

Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

February 17, 2021, 9am-10am

Teleconference

<p><u>Present:</u> Bryan Brice – Mount Vernon Chief Tyler Dalton – Skagit Regional Health RN Lisa Edwards – Island Hospital RN Sandra Jensen – County Meadow Village Dir. Jared Couch – Upper Skagit Sergeant Chet Griffith – Fire District 8 Commissioner Josh Pelonio – EMS Director Nick Walsh – Anacortes Assistant Chief Wood Weiss – District 13 Chief</p> <p><u>Ex Officio:</u> Lisa Janicki – Skagit County Commissioner Julia Johnson – Sedro Woolley Mayor</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Amie Tidrington – Skagit County Public Health Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir. Steve Sexton – Burlington Mayor</p> <p><u>Non-Voting:</u> Mike Kirkman – Skagit EMS Training & QA Specialist Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coordinator</p> <p><u>Observer:</u> Frank Wagner – Sedro-Woolley Assistant Fire Chief Michael Thuline – NW Ambulance Kandi DeVenere – Skagit Valley Hospital Andrew Stewert – NW Ambulance Martina Nicholas – NW Region</p>
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Opens at 9am.

Welcome: N. Walsh

- Walsh calls meeting to order.
- Group introduces themselves.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Questions or Concern: None
 - **J. Couch Moves – T. Dalton 2nds Opposed: None**

EMS Department Updates

COVID-19 Response: J Pelonio

- Continuing to work with Skagit County Public Health and partners with notifying EMS personnel that may have possibly been exposed
- Development of training material and protocol for EMS personnel, EMTs & Paramedics for assisting in administering vaccine
 - Training & protocol has been put together
 - Close to having training distributed
 - Includes an online training module with exam and practical
 - Brief orientation with public health on site operation & logistics
 - Paperwork for Temporary Emergency worker with Public Health

ProQA Implementation: J Pelonio

- Dec 8th went live. Have had bumps in the road and have worked through a lot of the issues. Made adjustment to call natures and response plans. Things going well. Good feedback. 911 has had success stories with using ProQA. Delivering baby and CPR calls.
- Will continue to work on that system. There's a form for field responders to be able to submit
- Going well

Education/Training Updates: M. Kirkman

- Had a successful EMT Course graduate the college in December. Began with 20 ended with 19. No COVID related incidents.
- April will be our next course
- No timeframe for training providers. DR. Russell wants more
- Provider vaccination tracking. Approximately 40 providers taking advantage. In quarter 2 it will become an assignment.
- ACLS & PALS at MV will be provided with NW Medical Training
 - Online course work complete through their American Heart Account
 - Virtual evaluation using onsite proctor with evaluator observing by webcam
- Held 3 demonstrations of new video intubation equipment in effort to replace antiquated equipment. Trying to find suitable replacement with provider feedback. 1 more demonstration upcoming. Idea is to allow for hands on use and then we will use feedback to make a decision. Then Protocols and training will be rolled out.

North Region Updates: M. Nicholas

- Just had regional council meeting late January
- Will continue to work on data exchange workgroup. Will send more information out later this month. Surrounding information sharing Hospital & Prehospital and how to make that connection more successful.
- May 6th Prevention training. Focusing on fall and suicide prevention . ½ day, online. Will send registration information once it's set up. Probably accepting 50-65 individuals.
- Skagit Valley Tulip Pedal. New steps due to COVID. Will work with public health to see about meeting qualification. It fully supports programs
- Next Regional Council Meeting is April 1st. QI meeting will be Trauma focused.
- Reviewing strategic plan. Presented to Trauma Steering Committee in May. Includes Min/Max review.

Ongoing/Old Business: N. Walsh

- None at this time

New Business

Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair: N. Walsh

- Looking for nominations.
 - Walsh nominates Lisa Edwards for Chair
 - Edwards nominates Amy Tidrington for Vice Chair
 - Pelonio 2nds nomination for Lisa Edwards for Chair
 - Brice 2nds nomination for Amy Tidrington for Vice Chair
 - Discussion
 - L. Edwards: Should there be EMS person in positions, since it's an EMS Commission?
 - Group Discusses.
 - N. Walsh: Not addressed directly.
 - L. Edwards: Would it be better if we continue on with 2 year blocks over a single year?
 - T. Dalton: Agrees with a 2 year block. In step with states steering committee.
 - N. Walsh: Do we want to do the chair and vice today and put on the agenda to discuss the change to the bylaws?
 - B. Brice: Agrees. Worthy of a discussion, but because it's not on the agenda it should be moved.
 - N. Walsh: Opposition to going ahead with the vote or any other discussion?

All for, none opposed.

Min/Max Review for North Region: M. Nicolas

- Goes over councils responsibilities
- Updating in the Spring
- Goes over the regional plan
- Skaigt county's numbers
 - BLS Aid Min 13 Max 27 Current 17
 - BLS Ambulance Min 13 Max 27 Current 2
 - ALS ambulances Min 7 Max 8 currently 5
- It's up to the Council to set these numbers
- Your council will let us know what we'll put in our regional plan
 - J. Pelonio: Goes over why this group was formed. Want to make sure that there is capacity, in the event that we needed to bring in additional recourses. Comfortable with where our numbers are at now. Wanted to have this conversation because there's an application that was submitted. When applications come in, licenses need to be available and the capacity needs to be evaluated based on system needs.

