

NORTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2019 *appvd.*



REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

CLALLAM

¹ Keith Bogues, *Secretary/Treasurer*

^{11A}

⁸⁵ Derrell Sharp

²⁶ Branton Byers

¹¹ Joseph Rodrigues

² Trisha Duerr

^{2A} Jake Patterson

^{1A} Daniel Montana absent

MASON

¹³ Tim McKern, *Vice Chair*

⁶ Clint Volk absent

^{6A} Tamarah Hoffman

^{5A} Carly Bean absent

⁸⁷ Brandon Searles excused

²⁸ Sabrina Nelson absent

^{13A} Greg Yates absent

^{28A} Kristyn Criss

⁵ Michael Sexton excused

WEST OLYMPIC PENINSULA

¹⁰ Louise Smith, *At Large* absent

¹⁵ Timothy Wade

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

⁶⁵ Sky Sexton absent

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

⁶⁰ Jay Shields absent

CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE

⁷⁰ Terry Anderson absent

STATE EMS ADMINISTRATOR

Hailey Green -

Mary Whittington

JEFFERSON

³ Brad Martin, *Chair*

⁴ Tim Manly

²⁷ Sarah Schadler excused

⁸⁶ Karl Hatton absent

¹² Tracy Underdahl absent

KITSAP

⁷ Kim Droppert, *At Large*

⁸ Matt Million

²⁹ Mary Flick

^{29A} Kim Petersen

MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

⁴⁷ Dr. Sandra Smith-Poling

⁴⁸ Dr. Joe Hoffman

⁴⁹ Dr. Steve Churchly absent

NAVY REGION NW

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

COAST GUARD

PUBLIC HEALTH/PREPAREDNESS

Elya Baltazar

NWREMS STAFF

René Ralston

Lori Coleman, minute taker

VISITORS

Jacob Dalstra, Life Flight

Mikaela Hagberg, ALNW

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Chair Brad Martin called the Northwest Regional EMS Council meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. at The Lodge at Sherwood Village, Sequim, WA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Droppert moved and Joey Rodrigues seconded to approve the March 14, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes with amendments. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chair Report – Chair, Brad Martin reported that as many of the members would remember, in May the NWREMS Council had to recess with an unbalanced budget. Chair Martin has been working with the DOH to figure out a resolution that would work but has no luck coming to a consensus. René has requested copies of all of the other regions budgets to see if there were any ideas that could be of help, René will present her findings at the next executive board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – René Ralston reported on: Profit and Loss Statements for May and June 2019, FY 19 YTD and July and August 2019, FY 20 YTD; Bank Balance as of 8/31/2019 was \$23,260.90, an audit will occur post meeting today by Kim Droppert and Keith Bogues. Tim McKern moved and Tim Manley seconded to approve the Profit and Loss statement as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MPD Report – Dr. Hoffman reported that the MPD meeting was held in June. His work on the protocols is complete. He reminded members to look at upcoming legislative updates. Keith Bogues reported that Dr. Churchley, Clallam's MPD, is resigning. They have recruited an interested doctor, Dr. Whitley, who has been approved by the DOH and officially appointed with an effective start date of 1/1/2020. It is unclear at this time whether or not she will cover West Olympic when Sandra Smith-Poling retires; she seems willing to consider it.

DOH Report – Hailey Green distributed her written report with the agenda packet to everyone. Reporting that:

Rulemaking

- The DOH is conducting stakeholder meetings to update and develop proposed language for sections of WAC 246-976. The next meeting is September 19th from 9:30-11:30AM (*246-976-171 recertification*)

Education Update

- The DOH is in its 2nd round of the Initial NREMT pilot program. For this round, we received 45 EMT initial testing NREMT vouchers to assist rural departments with the cost of training their volunteers. Application and program FAQ is found on our DOH website.

DOH Projects

- **Washington State POLST Curriculum UPDATED** – The DOH collaborated with the Washington State Medical Association, medical program directors, and EMS instructors to update the POLST curriculum. This curriculum is available on our website.

