He added that during the winter, weather can affect Airlift's ability to fly. The Lear jet can be used during bad weather; it can fly into Pt Angeles but not Forks or Pt Townsend.

VIII. Region 2 PHEPR Update

Anice reported that the Health District has been busy with H1N1 flu. The next Regional Hospital Prep meeting and Regional Healthcare Coalition meeting will be held on December 3rd.

IX. Naval Region Northwest Report

Dr Smith-Poling is now the MPD for Navy Region Northwest. All is going well.

X. Coast Guard Report

No report.

XI. Olympic National Park Report

No report.

XII. Correspondence

A. DOH—Letters for Reappointment to NWREMS Council

1. Terry Anderson
2. Dr Joe Hoffman

Copies of DOH reappointment letters to the Regional Council were included in the meeting packet for Terry Anderson and Dr Joe Hoffman.

B. DOH—Correspondence

1. Discontinuation of Trauma Bands
2. 2009-2012 Regional Trauma Plan Approval
3. Northwest Region EMS Council Structure as of 11/6/2009

Correspondence from the DOH was included in the meeting packet on the discontinuation of trauma bands, the 2009-2012 Regional Trauma Plan approval, and the Northwest Region EMS Council structure as of 11/6/2009.

C. October and November What's Happening Newsletter

Copies of the October and November 'What's Happening' newsletters were included in the meeting packet as an FYI. Chief Pomeroy pointed out a correction on the 'When to Use the Emergency Room article' which will be made in the next edition of the newsletter.

XIII. Unfinished Business

None.

XIV. New Business

A. Conflict of Interest/Roles and Responsibilities Statement

Anice provided a handout of a Conflict of Interest/Roles and Responsibility Statement that each council member must sign. They will also need to sign this statement each time they are reappointed.

B. Bylaw Revisions

The revised bylaws were sent to each Council member for review.

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| Dr Sandra Smith-Poling moved to approve the revised bylaws which will take affect beginning January 2010. Terry Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. |
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XV. Staff Reports

A. Operations

1. Exhibit B

Anice provided copies of the 2009-2012 Exhibit B which was due on October 15th; this was approved by the state and will be put on the website per our plan.

B. Prevention

April provided a written report of the prevention activities that had taken place over the past two months. The new Injury Prevention Committee met this morning and reviewed trauma data.

C. Training Report

Rene is at the L & C meeting today. Anice reported that the region will hold a Paramedic Refresher Course at NKFR. The National Registry roll out is on schedule and will go into effect on January 1st. The state is looking to expand NREMT test sites around the state.

XVI. Committee Reports

A. Executive/Funding Committee

This group met last month. Tim thanked the committee for their efforts on revising the bylaws. The topic at their January meeting will be the funding RFP.

B. TED Committee

This group met today. They discussed the Geriatrics Conference which will take place January 23rd and 24th. There are several great speakers lined up for the conference, ALS and BLS break-out sessions, and there will also be a dozen vendors. Mike Hellbach will discuss the stroke portion of BLS online and there may be CE available for the conference. On Sunday there will be an SEI workshop which will feature the roll out of the SEI tool box.

C. IPPE Committee

The IPPE committee met this morning. They are looking for more participants.

D. QI Committee

This group met today. They discussed water injuries. The QI Conference will be held on April 30th.

XVII. Local Council Reports

A. Clallam County

The EMT class is finished. Clallam EMS is providing some service in Jefferson County. The NREMT test site will be up in December. Olympic Ambulance has contracted for services with the MPD.

B. Jefferson County

The EMT class will start in January. The ILS/IV class is going well. OTEP is going well. They are sending people to the Harborview pig labs for training. Two students are in the Medic 1 program. Paramedic staff meetings are being held with the Base Station meetings.

C. Kitsap County

Two EMT classes are finished, one will begin in January. The ACLS, PALS, and IV classes are finished. The 2010 training calendar will be done soon. They will use video conferencing equipment beginning in December for the ALS Base Station meetings. They are overhauling their QI process. They are updating their future plans.

D. Mason County

They will hold an airway class on November 21st and a First Responder class in January. There will be an EMT class in February. They thanked Airlift Northwest for a \$1000 training grant.

E. West Olympic Peninsula

Their Council did not meet last month. There will be an ILS class in Forks and an EMT class in Neah Bay. There will also be an EMT class in Clallam Bay.

XVIII. Good of the Order

A. Election of Officers

Cliff Wilson nominated Steve Engle for the position of Chairperson. Kim Doyle seconded the motion. Tim McKern received 3 votes and Steve Engle received 7 votes. Steve Engle is the new chair.

Sandra Smith Poling nominated Terry Anderson for the position of Vice Chairperson. John Wright seconded the motion. Kim Doyle received 8 votes from the group and Terry Anderson received 3 votes. Kim Doyle will retain her position of Vice Chair.

Gordon Pomery moved to re-elect the current officers: Robert Moser Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Bogues At Large Position #1, and Rebecca Wilson At Large Position #2. Terry Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approved 1/14/2010

Tim McKern will now hold the position of Past Chair,

XIX. Other

The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2010.

Cliff Wilson thanked Tim McKern for his service to the Council over the years.

XX. Adjourn

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| Terry Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm. Cliff Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. |
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