

Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

May 19, 2021, 9am-10am

Teleconference

<p><u>Present:</u> Bryan Brice – Mount Vernon Chief Kandi DeVenere – Skagit Regional Health RN Lisa Edwards – Island Hospital RN Jared Couch – Upper Skagit Sergeant Chet Griffith – Fire District 8 Commissioner Sandra Jensen – County Meadow Village Dir. Amie Tidrington – Skagit County Public Health Wood Weiss – District 13 Chief</p> <p><u>Ex Officio:</u> Lisa Janicki – Chair Skagit 911 Board</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Peter Browning - Skagit County Commissioner Josh Pelonio – EMS Director Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir. Steve Sexton – Burlington Mayor Nick Walsh – Anacortes Assistant Chief</p> <p><u>Non-Voting:</u> Mike Kirkman – Skagit EMS Training & QA Specialist Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coordinator</p> <p><u>Observer:</u> Margie Campbell – Island Hospital Dir. Of Emrg Srvcs Morgan Hendricks – MVFD Nurse Educator Carol Northup – Island County CNO John Simbeck – CEO NW Ambulance Martina Nicholas – NW Region Council Exc. Dir.</p>
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Opens at 9am.

Welcome: L. Edwards

- L. Edwards calls meeting to order.
- Group introduces themselves.
- 02-17-2021 Meeting Minutes
 - **J. Couch Moves – B. Brice Seconds, Opposed: None**

EMS Department Updates

Recognition of National EMS Week: M. Kirkman

- 05-18-2021 Skagit County Commissioners recognized and declared this week as EMS Week
- Appreciated the time taken to recognize the EMS personnel in the County

EMS Naloxone Leave Behind Program: M. Kirkman

- Approved by DOH for Skagit County
 - Provider able to leave Narcan kits with information on how to reach out for help through Skagit County Crisis line
 - Kits will be available soon

Education/Training Updates: M. Kirkman

- Several training opportunities and demonstrations
 - ALS Sim Man Training in April
 - 8 individuals attended
 - Included training on
 - Equipment Operation
 - Equipment Maintenance
 - How to conduct realistic scenarios
 - Presentation from Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI)
 - Partnership Laerdal and American Heart Association (AHA)
 - ACLS, PALS and BLS available online
 - Allows for skills to be maintained on high risk, low occurrence situations a quarterly basis
 - Timely protocol updates from AHA
 - Reviewing pricing and looking into rolling out on County Basis or to a specific group
 - More information to come
 - 20 providers completed training to help Public Health administer vaccinations to the public
 - L. Edwards - Will vaccines be given while out on calls? Or just on site?
 - M. Kirkman - As of right now it's working with Public Health, under their supervision. Believes Mount Vernon has been conducting skill nursing facility visits
 - M. Hendrick – Correct. Elaborated; home visits, wheel chair bound individuals, plan to be doing pop up vaccine and also assisting minimally at the Skagit County Fairgrounds
 - B. Brice – Through the direction of Public Health acting as additional resources. Believes Burlington Fire Department is helping as well
 - M. Kirkman - Public Health has been grateful appreciates those who are helping
 - Conducting demonstrations on Video Laryngoscopes
 - B. Brice – is EMS looking to set the standard for equipment to be used? Is there going to be a dictation on it having to be a specific piece of equipment? Or will it allow departments to use what equipment they choose to use?
 - M. Kirkman – Working with Dr. Russell to find a suitable model, Initial Funding will be handled by EMS, After care will be up to departments.
 - B. Brice – Appreciates the initially funded equipment, but would advocate when there's an approval for a piece of equipment, what are the specs and specifics required and then allowing departments to choose equipment that meet specifications

- M. Kirkman – Dr. Russell sets the protocol and will provide a list of the equipment to be used in the field. Other models can be looked at on a case by case basis. Feedback regarding the equipment has been gathered from Fire Chiefs and providers within the County.
- B. Brice – Continues his explanation to include comparing two pieces of equipment that do the same thing, but the cost is different. Wants mindfulness regarding the dictation of the use of specific equipment vs a protocol that outlines equipment requirements. Maybe this group should be providing feedback on the recommendation of protocols regarding equipment
- M. Kirkman – Believe that consistency is everything and there are multiple providers that work for multiple agencies and to have them familiar with the equipment from one agency to another would be a good idea. Dr. Russell is ultimately responsible for protocols and equipment that's placed in the field.
- J. Couch – Agrees with Brice. Believes that the providers should have more say in the equipment that is approved. Needs to be more communication and discussion between Dr. Russell and the Chiefs regarding that
- M. Kirkman – Providers have given feedback. Equipment decided upon will be based heavily on the feedback, but decided on by Dr. Russell.
- L. Janicki – Believes that the departments want policy to be broad enough to allow for each department to do what is appropriate for their department within the policy. Since the equipment is expected to go on the Departments ER&R, she believes final say should rest on the department. Believes it would be appropriate for this board to request the kind of breadth that would allow for departments to work within a scope for a piece of equipment.
- B. Brice – Have to empower departments to be able to make those decisions based on a broad scoped policy
- A. Tidrington – Agrees with Brice and Janicki.
- M. Kirkman – Appreciates feedback. Would like to table this discussion for the next meeting for further discussion