- **Washington State Skills and Procedures List UPDATED (April)** - The Department of Health has updated the Washington State EMS Skills and Procedures List based on recent revisions to the national EMS scope of practice model.
- **Washington State Stroke Triage Tool UPDATED (March)** – The Washington State Emergency Cardiac and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee is comprised of healthcare partners within the emergency care system with subject matter expertise related to emergency cardiac and stroke care. The State of Washington Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure (stroke triage tool) is a body of work produced by the ECS TAC and is reviewed and revised when evidence is made available to substantiate changes. In consultation with our state advisory groups, the department has made a minor revision to the stroke triage tool to increase the treatment window to 24 hours for endovascular care of ischemic stroke with large vessel occlusion. The new tool is posted on the department’s website.

Due to these updates EMS policies and procedures may need to be reviewed and updated. These might include MPD protocols, county operating procedures, and patient care procedures. Changes should be adopted and reflected in protocols and other applicable documents by **January 1, 2021**.

Airlift Medical – Airlift Northwest reported that: they will be hosting a Trauma Conference in collaboration with Harborview on September 22nd and 23rd, 2019. On November 7th from 1-5pm they will host a meet and greet; more information will be forthcoming. **Life Flight** reported that: they have a new base in Coupeville.

Region 2 PHEPR Update/Northwest Healthcare Response Network – Elya Baltazar reported that: they are updating their MCI and Mass fatality plan. Their fiscal year is July to July and they are in the process of working on a Strategic Plan. They will host their first annual meeting next year, she handed out a flyer with details; more information will be forthcoming. The next meeting will be October 16th at Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, contact Elya for more information. They have hired a training and education staff member; updated training and education information is on their website.

Naval Region Northwest – No report. A group discussion was held as to whether or not the agenda place holder should stay or be removed. One big questions that needs to be answered is: are they tied to a state certification? Hailey Green from the DOH will look into this. ACTION: The group decided for the time being to remove this item from the agenda as a place holder and follow up with getting questions answered and may need to readdress in the NWREMS Council By-Laws.

Olympic National Park – No Report. Same discussion as Navy; do they want to be a part of this group? Consensus was to leave them on agenda for the time being.

Law Enforcement – No Report.

Correspondence –

- a. **DOH** - René provided a copy of the Council roster for review.

Unfinished Business –

- A. **Protocol Updates** – Dr. Hoffman sent final corrections to René to incorporate. Once René makes the revisions, they will be forwarded to the DOH; Dr. Hoffman is hopeful to publish by fall of 2019. Dr. Whitely had been shown the original document so she is familiar with it as she will have to sign off on the revised copy.
- B. **Kitsap Min/Max**– René presented the final draft and will present at the steering committee’s next meeting.
- c. **Budget – This was addressed previously in the meeting.** René will send out the “Needs Assessment”; this date is not required, but is very useful.

New Business –

- A. **Nominations** – René reported that the nomination sheet was attached to the packet. Nominations start now and voting will occur at the November meeting for appointment in January of 2020. The terms are for 2 years each. The NWREMS Council By-Laws require that the board consist of one member from each local council; they must attend 50% of annual meetings. René opened the floor for nominations; nominees are as follows:
 - Chair** – Tim McKern, Keith Bogues
 - Past Chair** – Brad Martin
 - Vice-Chair** – Kim Droppert
 - Secretary/Treasurer** – Keith Bogues, Tim McKern
 - At Large** – Joey Rodrigues
 - At Large** – Tim Wade

*Any other additional nominations can be emailed to Rene’ prior to the November meeting
- B. **Focus Group for Rural EMS** – René received an e-mail requesting participants; one member had stepped up, Tim Manley. Tim reported that he did not get chosen for this group.

Strategic Plan –

- A. **QI Programs** - René presented; a list of all entities that have QI programs will be compiled. René will get bench marks from the DOH and distribute to group.
- B. **Budget** – In Progress.
- c. **Training and Education Requests** – Hope to finalize by November.

