

# Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

August 17, 2022, 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.</p> <p><u>Ex Officio Absent:</u> Lisa Janicki – Chair Skagit 911 Board</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir. Peter Browning - Skagit County Commissioner Eddie Hills – Town of Lyman Mayor Bryan Brice – Mount Vernon Chief Steve Sexton – Burlington Mayor Kandi DeVenere – Skagit Regional Health RN</p> <p><u>Non-Voting:</u> Jill Hoogerhyde – Skagit EMS Training Wayne Scoles – Skagit EMS Data Specialist Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coordinator</p> <p><u>Observer:</u> Frank Wagner – Sedro Woolley Fire Chief Nadja Baker – North Region Executive Director</p>
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Opens at 9am.

**Welcome:** A. Tidrington

- A. Tidrington calls meeting to order. No Quorum at this moment. Will go through updates then swing back if a quorum is obtained.

## EMS Department Updates

**EMS System Updates:** J. Pelonio

- **Pulse Point**
  - Demo was conducted
  - Smart phone app linked to CAD
    - Puts out notifications to individuals to allow for bystander CPR
    - Public access defibrillator registry
  - Intended to get CPR trained individuals to a scene quickly and notify of nearby public access AED
    - PulsePoint Respond & PulsePoint AED
  - Included funding for it in 2023 budget
    - To include Implementation and 1<sup>st</sup> year subscription
    - Does not include IS or 911 cost requirements
  - Intend to use the Public Access AED registry soon
    - Allows anyone in the community to take a photo of an AED, the information then comes to our office to allow for approval and addition

and allows for notes regarding additional equipment nearby (EPI, Narcan, etc)

- AED registry portion is at no cost
- Currently less than 10 AED's in the area
  - Would like to get the word out to get AED's registered into that system
- Much more efficient and robust than current system
- Anyone can signup
  - Allows for Verified responders
  - Information/alerts can be controlled depending who's a verified responder ie
    - Public incidents would go out to the public
    - Home incidents would go out to verified responders
- **Rule Making is Still Open**
  - They're working on getting things wrapped up
  - New rules would go into effect early next year
  - Changes in EMS Data Collection Requirements
    - When the rules go into effect any licensed vehicle will be required to send data into WEMSIS electronically
    - Data for current reporting looks good, few areas that need to be worked on
- **Hospital Capacity and Divert**
  - We are fortunate in our area
  - Appreciative to our Hospitals, recognize that they are experiencing high volumes and staffing issues and we continue to work with them to manage the volume as best we can

#### **Education/Training Updates:** J. Pelonio

- **EMS Training Specialist**
  - Jill Hoogerhyde new Skagit County EMS Training Specialist

#### **Hospital Updates:**

- **Island Hospital:** L. Edwards

L. Edwards: Has there been improvements with the new system of Divert Status?

J. Pelonio: There's only been a handful of submissions, but Dispatch likes the process

- L. Edwards: Finding beds can sometimes be a struggle, they're running short staffed, lots of challenges and they're working through them

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

- Has worked with the Pulse Point in the recent past.
  - Would be very excited for Skagit to bring that on deck as well
- 23-25 strategic plan guidelines
  - First draft to be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Grant timeline
  - Due to North Region by September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Voting to occur in October
- Looking forward to learning and increasing community relations
  - Feel free to invite her to collaborate and information share

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- **W. Weiss Moves to approve the 05-18-2022 meeting Minutes – L. Edwards  
Seconds, Opposed: None**

**New Business:**

- **New Initiative Funding Application Review**
  - **NI#1**
    - D. Laine – Provides information on Burlington Fire Departments “Field Training Evaluation Program Course” New Initiative Application
    - Group Discusses
  - **NI#2**
    - A. Tidrington – Provides overview of District 2’s New Initiative Application based on submission
    - Group Discusses
- **New Initiative Funding Application Voting**
  - **NI#1 – Burlington Fire Department**
    - **1<sup>st</sup> portion \$14,000**
    - Continued discussion
    - **J. Couch Moves to approve New Initiative for Field Training and Evaluation in the amount of \$14,000 to cover the training, with enrollment priority going to Skagit County Agencies, L. Edwards  
Seconds, All For, None Opposed**
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> portion \$34,000**
      - Continued discussion with **no motion to approve**
      - **Does not pass.**
  - **NI#2 – District 2**
    - Continued discussion with **no motion to approve**
    - **Does not pass.**

- **North Region Grant Application Review: J. Pelonio**
  - Provides an overview of the application
  - Group Discusses
  - **A. Tidrington moves, J. Couch Seconds, All For, None Opposed**
- **Advisory Board Membership Changes – Rural Fire Responder or Agency Designee: J. Pelonio**
  - Kenna Bergsma is no longer a Commissioner with District 2
  - Fire Commissioners Association voted Lance Ford Fire Commissioner with Skagit Fire District 8 for the position
  - No additional nominations
  - **W. Weiss moves, J. Pelonio seconds, All For, None Opposed**
- **North Region Representative Changes – Prehospital Alternate: J. Pelonio**
  - With Mike Kirkman leaving, recommends replacing with Jill Hoogerhyde
  - No additional nominations
  - **L. Edwards moves, J. Pelonio seconds, All For, None Opposed**

**Votes:**

- 05-18-2022 Meeting Minutes. **W. Weiss Moves, L. Edwards Seconds, Opposed: None**
- NI#1
  - 1<sup>st</sup> portion **All For, None Opposed \$14,000**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> portion **No motion, does not pass. \$34,000**
- NI#2 – **No motion, does not pass**
- North Region Grant Application. **A. Weiss Tidrington Moves, J. Couch Seconds.**
- Advisory Board Membership Changes – Rural Fire Responder or Agency Designee. **W. Weiss moves, J. Pelonio seconds**
- North Region Representative Changes – Prehospital Alternate. **L. Edwards moves, J. Pelonio seconds**

**Adjourned: 1000**

**Next Meeting:** 9a-10a November 16, 2022, Location: Richenson Training Room – 2911 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA w/ Zoom Teleconference Option