North Region Updates: M. Nicholas

- Meeting Trauma Steering meeting
- Strategic plan in place 2021-2023 July 1st
- Begins new grant cycle
 - June 1 grant applications will be sent out

- Injury prevention grants
 - Going up on the website June 1
 - Helmets, car seats, stop the bleed, etc
 - \$1000 each.
 - Funded to community organization, fire departments
 - Contact her for question
- July 8 next Regional Council meeting
 - Discussion Cardiac
 - Presentations from EMS and Hospitals
- Working in filling vacancy's
 - Will be sending information to Josh to get Skagit County positions filled
- Executive board positions will be opening up next year

Ongoing/Old Business: L. Edwards

Update: Advisory Board Member Issues

- Town Population <7,500
 - Didn't hear back from Eddie
 - Reaching out to La Conner and Concrete
- J. Couch – Spoke with Eddie, states he was interested
- Proposal to amend bylaws (1.1) Chair and Vice Chair term
 - What will the Chair and Vice Chair term be?
 - If a Chair person is appointed, will the be an automatic extension of their term?
 - B. Brice – Should have a small group that can get together once or twice to carve through some of the items that have come up
 - Suggested Language
 - Timeframes
 - How to deal with someone who terms out
 - Volunteers for this group
 - B. Brice
 - L. Janicki
 - K. DeVenere

New Business

Trauma verification application for Trans-West Ambulance: L. Edwards

- **John Simbeck**
- Submitting Trauma Verification Application to better serve the County
 - B. Brice – Primary purpose is interfacility and officiate that you're associated with Skagit County?

- J. Simbeck – Correct. Will also allow us to do inter facility Trauma Transports
 - Critical Care Transports
 - BLS Transports
 - Station is in Arlington
 - Operating in Skagit & Snohomish County
 - Intend to put a station in Mount Vernon
 - Longest time is out to Sedro Woolley, 30-35 minutes depending on traffic
 - Island Hospital transport time is 35 minutes.

B. Brice Moves, J. Couch Seconds. Opposed, None. Verification has been approved.

New Initiative Funding Applications: L. Edwards

Skagit County Fire District #14

- AED's at Skagit Speedway
- B. Brice – Believes having AED's at a large community event aligns with intent – Supports

W. Weiss Moves, B. Brice Seconds, Opposed, None

Burlington Fire Department

- Stiker Load System
 - Retrofit includes 3 years maintenance
 - B. Brice – Doesn't believe it fits in line with new initiative funding and believe it will set a precedent
 - J. Couch agrees
 - W. Weiss agrees

No motion, not passed

Mount Vernon Fire Department

- Handled Devices CPR
 - M. Hendricks – Believes that it's the next in improving high quality CPR and that everyone should be using it
 - A. Tidrington – Is there a way to expand this funding request to include all Fire Departments?
 - B. Brice – Due to the time running out they focused on MVFD. Believes that it should be county wide. Doesn't believe it's to provide one piece of equipment to one agency, it should be county wide.
 - M. Hendricks – Handheld doppler. Makes pulse check is obvious and observable.
 - J. Couch – Would this be a device that goes on all ALS/BLS response units?
 - M. Hendricks – Made request for only MVFD, but believes that it should be county wide

- B. Brice – Believes it should be county wide, but this specific request does not contain that verbiage
- L. Edwards – Propose that we table this to see how this could look across the county. If that what is best practice.

C. Griffith – Makes motion to revisit on next meeting with information of bringing it back for the request to include all the departments, A. Tidrington seconds. - Opposed, None. Tabled.

Ongoing/Old Business: (Continued)

Update: Advisory Board Member Issues

- J. Couch – Was able to make contact with Mayor Hills and he would be more than happy to serve on the chair council.

J. Couch - Motions to appoint Eddie Hill from Town of Lyman to fill Town Population <7,500 vacancy, B. Brice seconds, All for, None Opposed.

Opposed, None.

- L. Janicki – As a matter course, requests that Josh gets it moved up to the board of commissioners for approval and updated on the website

Additional:

- W. Weiss – Helping with vaccinations on reservations as well as mobile clinics.

Votes:

- 2-17-2021 Meeting Minutes. **J. Couch Moves – B. Brice Seconds, Opposed: None**
- Trauma verification application for Trans-West Ambulance. **B. Brice Moves, J. Couch Seconds. Opposed, None.**
- New Initiative Funding Application Skagit County Fire District #14. **W. Weiss Moves, B. Brice Seconds, Opposed, None.**
- New Initiative Funding Application Burlington Fire Department. **No Motion.**
- Table New Initiative Funding Application Mount Vernon Fire Department to revisit next meeting with information to include all the departments. **C. Griffith Moves, A. Tidrington Seconds, Opposed, None.**
- Appoint Mayor Eddie Hills from Town of Lyman to fill Town Population <7,500 position. **J. Couch Moves, B. Brice Seconds, All for, None Opposed.**

Tabled:

- Future equipment protocol scope (I.e. Video Laryngoscopes)

Adjourned 1000

Next Meeting: 9a-10a August 18, 2021, Location: Teleconference