

PIERCE COUNTY EMS COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 2018

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Karmela Palmer (Secretary-Treasurer), sitting in for the Chair and Vice Chair in their absence.

Introductions made around the room.

Previous meeting minutes were noted as being provided electronically. Because there was not a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, the minutes were simply provided, but not formally approved. Kyle Bustad came to the meeting later and his attendance was enough for a quorum. So at that time a motion was made to accept and approved the minutes as written.

Treasurers Report Karmela Palmer, Secretary-Treasurer – Initially, there was not a quorum, so the treasurer's report was provided as information only. Once Kyle arrived, a motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as presented, the motion passed and the report was approved.

Program Reports:

A. MPD/Base Station, Dr. Waffle, MD, MPD –

There were several issues discussed in the Base Station Committee Meeting:

- Regarding psychiatric patients, a new facility on the Allenmore campus is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2019.
- In the meantime, the Allenmore Emergency Department is up and accepting patients like always.
- The RRC is bidding to be selected as another behavioral health facility in the Parkland/Spanaway area.
- St. Clare is now accepting dialysis patients.

B. Committees:

Training & Development, ~~Patsy Maloney~~ – Not present.

Patsy was not in attendance but sent info to Norma for presentation: the T&D Cmte approved a couple of new SEIs. The PAM curriculum is under review and update. EMT skills sheets are being updated by the State.

Operations, Russ McCallion –

Russ said they had a long meeting last month, covering medical countermeasures, storage and distribution of medicines, and discussion regarding the psychiatric facility at Allenmore. They also looked at the concept of free-standing emergency departments and transport policies.

CQI, ~~Ryan McGrady~~ – Not present.

Norma reported that the Amtrak derailment was reviewed at the last CQI meeting. Also, PCFD# 27 is up for case presentation in May.

Protocol, ~~Cynde Rivers~~ – Not present.

Karmela reported that the last meeting was very short. Sepsis is being reviewed to add to the protocol. The Trauma Tool is at the State awaiting their approval.

Community Access to Care Committee, ~~Mike Newhouse~~ Not present.

Dr. Waffle's said that they haven't met recently, but are scheduled to meet next month. Things are stalled because of labor contracts and other agreements, and decision about where the money comes from. A pilot

project must be approved by the State. There was much discussion on this subject and it was concluded that there is a lot of work to be done in this area.

Tacoma-Pierce County Health, ~~Cindy Miron~~ – Not present.

No report.

D. West Region EMS Council, Norma Pancake –

Norma stated that the WREMS Conference was at the end of March. All of the reviews were very positive, everyone enjoyed Randolph Mantooth, the keynote speaker.

The WREMS Committee is now working on their strategic plan. The WREMS Council members are being urged to complete IS 100,200 &700 as part of the Strategic Plan, to become more familiar with Emergency Management and ICS when dealing with disasters and community wide emergencies. This may be a good idea for the PCEMS Council to ask of its members as well.

E. Department of Emergency Management, ~~Lowell Porter~~ – Not present.

Norma told the group that Mike McCaffree passed away recently after a two year battle with cancer. Kyle Bustad is now serving as the interim Operations Manager.

The protocols have been taken to IT. IT said they could do the work. They reviewed Thurston County's use of Acid Remap, the application they use for their protocols. It costs \$4,000 annually. It is still a work in progress concept.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. New Citizen-at-Large member application – Barb Carrier

A motion was made to accept Barb as the New Citizen-at-Large member and approved. Barb requested a copy of the bylaws and Norma responded that she will provide them for her.

B. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

Cynde Rivers was nominated for Chair. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Scott Jones was nominated for Vice Chair. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer will be appointed by the Chair.

Unscheduled Business:

- A.** Karmela reported that Jodie Leer has asked for a letter of reference for her facility to bid on the new facility being opened in Parkland/Spanaway. This letter would be co-signed by Dr.Waffle as the MPD and Cynde as the Council Chair. The draft letter was circulated for review. Karmela made a recommendation that this letter be approved and submitted. The motion was seconded and approved informally. Then Kyle Bustad joined the meeting and made a quorum, so this motion was approved formally.
- B.** Heidi Schaiberger, from LifeNet, announced that they are hosting an all-day LifeNet Health Tour on June 4, 2018, from 8:30 – 2:30. Also, coming up, there will be a CE dinner at the Water Street Café in Olympia.
- C.** Russ highlighted an issue of the medical journal, Prehospital Emergency Care, saying they fully devoted the issue to provider fatigue. It is filled with articles on the subject. Norma added that there is a banner with links to other valuable information on the PCEMS website regarding EMS Fatigue.
- D.** Norma announced that RTW (Ride to Wellness) is now licensed to do interfacility transports in Pierce County. They cannot take any 911 call patients as they are not 'verified' by the State DOH/EMS Office. Norma will send out their contact information after the meeting.
- E.** St. Joseph Rehabilitation Center is closing on 5/16/2018. CHI Franciscan is partnering with Kindred Healthcare and opening a new facility.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:20 am.