

# Washington County EMS Alliance



## Washington County EMS Alliance Governing Board Meeting Minutes August 24, 2023

### Attendance:

Member/Delegate			Back-Up Delegate	
Present	Name	Jurisdiction	Present	Name
X	David Downey (Chair)	City of Hillsboro	X	Greg Espinosa
X	Patrick Wineman (Vice Chair)	City of Forest Grove		TBD
X	Marni Kuyl	Washington County		Mjere Simantel
X	Rodney Linz	Banks Fire District		Andrew Cooper
X	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	X	Steve Boughey
Affiliate Member Representative			Backup Representative	
X	Randy Lawer	American Medical Response	X	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), Kristin Chaffee (TVFR), Casey Schein (LFN), Ben Sorenson (TVFR), Kathy Fink (WCCCA), Jennifer Fetterley (AMR), Jim Geering (FGFR), Rob McDonald (AMR) Jenn Romero (AMR) Kim Foster (WCCCA)

### Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve May meeting minutes.
3. Current Issues
4. Strategic Direction
5. Workgroup Updates
6. EMS Updates

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## 7. 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 for approval of the agenda Chief Weiss made motion to approve, Chief Wineman seconded, there are no objections from the board members, the agenda was approved as is.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

Chief Downey asked the board members if everyone had a chance to review the July meeting minutes. Chief Linz moves to approve, Chief Wineman seconded; the minutes were approved with no changes.

### **Public Comment**

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

### **Strategic Planning:**

- **Strategic Plan**

- Would like to pull the strategic plan specific meeting to discuss what the next steps are when it was thought to have been finalized.
- Today would like to look at as we look to combine the temporary extra workgroups back into the regular workgroups under the EMS Alliance and transition into one of the sections under the resource management integration of the strategic plan.
- Looking to have a fully integrated EMS system by creating a formalized and collaborative structure for our systems resources and named out the centralized dispatch workgroup as part of this work.
- Chief Weiss as lead of the centralized dispatch workgroup suggested letting them start working with their staff and then incorporate others into the group, also suggested a name change.
- Chief Wineman also recommended taking into consideration the work of the transition workgroup and see if there is a fit for them in the new resource management integration or other groups under the strategic plan.
- Chief Boughey asked for a brief summary of the operations workgroup and where they would fit so that we are not duplicating efforts that already exist and still able to address things on a more formal basis like the Level 0, field operations and the other things that will continue to need attention and work where do those fit under this strategic plan.
- The Clinical Strategic Planning Group is clinically focused so as long as we rename the operations workgroup broader then we would not be duplicating efforts.
- Once all the work with centralized dispatch workgroup finishes their remaining work, the Alliance will get together and start working on this transition.

- **Affiliate request form AMR and vote on acceptance**
  - AMR has submitted an EMS Alliance affiliate member application as our new 9-1-1 transport provider and should be an affiliate member to the EMS Alliance. Chief Linz moved to approve, and Chief Weiss seconded. All members are in favor and the motion carries unanimously.

