



**Emergency Medical Services
Technical Advisory Board**
800 Chestnut Street
Online/Virtual Meeting
July 10, 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
Todd Fisher, *COB EMS Captain*

Other Attendees:

Diana Clinch, *WCEMS Data Analyst*
Ralph Weiche, *Peace Health MD*

Rachel Carlson, *WCFD #1*

1. Welcome & Confirmation of the May 1, 2024 Minutes
McDermott motioned to approve meeting minutes and DeBruin seconded no objections, minutes approved unanimously.
2. Finance/Budget Update Hilley
Hilley updated the group and said not much had changed. A few highlights from the last Finance meeting were sales tax revenues and property taxes. Finance's next meeting will be in August.

3. TAB Membership Discussion Hilley

McDermott moved to remove from table to discuss and DeBruin seconded. Pethick asked what this process would look like, Hilley explained the process. Hilley will clarify whether or not this needs to go to the voters or just to council for approval. Hilley re-read the motion to the group. Recommendation to move the motion on the floor changing a tab configuration that would move the paramedic position over to WCFD#7 for the MSO to the EOB approved unanimously.
4. Field MOUD/Opioid Response Teams Hilley

Hilley shared the data of overdoses in the county and spoke about the executive order and what has been happening. Hilley shared what the MOUD and Opioid response teams do.
5. BLS Contract Update Maleng

Hilley stated that this contract is still with finance and he hopes to get this back on time to get it on the county council meeting for July 23rd the deadline for that meeting is Friday.
6. BLS Allocation Update Hilley/Maleng

- Fire Chief Reps

Maleng let the group know that the Fire Chief reps are ready to go they were picked early in the spring. Hilley stated that Finance will have their meeting in August and instead of doing a special meeting he would like to bring this information to the August meeting. Hilley will get all the supporting documents out to know the calculations and what those look like and at that meeting will represent those numbers. Maleng let the group know that the Fire Chiefs reps who were chosen are Pethick, Boyko and Maleng.
7. Paramedic School Report Ryckman

Fisher said that the 4th quarter starts next Tuesday and it's a 5-week series then field experience. The students are moving right along and there is good feedback from the field regarding the students.

8. Kno-2 Integration

Hilley stated that the feedback from the field is that it is working well. Weiche stated that he feels that the information is not coming up as quickly as he would like doesn't find it as useful if it doesn't come up while he is with his patient.

Diana Clinch explained how Kno-2 works to the group. Hilley explained that there are 3 different tiers of Kno-2 but explained that we did not purchase tier 3 as the feedback given was that it was not going to be beneficial and it was too much information that was not needed. Hilley stated that unless we can see its value we will not be adding it.

9. Committee Reports

10. Good of the Order