Committee Reports –

- A. **Executive Funding** – canceled today due to illness of attendee,
- B. **QI Committee** – Mary Flick reported that: the QI conference was well attended and successful. Presentation at today’s meeting was on Cardiac; it was identified that Washington State, compared to the nation as a whole, is doing very well in this area. They also worked on QI agenda for the year.
- C. **IPPE Committee** – No Report.
- D. **Protocol Committee** – See MPD report.
- E. **TED Committee** – No Report. **Will meet in November**
- F. **Nomination Committee** –Nominations were held during today’s meeting; nominations after today will be accepted by e-mail to René.
- G. **State TAC/Steering Committee** – Keith Bogues reported that: he, Captain Sharp and Joey Rodrigues attended a Pre-Hospital TAC meeting last month it was a good meeting. During the meeting they went over the CARES report for the community Para-Medicine program. Discussed Part-Time verification; will discuss further at RAC-TAC. Rural provider feedback

was presented. Discussed about a paramedic pilot program that Central Washington University is doing off-site in Edmonds and Spokane. Kim Petersen from Harrison attended a Cardiac and Stroke Meeting. He also attended a Rule Making meeting and recommends others attend as their schedules allow; recertification has been the hot topic of the past few meetings.

H. **Local Council Reports/System Planning and Development Issues EMS & Hospital –**

- a. **Clallam** – Hospital -Trish Duerr was promoted as the new ED Director; they continue work on Stop-The-Bleed with kits being installed in clinics and hospitals. Local Council – Clallam Fire 2 is now certified as “non-medical” for transport drivers. MCI Active Shooter drill is being prepared for September 28th. Clallam County EMS Council is working on a QI standardization. Fall prevention program continues with QI program follow up. Formalizing a county EMS Instructor cadre to eliminate outsourcing for instructors and help with cost savings to districts. MPD transition; Dr. Churchley is retiring and Dr. Whitley will be taking over. Olympic Ambulance in Clallam County is now officially providing the Olympic Peninsula Certified Ground Critical Care Teams 24/7 stationed out of the Port Angeles area. Expanded services include Toco/Fetal monitoring, ICU level advanced airway management, expanded medication formulary, and more.
- b. **Jefferson** – Will host an EMT Class in January. They are working on their training programs to be more engaging with physical instructors. ACLA and PALS classes being held. Fall program has concerns about being HIPAA compliant they are working through their issues; other entities offered to help them with this today. Hospital – is hiring their own providers now instead of receiving help from a third party vendor.
- c. **Kitsap** – Hospital – Harrison Medical’s COO gave a short presentation talking about the construction that is underway to update their facilities in Silverdale and in Bremerton. He handed out a flyer that had information about when the facilities will open, how many beds they will have, how many employees they will have and a partial list of their specialties. They are prepping their workforce for the change and will work with EMS and local agencies with the transfer of facilities when ready. Highway 3 will have direct access to the ED at the new Silverdale building, this will mean no lights and traffic to compete with. They do not anticipate upgrading their trauma designation as that would require them to have 24/7 neurology care and they do not. Local Council – Continue to work on their fall prevention program and their ESO issue resolutions. They have an EMT class going on. They are working on their criteria bases dispatch system. Policy updates are occurring. They are working to get county wide supraglottic endorsements completed. There is a new app that can be used to show opioid overdoses, fatal vs. non-fatal; they were made aware of this by their local coroner’s office and suggest other counties look into it as it has proved to be useful in telling when “bad” batches are out there and about where they are located for overdose predictions. Other areas using this map have been able to identify decreases in response from data collected in real time.
- d. **Mason** – Hospital – Great shake and multi-co Drill is coming up. Hospital collaboration and coordination is underway. Local Council - EMS Evaluator course coming up, deadline is 9/28/19, this is for initial and refresher. EMT’s will be receiving Narcan training and will start tracking. All EMT’s will do a bronchodilator class. EMT class has 19 students. E-board members have changed. Stop-The-Bleed has been delivered to all schools. CPR classes are being offered to all students.

- e. **West Olympic** – Finished and EMT Class. They are working with the ER and operating room to get skills checked off. Tim Wade will take an SCI class. Wants to work with Mason County to use their BLS OTEP program. All EMS members will now be employed by the hospital and will be paid employees.
- f. **Communications** – No Report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- René was married this past weekend, her new last name is Ralston.
- Chair Martin presented Sandra Smith-Poling with a card of condolence for the recent passing of her husband.
- Next meeting is November 14th, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. by general consensus.