

Washington County EMS Alliance



**Washington County EMS Alliance
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2024**

Attendance:

Member/Delegate			Back-Up Delegate	
Present	Name	Jurisdiction	Present	Name
X	David Downey (Chair)	City of Hillsboro	X	Greg Espinosa
X	Jim Geering (Vice Chair)	City of Forest Grove and City of Cornelius		Patrick Wineman
X	Marni Kuyl	Washington County		Mjere Simantel
	Rodney Linz	Banks Fire District		Andrew Cooper
X	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue		Kenny Frentress
Affiliate Member Representative			Backup Representative	
	Randy Lauer	American Medical Response	X	Jennifer Romero
X	Larry Boxman	Metro West Ambulance		Shawn Baird
X	Mark Buchholz	WCCCA		Jennifer Reese

Other Interested Parties/Staff:

Tim Case (WCEMS), Gaby Rodriguez (WCEMS), Yera Castaneda (WCEMS), Alyssa Mooney (WC EMS), Marie Boman-Davis (WC EMS), Ritu Sahni (MD WCEMS), Dr. Jesse Bohrer-Clancy (MD WCEMS) Zach Hall (AMR), Jason Jensen (AMR), Rob McDonald (AMR), Ben Sorenson (TVFR), Tia Ho (Ride Connection), Shawn Wood (MWA), James Smario (TVFR) Mohamud Daya (TVFR MD)

Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve June meeting minutes.
3. Systemwide Data updates

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4. Workgroup Updates
5. EMS Updates
6. Good of the Order (Public Comment)

Opening Comments

Chief Downey opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chief Downey asked the governing board members board members for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, Chief Weiss made a motion to approve, and Marni Kuyl seconded. The agenda was adopted with no changes.

Review and Approve Minutes

Chief Downey asked the board members if everyone had a chance to review the June meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Marni Kuyl made a motion to approve; Chief Weiss seconded; the meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Public Comment

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

Data Reporting Systemwide:

- Systemwide data presentation by Adrienne Donner and Alyssa Mooney for Washington County EMS was given.
- New term for OLMC is Online Medical Direction
- Marni would like to see this data a couple of days before the meeting to be able to appreciate all the data available.
- Adrienne will look at how to appropriately share this data ahead of time.
- There will be a more in depth look at the analysis of this data with the QI group.
- In the chat Dr. Daya stated that they intentionally limited BLS use with the goal to ensure safety. We have been looking at the dispatch cards on an ongoing basis to see how we can use BLS more. Also, we have been pushing out more Code-1 and that has also been a workflow change at dispatch.
- The same thing we are seeing with BLS will happened with Nurse Navigator data and then it will expand.
- Chief Weiss asked what the target for level 0 is currently at 2% and target per agreement is 0 calls.
- Chief Weiss asked if Metro West is called in if those calls are included and Alyssa said yes, they are included.
- Hospitals are busy, OHSU is still at 98% capacity we often do not have a stretcher to transfer patients to or a room, it's a priority to get folks back into service and the charge nurses are aware of that.
- Chief Smario asked if there is a way to know how many units are responding to the incident Alyssa yes.
- Dr. Daya comments from the chat - FYI, there are some systems in Canada that report 4-hour wall times, we do look at Code-1 vs Code-3 at WCCCA, we have managed to get this down on several of our common calls

- Dr. Sahni comment from the chat - Chief Smario - FW can track "all responses" which I believe would count each unit as a separate response (vs all incidents)

EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates:

- **System Stewardship**
 - Tim and Chief Smario have started preliminary discussions to get the right folks on this group.
 - Also trying to get some background on how other counties use their system enhancement fund.
 - Dr. Sahni would be happy to share how it works in Clackamas County.
- **System Enhancement -**
 - No new updates
- **Data Workgroup**
 - No new updates this group has not met because they are still working on the data use agreement and as soon as it comes back from WCCCA and FirstWatch it will be sent to this group right away.
- **Governance documents data work group**
 - No new updates for this workgroup

EMS Staff update:

- Nurse Navigator update the comms group got together for the second meeting with Washington County EMS on how to get the message out. This was a very productive meeting.
- Will launch after Clackamas County looking at end of October launch for Washington County
- OLMC data review update given earlier.
- Data review of the heat triggers in place thru First Watch during the last heat wave.
- This data will serve to inform emergency management where additional cooling or warming shelters are needed.
- This was a first run and there were some issues and streamlining was needed to get it to work the way we need it to.

Agency Updates:

- **TVFR**
 - Rescue 70 is moving into a squad so less so that transport capacity will not be easy to deploy effective August 15.
- **Forest Grove/Cornelius Fire**
 - No representatives present today.
- **Banks Fire**
 - No representatives present today.
- **Gaston Fire**
 - No new updates

- **Hillsboro Fire**
 - No new updates
- **Medical Directors**
 - OHSU EMS fellow started July 1
 - Dr. Daya comment from chat -There was a large amount of IFT work in the system as hospitals move patients around, I know that is true for OHSU.
- **WCCCA**
 - Nurse Navigator program work continuing
 - Promotion of Tim Davis to administrative supervisor, this transition is going to take some time as he is moving from training coordinator.
- **MWA**
 - MWA availability has decreased in the last month for Washington County 9-1-1.
 - In April there were 30 requests and were available for 21.
 - In May there were 54 requests and available for 22.
 - In June there were 35 requests and available 14 times.
 - July there were 21 requests and units were available 3 times total.
 - All due to the LifeFlight ground operations work being taken on by Metro West.
- **AMR**
 - Still hiring, good with staffing and waiting for a few people to get out of training but still has the minimum numbers.
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Public Comment

Chief Downey opened the meeting up to public comment. There was no one for public comment.

Good of the Order

- Nothing for good of the order today

Meeting was adjourned at 1:41 pm.

Next meeting: Aug 22nd at 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m., via Zoom

Minutes compiled by Yera Castañeda