- B. Brice: Help him to understand the Minimum number. We say we're supposed to have a min of 13 and we only have 2, that appears disproportionate. Is that something we should look at and discuss?
- M. Nicolas: In the past some of the counties had set their min higher because their goal was to have more at some point. It could be that some of your Aid could be transiting to Ambulance.
- J. Pelonio: I don't know that we have the infrastructure to support 13 BLS Ambulances. Part of this is aligning our goals with our min/max. Not sure how long the numbers have been what they are. For right now we're stuck whatever was done in the past.
- B. Brice: Are we looking at taking any action? It's a good topic to discuss. Doesn't believe we should set our minimum as what our goal is. Doesn't believe that we've done the evaluation to state that 13 should be the min.
- N. Walsh: BLS Aid and Ambulance are the same. Believes the numbers are realistic for the Aid, but not for the Ambulances.
- M. Nicolas: This is for an update. Because they're updating their regional plan, they've opened it up to the councils to change their min/max number. Recommends they do a County assessment but doesn't believe that there's time to do much review at this point.
- N. Walsh: Believes it's a good idea to review but proposes that we leave it is as now.
- J. Pelonio: Suggests that we make a formal recommendation that we don't' make changes as this time and the work toward what our evaluation criteria is and what changes we should make in the future if necessary.

B. Brice: Motion to adopt current min/max and formally do a needs assessment to establish for next year what min max need to be. N. Walsh Seconds 2 part motion. None opposed.

- W. Weiss: The two that we have BLS, who are those?
- J. Pelonio: District 13 & District 14.
- M. Nicolas: Transwest ambulance service listed in Arlington?
- J. Pelonio: Non trauma verified base of operations in Arlington but operate in Skagit.
 - We have Trauma Verified BLS application from NW Ambulance. Typically, applications are:
 - Submitted through DOH
 - Local Council and comment to North Region
 - North Region Reviews and makes comment to the State

Ambulance Service License Application – Northwest Ambulance: Andrew & Michael

- Interfacility transports, until there's an MCI. Noticed an increased request. Wanted to get license up and operate in Skagit County.
 - Walsh: Looking to continuing service but looking to be trauma verified?
 - A. Stewart: Correct
- Walsh: Questions or concerns?
 - J. Pelonio: Number in application accurate to what's in the County now?
 - A. Stewart: It is the same. 4 units, 2 BLS & 2 CCE Units. No additions, no subtractions.

Motions to approve Recommending License to North Region: Dalton motions, Pelonio 2nd

Opposition: None

Advisory Board Member Changes: N. Walsh

- Tyler Dalton is retiring.
 - T. Dalton: Kandi DeVenere will be taking his position. Will be overseeing both Cascade and Skagit's Trauma program. Husband is EMS Fire Fighter for Ferndale. Believes that she'll be a great addition to the board.
 - K. DeVenere: Congrats Tyler for his years of service.

**Motion to replace EMS Advisory board and Region Representative. Lisa Edwards, Brice
Seconds, Opposition: None**

- L. Janicki: Excited for Tyler. Appreciates all he's done. Is grateful and thankful for him.
- Commissioner Janicki
 - Now 911 Board Chair. Would like Commissioner Browning to take her position

Couch motions, Pelonio 2nds. Opposition: none.

- Town of population of less than 7500. Was Joan Cromley
 - J. Pelonio: Need to make a motion to replace the previous mayor with the current mayor or nominate another individual to that position.
 - J. Couch: Would like to reach out to Eddie Hills, May of the Town of Lyman regarding the position.
 - L. Janicki: Would like to see about who else we should reach out to in case Hills is not available.

Motion to contact Eddie Hills to see if he's interested in filling board position, if he's unavailable check with other Mayors who meet the qualification to see if they're interested/available, Dalton 2nd. Opposition: none.

New Initiative Funding Process 2021: N. Walsh

- Looking to open the process on the website this week.
- Pelonio would send out notification
 - J. Pelonio: Last year we funded placing a few public access defibs. Grant application hasn't changed. This group should look at the timeline.

Opposition to timeline? None

Votes:

- 2-17-2021 Meeting Minutes. **Opposed: None**
- Lisa Edwards for Chair. **All for, none opposed.**
- Amy Tidrington for Vice Chair. **All for, none opposed.**
- Adopt Current Min/Max and Formally complete a Needs Assessment for next year's Min/Max. **Opposed: None**
- Recommending NorthWest Ambulance License to North Region. **Opposed: None**
- Replacement Commissioner Janicki with Commissioner Browning on EMS Advisory Board. **Opposed: None**
- Replacing Tyler Dalton with Kandi DeVenere on EMS Advisory Board as well as Region Representative. **Opposed: None**
- Contact Eddie Hills, Mayor of the Town of Lyman regarding EMS Advisory position and if unavailable contacting other Mayors who meet position qualification to check interest/availability. **Opposition: none.**

Adjourned 1007

Next Meeting: 9a-10a May 19, 2021, Location: Teleconference