## **EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates:**

- **Dispatch data workgroup**
  - Nothing new from this workgroup
- **Data Workgroup**
  - This workgroup is finally coming out of hibernation, now that AMR is all transitioned and FirstWatch is being installed this progress is still moving some parts moving faster than others.
  - First week of September we will be meeting on how to better assist with clinical quality improvement.
  - Working on moving the CAD data from WCCCA and Fire. Fire agencies are all set up now through their ESO's and we can now access their PCR's for CA and overdose. TVFR is still waiting for it, the CAD data was used to map cases during the most recent heat wave. Fentanyl crisis going on now we are heavily relying on this data to pinpoint vulnerable populations and target resources.
  - The slow area is getting the CAD part integrated with WCCCA data integrated because it exposes the data to damage they are going to pull from a mirror server.
  - FirstWatch and WC had a first implementation meeting of 30 minutes on Tuesday.
  - Chief Wineman asked about receiving an annual invoice from ESO to get Cornelius Fire and FGFR connected, and he was unaware of this and is there a miscommunication somewhere or should he expect to see that. ESO said it was a cost associated with providing information to FirstWatch. Adrienne will investigate it since no one else got this charge. The invoice call was from ESO in order to connect to first watch.
  - Chief Wineman will forward invoice to Jack so he can follow up with FirstWatch
- **Transition workgroup charter**
  - This group has just a couple pieces dependent on time and would like to follow the timeline for the AVL dispatch and the BLS tier component with November 1 timeline.
  - Until these 2 steps are complete this group is still active with the ongoing piece of Level 0 component and fire utilization piece and also looking to get the contract piece back to AMR
  - AMR has an executed agreement with Hillsboro Fire.
  - AMR is meeting Chief Linz next week to discuss the same topic.
- **Level 0 Workgroup**
  - Meeting Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to see how the first 6 weeks are going.

### **EMS Staff update:**

- Marni wanted to bring to this group that the tri county chairs get on a call often and on the last call they focused heavily on AMR and have asked staff to be present at their Sept 11 call for a regional approach to the need for AMR response across the region. It is mostly a need to reassure them that the partnerships with AMR are all working as they should, and no county is poaching from the other, they will need to be reassured that we already work together and that the staffing issues cannot be solved overnight.
- Adrienne let chair Harrington that we are all working together and that we are all communicating actively.
- Alyssa Mooney is very heavily involved already with FirstWatch and working to identify what is out there.
- TriMet is doing a large exercise in the max tunnel on 11/4 and from the EMS programs ruled out transporting fake patients, this would be poor use of resources. Tunnel will be closed on both directions; it is a heavy lift for TriMet
- Dr/ Jui will be on site and Adrienne wanted to share with you as this would be a great learning opportunity.
- As we look forward to the holidays, we would like to calendar crunch for a meeting in early December meeting to combine the November and December meetings into one meeting in early December.
- September and October meetings will be held as usual however November and December meetings will be off schedule.

### **Agency Updates:**

- **TVFR**
  - Meeting with AMR coming up to discuss the contract.
- **Forest Grove Fire**
  - Next Wednesday they will meet with city manager for comparison of the contracts that have been done with other fire agencies and will move forward accordingly with AMR.
- **Banks Fire**
  - Meeting with Randy to discuss contract next week.
- **Gaston Fire**
  - No New updates
- **Hillsboro Fire**
  - Rescue 1 was returned from being down for mechanical. Patient area AC was not functioning for transport with recent heat events.
- **Medical Directors**
  - No new updates
- **WCCCA**
  - Moving forward – we are testing AVL next Tuesday at 8am and will test for an 8-hour period if something goes wrong it will go down and if it works well we will leave it on.
  - Actual launch date is Sept 6

- **MWA**
  - Glad the transition was going smooth MWA is focusing on non-emergency transport looking to reduce wall times and increase resources to hospitals.
  - An update of the contact information will need to be made Larry Boxman will be listed as contact 1 and Shawn Baird will be listed as backup contact. Meeting minutes template and distribution list will be updated to reflect this.
- **AMR**
  - Getting things going and smoothing out staffing and enjoying work with partner agencies

### **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 or Chief Wineman and Yera
- AMR wants to let the Alliance know that the engagement with all the agencies has been wonderful.
- Chief Wineman shared this small Ops matter while fire-centric, should this evolve, there could certainly be an EMS impact:

“This is an important message from OSFM.

Good afternoon,

Red Flag warnings for potential lightning, low relative humidity, high Haines, and wind from Southwestern Oregon up through the Cascades and Willamette Valley foothills through Friday morning. High potential for multiple starts and challenging Initial Attack conditions for the next 24-hour period.

FDBC's prepare for the potential of new starts, OSFM is not pre-positioning based on the widespread possible impacts.”

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.**

**Next meeting: Thurs Sept 28th at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., via Zoom**

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda