

Northwest Region EMS Council Minutes
March 11, 2010
The Lodge at Sherwood Village
Sequim, WA

REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

Clallam

Karen Blore (excused)
Keith Bogues
Cliff Wilson
John Wright (absent)

Mason

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

West Olympic Peninsula

Patricia Hutson (absent)
Louise Smith
Rebecca Wilson
Jim Lays

Local Law Enforcement

Vacant

Local Elected Official

Leslie Scholfield

Naval Region NW Representative

Terry Anderson

State EMS Administrator

Scott Hogan

Northwest Region EMS Staff

Anice Grant
April Borbon
René Williams

Jefferson

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

Kitsap

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

Medical Program Directors

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

USDA Forest Service/Park Service

Tim Saskowsky

Consumer Representative

Vacant

Coast Guard Representative

Vacant

Region 2 Public Health

Jessica Guidry (absent)

Visitors

Jeff Richey
Barb Lovato
Lori Bisping
Steve Vogel
Jeromy Hicks
Angela King

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- I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Steve Engle at 12:00pm.
- II. Approval of January 14, 2010 Minutes

Robert Moser moved to approve the January 14, 2009 minutes as presented. Terry Anderson seconded the motion. Motion was called with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as presented.

- III. Treasurer's Report

- A. FY 2010 YTD

- The FY 2010 YTD budget was included in the meeting packet. Anice reported that the numbers in the training budget are for billed amounts however these amounts may not necessarily have been paid yet due to the state billing cycle. This makes it more clear on how much each county has already spent and how much more training funds they have available. Counties can reallocate training funds if needed, however this needs to be completed by June 30th.

- IV. Chair Report

- Steve Engle reported that he has talked to Olympic College about becoming a NREMTP test site; this is moving forward. The Epi protocol has now been approved; there will need to be some changes made to the state EMT protocols to address this. Dr Smith-Poling has received training materials from Mike Lopez, including a training module, and will send this out to the group.

- V. MPD Report

- Dr Hoffman noted that the next state MPD meeting may be held via phone conference due to state budget cuts. Dr Bennett added that he is looking forward to Kitsap County joining the regional protocols.

- VI. DOH Report

- Scott reported that there is now an extended legislative session in order to finish the budget. Currently there is no news on the regional council budgets. The L & C committee is on the list slated for cancellation but the Steering Committee is not currently on that list. SB6880 has been introduced which

would require a service fee for EMS recertification for paid agencies, a letter on this is included in the correspondence section. No participation grants will be issued until the budget is finalized. The Washington Poison Center is still open; some people think the Center was closed during last year's budget cuts. May 16-22 is EMS Week. Scott added that to participate in NREMTP testing, agencies need to sign up to be NREMTP affiliated.

VII. Airlift Northwest Report

Jeff showed the group the lanyard that AirLift developed in order to help accurately measure patients to ensure they will be able to be transported by AirLift. He will be providing these lanyards to all hospitals and EMS agencies soon. They have an RFP out for a new fixed wing aircraft for use in Eastern Washington. They are qi-ing scene calls to ensure that given ETA times and actual ETA times are correct.

VIII. Region 2 PHEPR Update

René reported that there will be a functional exercise which will include all hospitals in Region 2 on April 13th at 3am.

IX. Naval Region Northwest Report

Terry reported that they will be holding an MCI drill at Bangor. They are moving forward with their ILS class.

X. Coast Guard Report

No report.

XI. Olympic National Park Report

Tim Saskowsky is the new representative for Olympic National Park. He reported that the park already has an Epi protocol in place at the park and they are affiliated with the NREMTP. They are pleased that a new testing site is at Peninsula College which is close to the park. They have "white card" credentialing at their agency.

XII. Correspondence

A. DOH—Appointment to Council for Becki Wilson

A letter from the DOH appointing Becki Wilson to the Regional Council was included in the meeting packet.

B. DOH—3/5/2010 Legislative Update

A copy of the March 5, 2010 Legislative Update from the DOH was included in the meeting packet as an FYI.

C. West Region EMS Council—National Registry Concerns to DOH

A copy of a letter from the West Region EMS Council which outlined their concerns about the National Registry testing process was included in the meeting packet. This letter was discussed at the last Executive Board meeting during which the group decided to write a letter in support of the West Region's concerns, however Mike Lopez addressed these issues in a letter and made clear that the state was moving ahead with the testing process therefore the Board determined that they would not write a letter addressing these issues.

D. February and March What's Happening Newsletters

Copies of the February and March 'What's Happening' newsletters were included in the meeting packet.

XIII. Unfinished Business

None.

XIV. New Business

None.

XV. Staff Reports

A. Operations

1. Exhibit B

The February 15th Exhibit B is now posted on the region's website.

B. Prevention

April provided a handout of the injury prevention activities that have taken place in the region over the past two months. Joe Repar asked if a falls resource information sheet could be provided by the region; the information would be given to falls patients that the EMS providers respond to. This project will be completed by the IPPE Committee.

C. Training Report

Rene reported that the Geriatrics Conference was very successful. There were 72 participants and the region came out \$250 over budget but this includes the purchase of many handouts which will be able to be used at the next conference.

XVI. Committee Reports

A. Executive/Funding Committee

The next Executive/Funding Committee meeting will be held on April 23rd. At this meeting, the group will discuss training RFPs which will be approved by the committee then forwarded to the full council for a vote of approval at their May meeting. This group is also reviewing and updating the council's bylaws.

B. TED Committee

This group met today. The next conference will focus on the topic of MCI and will be held at the end of next January. The group discussed offering the SEI workshop and leadership training on the Friday prior to the conference. René will email the PCPs for review and update; she will also need copies of each county's COPs to submit with the updated PCPs. The committee discussed holding a 48-hour Paramedic Refresher course; René will email a letter of interest survey to all agencies in the region to determine if this course is needed. Local instructors may be used for the course. It was suggested that the flyer for this class be posted on the state Fire Chief's website.

C. QI Committee

This group met today. The annual QI Conference will be held on April 30th at Mary Mac's in Pt Orchard. The flyer for this conference will be sent out next week. Due to limited space, approximately six people per county will be able to attend.

XVII. Local Council Reports/System Planning and Development Issues

A. Clallam County

Their EMT class will begin on March 31st. The students in their last EMT course all passed the test. This was the first class which also took the National Registry test; only 60% passed this test.

B. Jefferson County

Their EMT course is ongoing; the class will test next month.

C. Kitsap County

They will be joining the regional protocols. Their EMT class is finished.

D. Mason County

Their spring EMT class is ongoing. On March 16th they will hold an MCI tabletop drill then later a full scale exercise. Their COPS will be finished May 1st. They have a new website which can be found at www.masoncountyeems.org. They will begin video conferencing their base station meetings and OTEP soon. This is the first year they are using a new funding formula for council support. The change of date for the Executive/Funding Committee meeting date means some of their representatives will not be able to attend. Jess Fulkerson is doing a great job as the new Training Coordinator. They thanked Dr Smith-Poling and Steve for their work on the Epi protocol.

E. West Olympic Peninsula

The EMT class is starting. They will also be having an evaluator class. They are preparing for the Tribal Journey which will bring 10,000 to 12,000 people to Neah Bay in July.

XVIII. Good of the Order

Mary Flick reported that the Outcomes TAC met a month ago and reviewed data. Their goal is to improve trauma outcomes.

Mo thanked everyone for their support during his illness.

René reported that the first protocol committee meeting will be held on April 16th to begin the revision process.

XIX. Other

The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2010.

XX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm by common consensus.
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