



**Emergency Medical Services
Technical Advisory Board**
800 Chestnut Street
Online/Virtual Meeting
March 6, 2024
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Minutes

Board Members:

David Pethick, *BFD Asst. Fire Chief,
City of Bellingham*
Marvin Wayne, *WCEMS Medical
Program Director*
Mike Hilley, *WCEMS Administrator*
Hank Maleng, *Whatcom County Fire
Chiefs Assoc.*
Captain Rob Stevenson, Paramedic
Training Coordinator

Jerry DeBruin, *WCEMS&TC*
Dan McDermott, *BFD Division Chief of
Prospect Dispatch Center*
Scott Ryckman, *BFD MSO*
Susie Johnson, *PeaceHealth Medical
Rep.*
Ben Boyko, *Asst. Fire Chief, Dist. #7*

Other Attendees:

Steve Cohen, Program Specialist
Diana Clinch, Data Analyst
Ben Russell, Chief WCFD#7

Rachel Carlson, WCFD#1
Michael Sullivan, PeaceHealth MD
Ralph Weiche, PeaceHealth MD

1. Welcome & Confirmation of the January 10, 2024 Minutes
After a few corrections on meeting minutes, DeBruin motioned to approve meeting minutes and Maleng seconded no objections, minutes approved unanimously.
2. Finance/Budget Update Hilley
Hilley updated the group on what the Finance committee spoke about at their last meeting on February 14, and some of the highlights from that meeting. Hilley also stated that the BLS allocation report is done and the Finance committee was aware and now they are just waiting to find out who the fire chiefs will have as their representatives so they can have a meeting and go over all of those calculations. Pethick wanted to let the group know that they will be having some GEMT awareness training and they will keep this group involved

as they organize for that and if there is room to get on a zoom they will send out that link.

3. Image Trend EPCR Project (KNO2) Clinch
Hilley updated the group about the Image Trend (KNO2) project and explained how this works. Hilley let the group know that the contract with Image Trend was signed last week. Diana Clinch let the group know that this should all be up and running in May of this year. Dr. Wayne spoke to the group about a discussion he had with Pulsara. He made a recommendation that this group put a small group offline (not in this committee) to meet with Pulsara to see what they have to offer and get some more details. Hilley said anyone interested in being part of that group send him an email and he will set up a meeting with Pulsara. McDermott made a motion to create a sub-committee to evaluate EMS educator roles, Ryckman seconded the motion. Within the motion McDermott named committee members DeBruin, Maleng, and McDermott. Group voted on motion and 6 board members voted yes. Agreement from the voting members to move forward unanimously with the motion to create a sub-committee. Hilley will add this as a standing committee meeting on the TAB.
4. MPD Secession Discussion Wayne/Weiche
Dr. Wayne spoke about the ALS and BLS position directions and the new physicians that will be coming on board.
5. BLS Contract Update Maleng
Maleng spoke about the BLS contract and will know in the next few days a little more on this as he is still waiting on a few more messages from some of his fellow fire chiefs.
6. BLS Allocation Update Hilley/Maleng
- Finance Committee Work
- Fire Chief Reps
Hilley is waiting for the fire chief representatives to be assigned and then will be putting together a meeting with those three representatives.
7. Paramedic School Report Ryckman
Stevenson gave a report on the paramedic school.

Good of the Order

Pethick thanked Stevenson for being a great mentor and thanked him for his service.

DeBruin let the group know about the service for John DeVenere from Fire District #7 that will be held on March 15, 2024 at 1:00pm.