

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	Twh	10/24/13	<p>RECEIVED</p> <p>NOV 05 2013</p> <p>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	11/12/13	Intro
Division Head:				11/26/13	Finance/Council
Dept. Head:				12/10/2013	Finance/Council
Prosecutor:	DG	11/05/13			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	albjl	11.5.13			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Ordinance to rescind and replace Ordinance 82-109 amended through Ordinance 2006-007 and codified in Whatcom County Code as Chapter 5.04.080., with the EMS Oversight board (WCC 5.04.080) and Technical Advisory Board (WCC 5.04.085) defining the composition and duties of these newly established Boards.

ATTACHMENTS: Memo and Ordinance

SEPA review required? () Yes (x) NO Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (x) NO
 SEPA review completed? () Yes (x) NO Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

Ordinance to replace the EMS Advisory Board with the EMS Oversight Board and Technical Advisory Board as resolved through Joint Resolution 2012-016.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

11/26/2013: Committee amended and also made recommendations for corrections, and approved to forward to Council. The administration to bring forward an amended version for approval tonight. After meeting, Ken and Jack decided to withdraw this from evening agenda and hold to December 10.
 12/10/2013: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:

11/12/2013: Introduced
 11/26/2013: Withdrawn and rescheduled to December 10.
 12/10/2013: Council Adopted 6-1, Mann opposed Ord. 2013-074

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Ord. 2013-074

Please Note: Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: County Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 11/12/2013

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-074

Ordinance to Replace the Emergency Medical and Ambulance Advisory Board Established Through Whatcom County Ordinance No. 82-109 and Amended Through Ordinance 2006-007 (codified in Whatcom county Code as Chapter 5.04.080) with the EMS Oversight Board and Technical Advisory Board Defining the Composition and Duties of These Newly Established Boards

WHEREAS, the EMS policy committee was formed by both Whatcom County and City of Bellingham Councils, ensuring equitable representation of Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham, and the policy committee appointed subcommittees to address the issues related to emergency medical services in Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, in June 2012, the Whatcom County Council and the Bellingham City Council passed a Joint Resolution of the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Adopting the Jointly Recommended Business Model for County Wide Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, the June 2012 joint resolution called for establishment of an EMS Oversight Board ("EOB") and a Technical Advisory Board ("TAB"); and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to establish the role and composition of the EOB and TAB as clarified by the parties through the development of the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services Interlocal Agreement; and

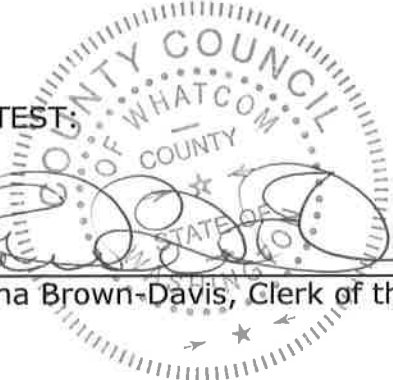
WHEREAS, it is intended that the EOB and the TAB replace the current Emergency Medical and Ambulance Advisory Board established through Ordinance 82-109 and amended through Ordinance 2006-007 and codified in Whatcom County Code as Chapter 5.04.080.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that
2 the Whatcom County Code, Section 5.04.080 is amended, and Section 5.04.085 is
3 created as shown in Exhibit A by the Whatcom County Council.
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10 **ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2013.

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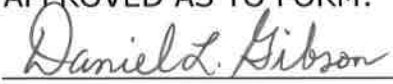


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kathy Kershner, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Jack Louws, County Executive

Approved () Denied

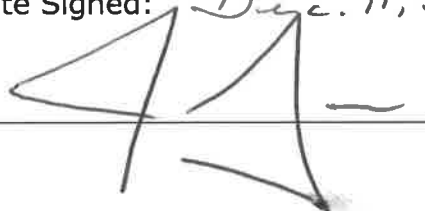
Date Signed: Dec. 11, 2013


EXHIBIT A

5.04.080 EMS Oversight Board

A. Composition. There is created a joint, advisory, cooperative emergency medical and ambulance services oversight board, consisting of the following nine members:

1. The Whatcom County executive;
2. The Mayor of Bellingham;
3. A mayor of an incorporated city, other than Bellingham, appointed by the Small Cities Mayors' Association;
4. One Bellingham City Council member;
5. One Whatcom County Council member;
6. County Fire District Commissioner, appointed by the County Fire Commissioner's Association;
7. A medical community citizen representative, appointed jointly by the County Executive and Mayor of Bellingham;
8. A financial/budget citizen representative, appointed jointly by the County Executive and the Mayor of Bellingham;
9. A citizen at large, appointed jointly by the county Executive and Mayor of Bellingham.

B. Duties of the EMS Oversight Board.

The EMS Oversight Board shall:

1. With the active advice and participation of the TAB, make recommendations to Whatcom County and the Cities and Fire Districts of Whatcom County regarding administration, operations, levels of service, and EMS budgets and financial reporting including but not limited to the objectives and actions described in Attachment "A" Whatcom County EMS Administrative Services; and
2. Be the primary organization responsible for framing the ongoing vision of an integrated and coordinated EMS system; and
3. Hold at least four meetings per year (quarterly) to review the status of emergency medical services in Whatcom County and to develop recommendations; provided that all nine members shall be voting members and provided further that a quorum of six members is required in order for the board to take final action. Board recommendations shall be made by a minimum of five (5) members voting to affirm the recommendation; and
4. Refer appropriate technical, operational, and medical matters to the Technical Advisory Board.
5. Ensure that meetings of the EMS Oversight board are open and accessible to the Public. At every meeting the board will schedule an open session to take public comment.
6. Designate the Whatcom County Executive as the chairperson of the Board and designate the staff for the Board. The Board may select a vice chair who may serve as interim chair in the absence of the County Executive.

7. In making recommendations, strive to stay within the adopted county budget and service provider contracts. Any recommendation will include a fiscal analysis and funding recommendation.

5.04.085 EMS Technical Advisory Board

A. Composition: There is created a joint, cooperative emergency medical services technical advisory board, consisting of the following ten members:

1. A member appointed by the Whatcom County Fire Chiefs Association;
2. A member appointed by the County Executive from the Whatcom County Administration;
3. A hospital/medical community representative, appointed jointly by the County Executive and the Mayor of Bellingham;
4. A member appointed by Whatcom County Fire District 7 as an ALS Service Provider;
5. A member appointed by the City of Bellingham Fire Department as an ALS Service Provider;
6. A member from the What-Comm Dispatch Center, appointed jointly by the County Executive and Mayor of Bellingham
7. A paramedic training education provider, appointed jointly by the County Executive and Mayor of Bellingham.
8. A member appointed by the Whatcom County EMS/Trauma Care Council;
9. A member appointed by the Mayor of Bellingham from the City of Bellingham administration; and
10. The Medical Program Director.

B. Board Officer and Staff Support

1. County Executive shall appoint Chair and Vice Chair.
2. The Chair shall be responsible for convening and conducting meetings.
3. Staff support of the TAB shall be designated by and serve under the direction of the County Executive.
4. The TAB may create other interim work groups to assist the TAB in making recommendations. The interim work groups may include other members of the community not part of the TAB.

C. Duties of the EMS Technical Advisory Board

The Technical Advisory Board shall:

1. Serve as advisors and make recommendations to the EOB and to Emergency Medical Service Providers in Whatcom County regarding operational, educational, and logistical components of basic through advanced life support services; and

2. Monitor the Emergency Medical Services provided throughout Whatcom County and make recommendations to the EOB designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of those services.
3. Hold meetings as needed with the primary purpose of making such recommendations in an efficient and focused manner.
4. Strive to make recommendations by consensus. In the absence of consensus recommendations may be made by a majority of all members of the TAB.
5. Coordinate ongoing training standards and services.
6. Strive to make recommendations that stay within the adopted county budget and service provider contracts. Any recommendations will include a fiscal analysis and funding recommendation.

(Ord. 2006-007; Ord. 82-109; prior code § 4.02.080).

ATTACHMENT "A"
Whatcom County EMS Administrative Services

Whatcom County shall provide over-all administrative services for EMS, with the following tasks and goals:

- A. Maintain the EMS system as an integrated regional network (county-wide) of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services provided by Whatcom County, local Cities and County Fire Districts using the following model:
 - Firefighter Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) provide first-on-scene response to EMS calls and provide BLS services
 - ALS services provided by a limited number of providers
 - Regional programs emphasize uniformity of medical care across jurisdictions, consistency and excellence in training, and medical quality assurance

- B. Make regional delivery and funding decisions cooperatively with the EOB and TAB to ensure ALS delivery from a system-wide perspective
 - i. EMS Oversight Board (EOB) - monitor uniformity and consistency of the system and provide counsel to Whatcom County EMS Administration

- C. Develop and implement strategic initiatives to provide greater efficiencies within the system that (TAB will play an integral part in making recommendations to the county):
 1. Maintain or improve current standards of patient care through:
 - a. Regional Medical Direction in conjunction with Whatcom County Medical Program Director (MPD)
 - b. BLS/ALS protocols
 - c. Medical community sponsored research studies approved by the County
 - d. National and International industry best practices

 2. Improve the operational efficiencies of the system to help contain costs by:
 - a. Standardizing paramedic student training requirements; consolidating and conducting joint training
 - b. Strengthening cross-jurisdictional mutual service agreements

 3. Manage the rate of growth in the demand for ALS services by:
 - a. Determining the number and location of ALS units based on:
 1. Unit workload
 2. Unit response time
 3. Availability in primary service area and dependency on backup
 4. Frequency and service impact of multiple alarms
 5. Paramedic exposure to critical skill sets
 6. Projection of calls
 7. Population trends
 - b. Triage calls and classification as BLS vs. ALS patient care
 - c. Appropriate utilization of transport services based on patient needs

ATTACHMENT "A"

d. Coordinating EMS system development with local health care providers, EMS Trauma Care Council(s) and the State Department of Health

Ensure the EMS system operates in coordinated partnerships between the BLS agencies and ALS Service Providers through regionalization, collaboration and cross-jurisdictional coordination; including by way of example:

- ii. Equipment exchange
- iii. Equipment research
- iv. Group purchasing
- v. Equipment specifications
- vi. Paramedic/EMT interaction training