



Emergency Medical Services Technical Advisory Board

800 Chestnut Street

Hybrid Meeting at Civic Center Garden Room

September 7, 2022

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Minutes

Board Members:

David Pethick, *BFD*

Scott Ryckman, *BFD*

Jerry DeBruin, *WCEMS&TC*

Marvin Wayne, *WCEMS, MPD*

Mike Hilley, *WCEMS*

Micah Quintrall, *BFD*

Dan McDermott, *BFD*

Susie Johnson, *PeaceHealth*

Hank Maleng, *Whatcom County Fire Chiefs
Assoc.*

Ben Boyko, *FD7*

Also Present:

Jeremy Morton, *WCEMS*

Steve Cohen, *WCEMS*

Ralph Weiche, *WCEMS, MP*

Rosalee Cowan, *WCEMS*

Katie Poole, *WCEMS*

1. Welcome & Confirmation of July 6, 2022 Minutes
 - DeBruin made a motion of approval, Boyko seconded. July 6, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The Levy Strategic Plan Discussion (Hilley)
 - Contingency Plans (TAB prioritization of Services if the Levy should fail.)
 - o Hilley presented that as of right now, there is not a solidified plan for what operations will be continued besides basic ALS functions out of the 14-million-dollar reserve in the case of levy failure. McDermott made a motion that the TAB create a subcommittee of voting TAB members to evaluate what service changes should be made in the case of levy failure. The recommendations of this committee will be brought to TAB then pushed up to the EOB. Pethick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. McDermott recommended that DeBruin, Maleng, Boyko,

and Ryckman be representatives on the committee. This recommendation was unanimously approved. The motion passed.

- ALS Contracts (2023 to 2028)
 - o Hilley briefed the group on ALS contracts, processes, and timelines. Discussion on further streamlining the contracts will take place between FD7, BFD, and Whatcom County. Those contracts will be prepped and ready for signature in late December or early January 2023.

- 3. BLS Allocation Update (Hilley)
 - Hilley update the group on the BLS Allocation contract status, the contract came upon a setback when finance/legal interpreted the payments to be retroactive for past years, instead of for 2022. Finance, legal, City of Bellingham will review the contract once attorney language is added.

- 4. Stryker PowerLoad and Maintenance Update (Hilley)
 - The Stryker PowerLoad and Maintenance contract will be going to County Council for approval. The contract amendment will cover maintenance and PowerLoad purchases.
 - For the Stryker “reimbursement” contract, distinctions between retroactive payments/reimbursements must be made and the County attorney will be adding language to the contracts to make it clear that only costs incurred in 2022 will be paid. Boyko asked for finance to review each reimbursement type submission for all agencies. Ryckman asked for the distinction between the PowerLoad “reimbursement” and the BLS allocation. The Stryker PowerLoad reimbursement is a part of the ALS 360 maintenance plan that the County is already in and will be completing that agreement. The BLS Allocation is payment for services and items incurred in 2022.

- 5. Medic 75 Update (Ryckman/Pethick)
 - Ryckman updated the process of Medic 75. The rig is on the way, students are in class, and station upgrades are happening. This unit is on track for January 1st, 2023 activation.

- 6. Draft Amendment to BFD ALS contract for Lateral Medic Training (Ryckman)
 - Ryckman updated the group on the amendment for the BFD ALS contract to account for the additional Lateral Paramedics being onboarded. This amendment will be presented at next weeks EOB meeting for approval to be pushed to County Council.

7. Paramedic School (2023 Class Contracts/Update) (Quintrall/Ryckman)
 - Quintrall updated the TAB on the status of the Paramedic Students progress. Didactics and written exams will be completed as of this week. Clinicals are underway this quarter. Ryckman added that accreditation is going along smoothly and gave his thanks to Quintrall. Hilley updated the group that Lapsansky's A&P contract was finalized today.

8. TAB Co-Chair Discussion
 - The TAB Co-Chair Discussion table was removed in a motion made by McDermott, seconded by Ryckman. Due to the TAB co-chair motion not being recorded in verbatim, the discussion was re-tabled by McDermott for the next November TAB meeting, seconded by DeBruin.
 - Cowan will get the exact May 4th TAB motion for the next TAB meeting.
 - The May 2022 TAB Co-chair motion by McDermott is: "At the next TAB meeting, we will vote on the TAB Chair and Co-Chair positions." It was a motion made by McDermott, and seconded by DeBruin. This motion passed unanimously.

9. Good of the Order
 - Wayne updated the group on Handtevy Pediatric Care app and the protocol update.
 - Hilley thanked the group for taking the MCI trailer out to the Deming Bluegrass festival.
 - McDermott thanked Quintrall for all of the work that he has put into the Whatcom County Paramedic School.
 - Johnson updated the group about the state of the ED which has been steadily at high volume. Two new fast track rooms will be opened when staffing permits.
 - Hilley updated the group about the WCEMS office SAMSA \$141,000 grant for a free EMT course for rural/tribal communities. This grant will be brought to the education council.