

Washington County EMS Alliance



**Washington County EMS Alliance
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 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	City of Forest Grove and City of Cornelius	X	Patrick Wineman (Vice Chair)
	Marni Kuyl	Washington County	X	Mjere Simantel
X	Rodney Linz	Banks Fire District	X	Andrew Cooper
X	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	X	Steve Boughey
Affiliate Member Representative			Backup Representative	
	Randy Lauer	American Medical Response		Jennifer Romero
X	Larry Boxman	Metro West Ambulance		Shawn Baird
X	Mark Buchholz	WCCCA	X	Jennifer Reese

Other Interested Parties/Staff:

Tim Case (WCEMS), Adrienne Donner (WCEMS) Gaby Rodriguez (WCEMS), Yera Castaneda (WCEMS) Alyssa Mooney (WCEMS), Jack Nuttall (WCEMS) Jennifer Romero (AMR), Zach Hall (AMR), Mohamud Daya (MD), Jason Jensen (AMR), Larry Boxman (MWA) Rob McDonald (AMR), Mark Buccholz (WCCCA)

Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve April meeting minutes.
3. Current Issues
4. Workgroup Updates

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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 approve the agenda as is, Chief Weiss made a motion to approve, and Chief Linz 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 March meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Chief Linz made a motion to approve; Chief Weiss seconded; the meeting minutes agenda were approved with no changes.

Public Comment

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

Strategic Planning

- **System Enhancement Fund Discussion:**
 - There is approximately \$100,000 in there and no plan for building it.
 - Originally funded by EMS fund balance due to low staffing or understaffing over some years. 4 years ago, EMS set aside about \$400,000 into the system enhancement that the Alliance decided to use for projects to fill gaps systemwide.
 - FirstWatch was funded from there with funds that came in and went out.
 - Merging of strategic plan elements into one group to avoid confusion and ensure consistency.
 - Chief Linz alongside a few others would be happy to work on this group/committee to explore funding options.
 - Will look at the new charters that are being worked on and figure where this fits bets and pull some folks together.
 - In the next month the EMS Alliance will come up with some charter drafts to present at the next Alliance meeting of what the charters look like.
 - Chief Downey would like to keep it down to 3 charters, data workgroup charter is very recent from 2023, Kristin sent a draft from October for a resource integration charter.
 - Adrienne will reach out to Kristin to work on this one as well.
- **System Wide Data Sharing Discussion:**
 - Jack and Alyssa are working on putting together a system wide data use agreement.
 - This discussion is brought back to this group to close the loop on identifying struggles or great things that we are doing or anything related to the system, when it comes to the Alliance and when it goes to other groups.
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 - Topics for discussion to bring to this meeting would be identified areas of improvement or identified system wide areas of excellence, that have

been funneled thru Tim Case at County EMS or if there's a workgroup that would naturally fit in the area identified to tackle the fine details.

- There are 2 pieces to the system wide data use agreement that Jack and Alyssa are working on so that we have a good data use agreement amongst all partners now that we have FirstWatch.
- This agreement is currently moving through county IT and legal departments.
- Chief Weiss would like to have a list of topics for report outs at the alliance meeting, such as level 0's, fire department transports, Metro transports, issues with equipment with standardization to give a few examples of data, he currently has a list of items that he can send on to Tim Case.
- Distilling a list of different buckets of items that would be of interest to the Alliance would be helpful to have.
- A caveat to the information from QI data is that it is all protected information so Tim Case would need to figure out the best way to report out to this group on that.
- Chief Downey also has a list of items that he can send to Tim Case on this.
- Any of the Alliance members that have a list of items they would like to see reported on at the EMS monthly alliance meeting should forward the list to Tim Case. Also include notes of items that they would also like to see quarterly and yearly too if any.

EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates:

- **Dispatch data workgroup**
 - No new updates
- **Data workgroup**
 - We have a small working group tasked with reviewing our electronic protocol provider and selecting a replacement that includes a drug calculator will meet next week on May 2nd to review our options. It looks like a two-way race at this stage between a better designed version of our current app (paramedic protocol provider) and HandteV. There is also a third possibility, a European app called Eolas, but conversations with them are in the very early stages.
 - Waiting for Jake on the Stryker contract to annotate the LifePak defib files.
- **Transition workgroup charter**
 - No updates

EMS Staff update:

- Nurse Navigator is fully funded and invitations to the kickoff meeting should be coming soon. It is currently being planned for May 29th time TBD, location likely WSCC.
- Attended Clackamas' presentation and it was a good informational meeting that described the system as well as the 5 planning workgroups that are used in the implementation process:
 - Clinical Determinants
 - 911 Call Flow Process
 - Field Referral Process

- Alternate Destinations
 - Community Education
- EMS Week Proclamation: Will happen on May 21st just after 10:00 am we are in need a proclamation reader.
- Please feel free to forward the invitation information to your networks it would be great to have folks in the room.
- We are continuing to work to develop a systemwide data use agreement.
- Planning for National CPR/AED awareness week 1st week in June with 2 planned Spanish language classes.
- First Watch update
 - Compliance components almost in place. Our compliance measure is modernized and way more complex now so it has taken a colossal lift by a lot of people to get the data flowing/moving and calculating the way it should. It is funded for the first year and working to identify funding beyond year 1.
- Working on process to surveil for asset allocation irregularities to see if they are signals of a system design issue, one-off circumstances, i.e., human error, etc.
 - Taking improvement approach rather than a reactionary one
 - Connecting with Clackamas County EMS colleagues to see how they tackle this to see if there are best practices that work for them?
 - Not yet been able to connect with Multnomah County EMS on this, since they have a similar system.
- QI is going along only have had a few meetings this year, when they did meet, they did a “deep dive” on ALS/BLS tiering.
 - Got a good baseline set of data.
 - Very complex issue to review:
 - Subjectivity in clinician treatment philosophy
- Clinical Strategic Planning group no actionable items yet.
 - Upcoming attractions
 - Continued work on ALS/BLS
 - Pediatric readiness there is movement within hospitals emergency departments to have a pediatric champion and that is looking at policies, procedures, protocols, equipment, training, and capabilities. Dr. Bohrer-Clancy and Dr. Hansen as well as others from that group will tackle soon.
 - Multi-Agency Training planning for fall 2024 will start soon.
 - EMS/Law Enforcement joint training specifically on the topic of agitated patients
 - Medication shortage strategy survey results
 - Based on paper out of LA County where they wondered what types of things were done by their agencies in time so shortage of medications.
- West End MAT concluded Tuesday.
- AEDs to Law Enforcement will be partially funded grant.
- Washington County brokers the OLMC for the county, they send us a report each quarterly, the report will come later this time around due to data process changes at OHSU so the report now has more data, if any of the agencies would like to see additional information on how your agency is using the call system.

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Agency Updates:

- **TVFR**
 - A big thank you AMR and MWA the fire transports are down.
 - Working with Kaiser on urgent care response, have had a lot of progress in working thru the cards in association with calls, once we are done with Keiser will probably be going with this template to Legacy, Providence and the other hospitals believe that this collaborative effort will go well and are going in a great direction.

- **Forest Grove/Cornelius Fire**
 - No new updates

- **Banks Fire**
 - No new updates

- **Gaston Fire**
 - No new updates

- **Hillsboro Fire**
 - No new updates

- **Medical Directors**
 - Dr. Daya's commented that TVFR did some training 2 weeks ago, and we will be building on that. We can share some of the things we are working on.
 - Eric Jaeger from New Hampshire is helping us with some of this work.
 - Special thanks to the County EMS office to brining the Multi-Agency Training out to Western Washington County over the last 2 weeks.

- **WCCCA**
 - Following along with nurse navigator with interest.

- **MWA**
 - Transports in Washington County are 1 a day down from 6 a day a month ago.

- **AMR**
 - AMR will continue to work with MWA, and they continue to be fully staffed.

Public Comment

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

Good of the Order

- Agenda items for next meeting please send them to Adrienne, Chief Downey, Chief Geering or Yera.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next meeting: May 23rd at 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m., via Zoom

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda