

# Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

May 15, 2024, 9am-10am

EMS Conference Room w/ GoToMeeting

<p><u>Present:</u> Wood Weiss – District 13 Chief Paul Ross – Skagit Valley Hospital Glen Gardner – Sedro Woolley Chief Dwight Worden– Cascade Ambulance Josh Pelonio – EMS Director</p> <p><u>Non-Voting:</u> Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coordinator</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir. Eddie Hills – Town of Lyman Mayor Peter Browning - Skagit County Commissioner Lance Ford – Fire District 8 Commissioner Velma Lockrem – Swinomish PD Dan Laine – Burlington EMS Division Chief Margie Campbell – Anacortes Hospital</p> <p><u>Observer:</u> Nadja Baker – North Region Executive Director Lora York – Life Flight Jennifer Sass-Walton – Skagit County Public Health</p>
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Opens at 9am

**Welcome:** P. Ross

- P. Ross calls meeting to order.
- Quorum not met

## EMS Department Updates

**EMS System Updates:** J. Pelonio

- **EMS Service Week:** J. Pelonio
  - National EMS Week May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Proclamation will be in front of the Skagit County Commissioners on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm in the Commissioners Hearing Room
  - Please feel free to attend
- **EMS Levy Renewal:** J. Pelonio
  - EMS Levy Renewal past in April special election.
  - Currently levy ends end of 2024 as well as our transport, training and bls ends at the same time.
    - Final process of finalizing draft budget.
    - Renewing Contracts
      - ALS Transport Contract Transport 90% done.
      - Once Completed will move on to the BLS Fire District Contracts.
- **PulsePoint :** J. Pelonio
  - Currently being used in Whatcom, Snohomish and King.
  - Scheduled to be released first week of June. (National CPR/AED awareness week)

- It's a non-profit that alert citizen and off public safety professionals of the need for CPR in the field.
    - Notify trained in CPR that skills are needed and allow dispatch and responders know AED locations.
  - Concept Overview
    - 911 called for medical emergency
    - if CPR is needed/suspected an alert will go out to PulsePoint.
    - Only sent out to call where is would be safe for a citizen to respond.
      - Examples where alerts wouldn't be sent out:
        - Weapons involved
        - Mental Health situation
    - Notification is pushed out and allows for citizen response
    - Will override silenced cellphone
    - Only Alert for CPR events in public places
    - No dispatch audio (no radio option)
    - Can also provide a metronome.
  - Two Applications
    - PulsePoint Respond
    - PulsePoint AED
      - Use to register AEDs into the registry.
      - Has already been launched and database is being built up
      - Currently 148 devices in the system
      - Anyone can download the app and upload an AED w/ photo
        - Geofenced
        - Entries are approved by the EMS Office
      - AED Needed Alerts are also sent out
    - Both are smartwatch compatible
    - 2023 Bystander Intervention in Skagit County
      - CPR: 46.3%
      - Public AED Use: 0%
      - Cares indicated that there were 30 incidents where an AED could have been accessed, but it wasn't. Hoping that keeping the registry up to date and adding devices would help with those numbers.
  - Goal is to due soft launch of PulsePoint Respond in May and public launch first week in June.
  - Because Whatcom and Snohomish County are already using this, there's a likelihood that there are individuals who pass through Skagit County that are already using the apps. It'll then just be a matter of them following Skagit as well.
  - New AED can also be added at aed.new without needing the app.
- **EMS Rule Changes: J. Pelonio**
  - EMS Rule Making DOH had opened 33 in the EMS & Trauma Care Section
  - Released CR 102 for public comment and public meeting was held in March.
  - EMS met separately with DOH shortly after rule making session
    - Came to a compromise on the language

- Will be a requirement for driver training
    - If already offering it through other means you'll have to provide documentation of the training with recertification.
  - Agencies should be aware that:
    - Supplies and equipment list for Ambulance and Aid Vehicles has been revised.
    - We're working on Skagit county document to list State & MPD required lists.
  - Looking to release the rules in June or July – 60 day window before they go into effect.
  - Agencies are now responsible for
    - Conducting audit of personal certifications
    - Recommends Agencies take a look at the new rules
- **Bylaws:** J. Pelonio
  - May have to revise bylaws
  - Implement and maintain County Operating Procedures related to the EMS System
    - Anything that's not covered under MPD policy or protocol
    - How we process new application and recertifications
    - Will need to be put in the Bylaws and this group will have to approve.
- **North Region EMS & Trauma Care Council Updates:** N. Baker
  - Reimbursements receipts are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - DOH working on trauma service assessment – met one on one with regional council directors
    - Next will be reaching out to the QI chairs
  - Working on in person location North Region June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - Approval to use remainder of conference funding
    - Hooves for Hero
      - Working out details
  - Sept meeting will be at Skagit 911 in person
    - Mr. Davis is potential guest speaker (attorney)
  - Exit interview with State auditor – finding will be uploaded tomorrow
  - DOH asked council regional directions for distribution for proviso funding
    - as passthrough agency
    - Involve finding 1-2 agencies to work with distributing
    - Potential for additional funding for opioid epidemic
  - Also, if you would like help with volunteering that doesn't require certification she's willing to help
- **Open discussion**
  - F. Peebles: Jennifer expressed she's be willing to take over Amies position
  - Jennifer Sass-Walton expresses willingness to serve in the Prevention Specialist Position

**Adjourned: 0932**

**Next Meeting:** 9a-10a August 21, 2024, Location: Richenson Training Room – 2911 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA w/ Zoom Teleconference Option

Email Vote for the appointment of Jennifer Sass-Walton to the Prevention Specialist.

7 email votes received:

Yes:	No:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul Ross – 05-29-2024</li><li>• Josh Pelonio – 05-29-2024</li><li>• Glen Gardner – 05-29-2024</li><li>• Wood Weiss – 05-29-2024</li><li>• Dwight Worden – 05-29-2024</li><li>• Dan Laine – 05-30-2024</li><li>• Margie Campbell – 05-30-2024</li></ul>	