

# Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

May 22, 2019 – 10a to 12p

## Present:

Bryan Brice – Mount Vernon Chief  
Jared Couch – Upper Skagit Sargent  
Joan Cromley – Hamilton Mayor  
Tyler Dalton – Skagit Regional Health RN  
Lisa Edwards – Island Hospital RN  
Chet Griffith – Fire District 8 Commissioner  
Roy Horn – Fire District 13  
Lisa Janicki – Skagit County Commissioner  
Jeff Sargent – EMS Dir.  
Steve Sexton – Burlington Mayor  
Amie Tidrington – Skagit County Public Health  
Nick Walsh – Anacortes Assistant Chief  
Ron Wesen – Skagit County Commissioner

## Absent:

Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir.  
Sandra Jensen – County Meadow Village Dir.

## Observer:

Morgan Hendricks – MFVD Nurse Educator  
Mike Ganz - BFD

## Non-Voting:

Josh Pelonio – EMS Training Coord.  
Renata Maybruck – Skagit EMS Projects Manager  
Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coord.

Opens at 10am.

## **Welcome:** N. Walsh

- Introduction around the room

## **Review/Approve February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** N. Walsh

- R. Maybruck sent out minutes from the last meeting.  
**B. Brice Moves to Approve February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes. T. Dalton  
Seconds. Opposed, None.**

## **Approved EMS Advisory Board Bylaws:** R. Maybruck

- Paper copy provided
  - Electronic copy will be provided by email.
- These have been approved by the County Commissioners

## **Updates:** J. Sargent

### **Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's)**

- Small group from transport agencies and representation from fire districts agencies are working on definitions and documentation.
  - Going well. Idea is to lay out expectations in detail.
- Close on a QA process.

### **Fire Districts Contracts:** J. Sargent

- Only one District hasn't signed the contract.
  - Unknown as to why they are choosing not to participate.
  - It's a way for our office to cover the cost of dispatch fees and supplies and obtain documentation for the QA system.
- B. Brice: Relating to Dr. Russell's oversight, how do we ensure they are following the rules?

- A: They fall under State rules. Dr. Russell still has ability not to sign off on those who do not following rules

### Criteria Based Dispatch (CBD) and Closest-Unit Update: J. Sargent

- CBD – Medical Priority Dispatch, EMD
  - Determines resources based on dialogue between caller and dispatcher.
- Basic Life Support – EMT's (BLS) are coming into the system
- We need to decide the path we're going to take.
  - Do we stay with the current system (designed for King County) that hasn't been fully implemented and build onto it?
  - Do we look for a new canned system that's all inclusive and has built-in QA?
  - Do we look at a hybrid system?
- 60k to get Pro QA (canned version)
  - Training will need to be done regardless
- Regarding Communication there needs to be a discussion on how expense is divided up.
- Staffing a BLS unit has a lower cost for the patient and agency, and run less critical calls.
- B. Brice, this Advisory Board should make recommendations
- L. Janaki, should advise and inform 911 board
- N. Walsh, are we moving to recommending Pro QA.
- R. Wesen, need to figure out how to pay for it.
- J. Sargent, some of the funding needs to be figured out.
  - Buying something now doesn't make sense unless it integrates across the board.
  - As it sits today we're not using resources appropriately.
- S. Sexton, would like this board to lay out needs.
  - Present that to the 911 Board
- B. Brice, doesn't believe that we should recommend the best program, believes that should be the Medical Directors decision, but **moves to make a recommendation to the Medical Director and 911 Board that the EMS Trauma Council supports the movement to a Criteria Based Dispatching System in a timely manner. S. Sexton 2nds. Opposed, none.**
- Quickest Routes – Handout (A)
  - Every Ambulance has the hardware to be able to talk to the Dispatch System that would allow for Quickest Routes
    - Delays
      - Servers need to be updated – August
        - Timeline unknown
        - We've gotten the data to GEOComm, but we're waiting for them to respond back
          - If none we'll be put on the list, but after August at a minimum

### 2019 Quarter 1 EMS Training Report: J. Pelonio

- We're delivering training throughout the County through a Training Hub Model
  - There's 5 different Training Hubs.
    - Provide the majority of the training

- Within their Geographic area that they serve
- Handout (B) for Q1 2019
- Instructor course last week adding 10 instructors to the instructor pool
- There's about 20 student in the EMT course for the County at Skagit Valley College
  - Will finish up June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Selection of Regional EMS & Trauma Care Council Representatives: R. Maybruck**

- 3 vacant positions – Handout (C)
- Process is that this group makes a recommendation and then they're appointed by the County Commissioners.
  - Consumer Representative
    - A. Tidrington nominates self
      - A. Tidrington - Skagit County Health Department
  - Elected Official
    - B. Brice nominates Larry Kibbe
      - Larry Kibbee - Skagit Fire District 13 Commissioner
      - If Larry unavailable, Chet Griffith will attend
  - At-Large
    - B. Brice nominates Morgan Hendricks
      - Morgan Hendricks – MVFD Nurse/Educator
- **N. Walsh makes motion to recognize the above individuals for these positions. B. Brice Seconds. None Opposed.**

**New Initiative: J. Sargent**

- Budget monies have been set aside for New Initiatives
  - Dr. Russell requested the change of a few pieces of equipment
    - I-gels - Airway
    - Spinal Mobilization – Vacuum Splints
  - This year's new initiatives funds are tied up in those items.
- We've had a few New Initiative requests
  - Currently no process.
- Prior to his employment if agencies had a need, EMS would cover the cost.
- There should be consistency on availability.
- How should these be handled?
  - N. Walsh, looks like it should be a Grant process.
  - B. Brice, expresses concerns over both submissions.
    - The submissions bring up questions.
  - Process
    - How we go about creating a process?
    - Should be a discussion on how to make notifications.
    - Should have a procedure for voting and how to apply a value to the requests.
  - Approved requests should add and/or improve the system or the people in the system.
  - Grant Process: N Walsh
    - Criteria we look at
    - Date we look at them
    - Date we release a decision

- N. Wash, EMS come up with a framework
  - Date
  - Monies available
- EMS will come up with recommendations
- L. Janicki, could New Initiative fund CBD?
  - Expects that there will be monies coming in to help cover the costs of CBD.
    - Has been asking for a cost structure. Will continue to ask so it can be shared with this group.
- R. Maybruck will bring a recommendation for the August Meeting.

**Additional:**

- T. Dalton, Interfaculty Transports
  - Delayed transports
  - One provider currently
  - How do we work to get those transports done quicker?
  - How do we have the 3 facilities work together to be able to share a transport vehicle?
  - J. Sargent, would like this on the August meeting agenda with any stats from the 3 hospitals.
    - How many transports out?
    - Times kept.
    - How many have to be cancelled due to lengthy response?
- C. Griffith, EMS should contract with SAR like they're doing with the Fire Districts.
  - J. Sargent, this is being worked on.
    - It's a few days from being inked.
      - Details unknown

Nick Walsh, Chair, Adjourns meeting.

**Votes:**

1. Approval of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes: **All for, none opposed.**
2. Approval to make a recommendation to the Medical Director and 911 Board the EMS Trauma Council supports the movement to a Criteria Based Dispatching System: **All for, none opposed.**
3. Approval of the placement of Amie Tidrington as Consumer Representative, Larry Kibbee as Elected Official and Morgan Hendricks as At-Large in the Skagit County EMS Local Advisory Board designated position on the North Region EMS & Trauma Care Council: **All for, none opposed.**

Next Meeting: August 21<sup>st</sup> 10am – Noon at the EMS Training Room.