

Northwest Region EMS Council - Regular Meeting minutes

Meeting via Zoom platform

May 12, 2022



MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

CLALLAM

- 11 Joseph Rodrigues, *At Large*
- 1 Derrell Sharp
- 1A Daniel Montana
- 2 Jake Patterson
- 11A Greg Waters
- 26 Branton Byers
- 85 Karl Hatton

MASON

- 87 Brandon Searles, *Secretary/Treasurer*
- 5 Michael Sexton
- 5A Matthew Welander
- 6 Carly Bean
- 13 Greg Yates
- 28 Kristyn Criss
- 28A Patricia "Renee" Byrd

WEST OLYMPIC PENINSULA

- 15 Tim Wade, *At Large*
- 9 Heather Quinones
- 10 Dan Druge

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 65 Mike Johnson

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

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CONSUMER REP

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NWREMS STAFF

René Ralston
Lori Coleman, minute taker

DOH ADMINISTRATORS

JEFFERSON

- 12 Tim McKern, *Past Chair*
- 4 Tim Manly, *Vice Chair*
- 3 Tammy Ridgeway

KITSAP

- 7 Eric Chamberlain
- 8 Matt Million
- 8A Hank Teran
- 14 Jake Gillanders
- 29 Mary Flick

MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

- 46 Dr. Danielle Whitley
- 47 Dr. David Carlborn
- 48 Dr. Joe Hoffman, *Chairman*

NAVY REGION NEW

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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

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COAST GUARD

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PUBLIC HEALTH/PREPAREDNESS

- 75 Elya Baltazar

VISITORS

Need to verify attendance

Dr. Joe Hoffman called the Northwest Regional EMS Council meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. via the Zoom Virtual Platform.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim McKern moved, and Elya Baltazar seconded to approve the March 10, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chair Report – No Report.

Treasurer's Report – René Ralston reported on: Profit and Loss Statements for March - April FY 22 YTD; Bank Balance as of 4/30/2022 was \$87,848.78. Joey Rodrigues moved and Matt Million seconded to approve the Profit and Loss statement as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MPD Report – Dr. Hoffman reported that there was an MPD meeting on 5.16.2022 where Equity for Healthcare was discussed; there will be a workshop in June to further discuss this topic.

DOH Report – Report was attached to the packet; DOH representative Hailey Thacker briefly went over the highlights of that report:

- HB 1893 – DOH has updated their CR101 for rulemaking and started the approval process so they can begin work on this legislation; the effective date of this law is June 9th, 2022.
- SSB 5281 – DOH is posting a Request for Proposals for the Department of Health Cardiac and Stroke Study; bidders interested should register on the Department of Enterprise Services website where there are step-by-step instructions for this process.
- Trauma rulemaking with stakeholders has concluded. A final draft for the rule document is being drafted and a review meeting will be held.
- EMS Rules – The DOH has updated the CR101 to include more specificity to the work they will do in rulemaking to address new requirements; approval should be forthcoming in late spring or early summer. The target date to move to CR102 is August and a public hearing will be held in November, and they will file the CR103 in December; if all stays on track, the new rules will go into effect in February of 2023.
- There has been an increase in COVID cases and admissions, this has put a strain on the healthcare systems.
- Boarding and mental health patients continue to rise, also putting strain on the healthcare system.
- Most regular meetings are back on track.
- St. Michaels has a new Emergency Management Coordinator.

Kitsap Public Health – Gabby Hadley Reported:

- They are working on a COVID AAR project.
- They have good backstock on masks and COVID test kits for distribution.
- They are working on procedures for Air Quality during wildland season and cooling centers for hot summer days.
- They are updating current response plans and initiating new ones.
- Trainings and exercises are being organized.

Airlift Medical – Life Flight: No report. **Airlift Northwest:** No report.

Region 2 PHEPR Update/Northwest Healthcare Response Network – Elya Baltazar reported there has been another increase in COVID admissions; the strain on hospitals is still being seen. Boarding patients and mental health patients continue to put a strain on facilities. Meetings to address supply chain issues have restarted. All regular non-response meetings are occurring again. The NW District's next meeting will be on July 13th, and they will discuss wildland and patient movement plans. There is a new Emergency Management Coordinator at St. Michaels. She has an updated burn annex that she will forward to Rene and have her send out to everyone.

