

Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

August 18, 2021, 9am-1030am

Teleconference

<p><u>Present:</u> Lisa Edwards – Island Hospital RN Josh Pelonio – EMS Director Nick Walsh – Anacortes Assistant Chief Steve Sexton – Burlington Mayor Chet Griffith – Fire District 8 Commissioner Sandra Jensen – County Meadow Village Dir. Amie Tidrington – Skagit County Public Health Wood Weiss – District 13 Chief</p> <p><u>Ex Officio:</u> Lisa Janicki – Chair Skagit 911 Board Peter Browning - Skagit County Commissioner</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir. Jared Couch – Upper Skagit Sergeant Bryan Brice – Mount Vernon Chief Kandi DeVenere – Skagit Regional Health RN Eddie Hills – Town of Lyman Mayor</p> <p><u>Non-Voting:</u> Mike Kirkman – Skagit EMS Training & QA Specialist Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coordinator</p> <p><u>Observer:</u> Steve Monrad – Anacortes Fire Department John Simbeck – CEO NW Ambulance Martina Nicholas – NW Region Council Exc. Dir. Frank Wagner – Sedro Woolley Fire Chief</p>
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Opens at 9am.

Welcome: L. Edwards

- L. Edwards calls meeting to order.
- 05-19-2021 Meeting Minutes
 - **W. Weiss Moves – C. Griffith Seconds, Opposed: None**

Guest Presentation: S. Monrad

Community Paramedicine Pilot Program

- Mobile Integrated Healthcare – Community Paramedic
 - Uses Patient-Centered, mobile resources.
 - Objectives:
 - Reduce impact on emergency series
 - Reduce impact on Hospital
 - Refer underserved and vulnerable patients
 - Program Phases
 - Reached out to other agencies for information
 - 18 Month pilot program: July 1, 2021, through end of 2022
 - Covid
 - High Utilizers
 - Homeless Outreach
 - Hospital Partnership

- COVID Related Grant helped fund startup
 - Testing
 - Vaccinations
 - Education
- 911 High Utilizer
 - 3 + 911 calls in 30 days.
 - 9 active patients currently following
 - 3 Completed
 - 5 Watchlist
 - Categories
 - Aging/Disabled
 - Complex Medical
 - Mental Health
 - Fall Risk
 - Substance Abuse
 - Homeless
- Response from Community has been positive
- For questions reach out at Stevemon@cityofanacortes.org (360) 588-8356

EMS Department Updates

EMS Naloxone Leave Behind Program: J. Pelonio

- Still providing kits
 - Do date we've given out about a dozen
- Waiting on next shipment, which will be coming shortly

HB1310 Impact to EMS Response: J. Pelonio

- Still following that pretty closely
- Working with Law Enforcement Partners
- Tracking mental health calls
 - Looking into calls for challenges and what problems might be
- Have had a number of situations that providers had to leave the scene due to safety
- Continuing to monitor

Education/Training Updates: M. Kirkman

- In person training kicking off in October for Quarter 4
- Difficult Airway for ALS
 - November 10th
 - NW Medical Training will be conducting the training
- 5 on SVC EMS course list

- Will still be using a hybrid teaching version
 - Online & Physical in class
- College will require Covid Vaccination for attendance
- Evaluator Course
 - Aug 28th
 - Initial class only
- N. Walsh – Sent out an announcement for Difficult Airway?
- M. Kirkman – Will send out shortly

North Region Updates: M. Nicholas

- Moved October Regional Council meeting to November
- Grants just went out
 - Regional Grant 2021/22
 - Same amount of funding (42k)
 - Injury prevention Grant
 - No expiration date or deadline
 - Applications are reviewed as they're submitted
 - Applications available on their website
- Applications for members is on their website as well as council member handbook
- New chair, Lisa Edwards
 - Orientation with new board members next week

Ongoing/Old Business:

Possible Revision to New Initiative Funding Process: J. Pelonio

- After the last meeting a few agencies had reached out regarding the intentions of the New Initiative funding
 - Suggests putting together small group to put complete a draft that can be put forward and voted on next meeting
- L. Janicki: Believes we need to think in terms of original reasoning for New Initiatives
- J. Pelonio: Agrees. From his understanding the request was to put that into writing for prospective applicants

Advisory Board Membership Change Update: J. Pelonio

- To include:
 - Kandi DeVenere
 - Eddie Hills
 - Amie Tidrington

Draft Bylaws Revisions: J. Pelonio

- Discussions were had

- Draft revisions were put together
 - Included in Meeting Packet
 - Changes to include:
 - Language: Licensed in the County
 - Clarification on the 3 elected officials
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Officers, Chair/Vice Chair and Term Lengths
 - Officers 2 years
 - If membership expires Vice Chair will move into Chair position for remainder of the term
- L. Janicki: Is it clear if the bylaws include Ex Officio serve as Chair or Vice Chair?
- J. Pelonio: Good question, does not believe that it was addressed. Will discuss with the group and bring to next meeting
- L. Janicki: Doesn't believe that Ex Officio can be Chair or Vice Chair, and believes it should be in the bylaws. i.e. Officers must be a voting member.

New Business

Hospital Patient Volumes and EMS Diversion: L. Edwards & J. Pelonio

- Ongoing discussion with how facilities have been going on diversion
- There is no County Divergent Policy
 - Will have to have a meeting with Chiefs and Hospital to discuss this
- Working with the hospitals that they're notifying dispatch
- Tracking on a monthly basis
 - Which Hospitals go on divert
 - & for how long
- We've heard it's been a challenge in other counties
- N. Walsh: Believes it would be helpful for the hospitals to have a way to communicate with each other when they're going on divert
- Working on adding Hospitals to Code Red Alerts

Covid-19 Vaccination Mandate for Healthcare Providers

- Have received confirmation from DOH that the requirement has been expanded to firefighters who go on EMS calls
- Requirements and exemptions to be handled through Employer, not EMS
 - Up to Employer to maintain records

North Region EMSTCC Regional Grant Application Process

- Need to be submitted to EMS by October 1st
- Special Meeting required in October to review and send to N Region

Action: Nominations for Representative to North Region EMS Council:

Hospital

- L. Edwards - Nomination
 - **N. Walsh Moves, A. Tidrington seconds, None Opposed**

Prehospital

- J. Pelonio - Current
- Willing to continue.
 - **All for, None opposed**

Elected Official

- J. Pelonio: Can put it out to fire Commissioners
- W. Weiss: Suggests J. Doyle – Skaigt County Fire District 13 Commissioner

Consumer

- A. Tidrington - Nomination
 - **L. Edwards Moves, J. Pelonoi seconds, None Opposed**

At Large

- F. Wagner - Nomination
 - **N. Walsh Moves, J. Pelonio seconds. None Opposed**

Votes:

- 05-19-2021 Meeting Minutes. **W. Weiss Moves – C. Griffith Seconds, Opposed: None**
- North Region EMS Council Nominations
 - L. Edwards - Hospital. **N. Walsh Moves, A. Tidrington, None Opposed**
 - J. Pelonio – Prehospital. Willing to continue. **All for, None opposed**
 - A. Tidrington – Consumer. **L. Edwards Moves, J. Pelonoi seconds, None Opposed**
 - F. Wagner – At Large. **N. Walsh Moves, J. Pelonio seconds. None Opposed**

Tabled:

- Elected Official position on N Region Council

Adjourned: 1030

Next Meeting: 9a-10a November 17, 2021, Location: Teleconference