

Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

February 15, 2023, 9am-10am

EMS Richenson Room w/ GoToMeeting

<p><u>Present:</u> Amie Tidrington – Skagit County Public Health Lisa Edwards – Island Hospital RN Josh Pelonio – EMS Director Wood Weiss – District 13 Chief Jared Couch – Upper Skagit Sergeant Dan Laine – Burlington EMS Division Chief Sandra Jensen – County Meadow Village Dir. Bryan Brice – Mount Vernon Chief</p> <p><u>Ex Officio Absent:</u> Lisa Janicki – Chair Skagit 911 Board</p> <p><u>Non-Voting:</u> Jill Hoogerhyde – Skagit EMS Training Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coordinator</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir. Eddie Hills – Town of Lyman Mayor Steve Sexton – Burlington Mayor Peter Browning - Skagit County Commissioner</p> <p><u>Observer:</u> Paul Wagner – District 6 Chief Frank Wagner – Sedro Woolley Chief Jon Hager – Skagit Speedway Eric Finzimer – Skagit Speedway Nadja Baker – North Region Executive Director Paul Ross – Skagit Regional</p>
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Opens at 9am.

Welcome: A. Tidrington

- A. Tidrington calls meeting to order.
- 08-17-2022 Meeting Minutes
 - **D. Laine Moves to approve the 05-18-2022 meeting Minutes – W. Weiss**
Seconds, Opposed: None

EMS Department Updates

EMS System Updates: J. Pelonio

- **Computerized Dispatch Center**
 - Demo
 - There's been questions about the functionality of our CAD system
 - Take away is that it can do most of the things we want as long as it's set up to do so
 - At some point it may be worthwhile for this group to have a conversation and make a formal recommendation to the 911 Board
- **Out on leave**
 - Jill will be filling in some of his duties with Wayne and Freya filling in from there.
 - If you have questions and are not sure who you need to talk to, use the EmedServices@co.skagit.wa.us email. It will go to everyone in the office.
 - Dr. Russell will be primary contact for clinical issues.

- **Pulsepoint**

- Please continue to have people enter devices into the system
 - Link on our website
- As we move to the next step we want to make sure we have a good amount in the system
- Working with 911 and IS regarding the technical
 - Likely it'll end up with 911 purchase, EMS reimburse and purchasing agreement
 - Waiting on final costs
 - Hopefully coming later this year.

Education/Training Updates: J. Hoogerhyde

- ALS Skills
 - Different vendor – from feedback it's gone very well
- ACLS and PALS classes coming up
- Working on next quarter on MCI training for next quarter.

North Region EMS & Trauma Care Council Updates: N. Baker

- Finalizing strategic plan
 - Draft due in a two weeks
 - DOH is requesting a specific format.
 - Needs to be verified on GIS map
- Grants
 - Injury Prevention (IP) mini grants
 - Budget was approved, but we're having an executive meeting to cover IP grants
- Suicide prevention symposium
 - Flyer (attached to the packet handouts online)
 - Scheduled in Anacortes
 - May 11th
 - In person
 - NorthWest ESE
 - 830-4p
 - Looking for speakers for CME
 - Pre-pandemic survey found 37% suicidal (2015)
- WATrac [WATrac Tracking and Alert System | Washington State Department of Health](#)
 - Added as contact
 - Working on training
 - Invited to join WATrac Advisory Committee

- Goal is to have a statewide standard of usage or at a minimum, a better understanding of the use in the different regions and have more streamline language
- DOH opened emergency cardiac stroke facility recategorization – J. Pelonio
 - Documentation includes EMS involvement
 - Training
 - Quality Assurance
 - Protocols, etc
 - State sent out survey
 - Looking for feedback on gaps and challenges

B. Brice – Looking to make WATrac more standard with its use?

N. Baker – Seeking more standardization by all users across the board. Going forward North West Health Care response network is seeking to utilize it better.

J. Pelonio – Tools being used. Ambulance offload delays. Good tools, but they’re not being used the same across counties.

New Business:

- **Agency Applications for Review and Recommendation**
 - **Skagit Speedway (ESSO) - BLS**
 - Jon & Eric from Skagit Speedway
 - Doesn’t currently hold a license, looking to obtain one
 - Looking to lessen the burden on the EMS system and be able to have a much quicker response time
 - Will not count toward the MinMax
 - Intent is to provide an opportunity to employ EMS personal to respond directly to their facility.
 - Currently ESSOs are not required to use ESO.
 - Group discusses how the Skagit Speedway is currently contracted with District 6 to provide EMT’s

B. Brice moves, D. Laine seconds all approved, none opposed.

- **Skagit County Fire District 6 (BLS Ambulance)**
 - Currently licensed at AID level.
 - Wishing to upgrade to an Ambulance license
 - Were intending to stand up an ambulance with a staff from District 6 & District 14. May not be a 24 hour rig straight away. Working with BFD. Intention to use BFD training program and continue to work closely with BFD.

B. Brice – Wonders how it will work within the county system and within 911.

P. Wagner – In preliminary discussion. We're looking at beginning to respond within District 6 & 14, with the intention that once they're able to do so, respond county wide.

J. Pelonio – Future BLS transports would be structured like the Current District 13 BLS contract. Have had discussions and intend to have further discussions.

B. Brice – Supports, but wonders if it's being done because is a need or because there's funding? Believe that our county should have more BLS transports.

P. Wagner – Because it's need.

B. Brice moves, W. Weiss seconds, all approved, None opposed.

N. Baker – For information purposes the next North Region meeting 03-02-2023 12-1p

- **EMS Advisory Board Membership Positions**

- BLS Transport Provider Representative (W. Weiss term ending) 3 Year Term
 - **B. Brice moves to reappoint Wood Weiss to the BLS Transport Provider Representative, D. Laine Seconds. Opposed: None**
- Hospital Representative for Remaining Term (K. Devenere resignation) ending Feb 2024
 - **J. Pelonio moves to appoint Paul Ross as Hospital Representative for the remainder of K. Devenere's term, D. Laine seconds, all opposed, none opposed**
- Consumer Representative (S. Jensen term ending) 3 year term
 - Discusses getting the opening out to all the boards. And having a special meeting to vote.
 - **A. Tidrington motion to set a date to get information out regarding the position and election date set, B. Brice seconds. Opposed, None**
- Elected Official – City Population >7500 (Mayor Sexton term ending) 3 year term
 - **A. Tidrington motion to set a date to get information out regarding the position and election date set, B. Brice seconds. Opposed, None**

B. Brice moves to review and revise bylaw further define terms during the August meeting. A. Tidrington seconds, all for, non opposed.

- Law Enforcement Representative (J. Couch term ending)
 - Group Discusses
 - **J. Pelonio motions to direct Jared Couch reach out to LawOps to request someone they'd like to nominate, B. Brice seconds. All for, none opposed.**

- J. Couch – Should have an email sent out with a name no later than the afternoon of February 28th

J. Pelonio - chair and vice chair should be discussed in the May meeting

Discussion & agreement

Votes:

- 08-17-2022 Meeting Minutes: **D. Laine Moves to approve the 05-18-2022 meeting Minutes – W. Weiss Seconds, Opposed: None**
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Chair: To be discussed during the May 17, 2023 meeting

Vice Chair: To be discussed during the May 17, 2023 meeting

Adjourned: 1000

Next Meeting: 9a-10a May 17, 2023, Location: Richenson Training Room – 2911 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA w/ Zoom Teleconference Option