Law Enforcement – No Report.

Correspondence –

- A. **DOH** – Current Council list was included in the packet; René reported that this list expires in 2022 and is filled to about 70% capacity.
- B. **Pre-Hospital TAC Meetings** – Chief sharp from PA Fire is the only representative currently. Joey Rodrigues offered to be an alternate as he goes to these meetings. Tim McKern moved, and Brandon Searls seconded to have Chief Sharp and Joey Rodrigues be representatives at Pre-Hospital Tac meetings. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business –

- A. **DMCC** – This continues to need to be addressed for the NW Region. Elya Baltazar reported that current DMCC's are meeting to update plans and reach out to areas that do not have DMCC's; there is movement, however, it is slow.
- B. **Behavioral Health System** – Working on needs assessments and collecting data through ESO platforms. Olympic Ambulance is working on collecting data and any support on this would be well received.
- C. **Prehospital Emergency Airway Course** – Was held on April 23rd and 29th, there were 32 attendees, and of those, 5 did not receive certifications. The class came in below budget and feedback was good.

New Business –

- A. **Budget** – René went over the drafted budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. She noted that costs increased for professional services due to it being an Audit year and that meeting expenses will continue to be low as this council is meeting via zoom and there are no travel expenses for administration to attend. She will move the Zoom costs from Miscellaneous to the meeting expenses line item. Derrell Sharp moved and Tim Wade seconded to approve the 2022-2023 budget as proposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- B. **Meeting Sponsors** – Tim Manly shared an idea he had about getting corporate sponsors for meetings to cover costs if the region ever goes back to in-person meetings. He stated that they would be allowed to give a small presentation regarding their product or service with the sponsorship. Joey Rodrigues will work with Tim Manly to create a process and procedure for this and once that is done, this can be managed by the Executive Admin.

Strategic Plan –

- A. René will be working on these over the summer. Many have incomplete deliverables. There are extra funds in the Injury Prevention line item; Dr. Hoffman suggested that these be used for training grant funding. August 31st is the deadline for grant requests. Derrell Sharp moved and Tim McKern seconded to allow these funds to be used for training grant requests. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports –

- A. **Executive Funding** – Met May 3rd, 2022, no report today.
- B. **QI Committee** – Met today and discussed Cardiac Arrest; AMA and non-transfer will be the next meeting's topics.
- C. **IPPE Committee** – No Report.
- D. **Protocol Committee** – No Report.
- E. **TED Committee** – No Report.
- F. **Nomination Committee** – No Report; will activate in August of 2023.
- G. **State TAC/Steering Committee** – Will meet next week.
- H. **Local Council Reports/System Panning and Development Issues EMS & Hospital** –
 - a. **Clallam** – Derrell Sharp reported that Dr. Whitley and MSO Konopaski are working on updating protocols and COPS for Clallam County; the NWCUP is holding a downhill bike racing event this weekend; these have notoriously been known for an uptick in trauma patients; Clallam Fire 2 is getting new Lifepack monitors; Olympic Ambulance is hosting a Supraglottic Airway course. GIS Mapping updates have been submitted to René; PA Fire hosted “this Firehouse Rocks and the Art of Go/No Go classes and they will have Anthony Castros here later in the year for leadership classes, more info with be forthcoming.
 - b. **Jefferson** – EMT Class has 2 weeks left and will graduate May 24th; Dr. Carlbohm will present to EMT students on May 19th; next EMT class will be in January of 2023; the local EMS Council approved Behavioral Health Protocols, there will be training for these later this year; and they have three new types of healthcare teams to help support Behavioral Health patients.
 - c. **Kitsap** – They have had an uptick in COVID patients again; they are celebrating Hospital Week and EMS week this month; they are hosting EMS Evaluator courses and their next EMT Class is this fall.
 - d. **Mason** – They too are seeing an uptick in COVID patients; they just finished an EMT class with 21 students; they are hosting EMS Evaluator and IV Tech courses; they are meeting to plan out 2023 training and are celebrating EMS week next week.
 - e. **West Olympic** – They too are seeing an uptick in COVID patients; they had 3 of their EMT's get COVID from a patient on a CPR call and their EMT class is underway now.
 - f. **Communications** – No Report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Captain Derrell Sharp reported that the new protocols are going to print.

The next meeting is on September 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Sharp moved and Matt Million seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:24.