

# Washington County EMS Alliance



## Washington County EMS Alliance Governing Board Meeting Minutes Feb. 23, 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		Brennan Nannenga
X	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	X	Steve Boughey
Affiliate Member Representative			Backup Representative	
X	Shawn Baird	Metro West Ambulance		David Weeks
X	Mark Buchholz	WCCCA	X	Jennifer Reese

### Other Interested Parties/Staff:

Tim Case (WCEMS), Adrienne Donner (WCEMS) Gaby Rodriguez (WCEMS), Yera Castaneda (WCEMS) Kristin Chaffee (TVFR), Casey Schein (LFN), Gail M. Madsen (Consumer Advocate) Ron Morgan (TVFR Union), Sam Flores (AMR), Megan Wever (WC resident) Josh Nordberg (TVFR), Ben Sorenson (TVFR), Kathy Fink (WCCCA), Kenny Frentress (TVFR) Shane Ryan (MWA), Dr. Mohamud Daya (TVFR MD), Aaron Monnig (Multnomah County), Jacob Grant (MWA), Gene Frye (MWA), Jennifer Fetterley (AMR), Jennifer Reese (WCCCA), Jim Geering (FGFR) Larry Boxman (MWA) Mark Buchholz (WCCCA) Dr. Ritu Sahni (WCEMS) Shane Ryan (MWA) Shawn Wood (MWA) Shawn Baird (MWA), Kim Foster (WCCCA), Austin DePaolo (Teamsters)

### Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve December meeting minutes
3. Current Issues

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4. Strategic Direction
5. Workgroup Updates
6. EMS Updates
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 agenda, 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 December meeting minutes this meeting was held on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Marni made a motion to approve, Chief Weiss seconded; the minutes were approved with no changes.

### **Public Comment**

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

### **Strategic Direction**

- Work on system redesign next steps
- ASA update and admin rules - there are additional changes that need to be made in the next 2-3 months and then strategically taken to the board for approval to move forward.
- All issues around ALS and BLS are identified in the documents but changes not made and approved yet due to evolving system.
- ASP was submitted to OHA EMS office for review, and it is currently with Dr. Sulliver making its way through the review process.

### **Current Issues**

- Documents to review for focus on dispatch and ambulance deployment specially for BLS ambulance and leaving out Fire First Response.
- Looking at more deployment packages and always looking to have more people join with input
- Chief Weiss believes that this is something to be brought to this group, feels that down the road it could be a bigger thing to be put under the alliance and create a subgroup. Suggested getting through all the low-level stuff and then bring it to the Alliance for the rest to include Fire First Response. Tim will include Richard Vetsch in this workgroup and will ask Kathy Fink to add him in since this is work with the new WCCCA
- Kathy confirms that Chief Vetch from Hillsboro has been added to this group.
- Dr. Daya suggested that Chief Wineman from Forest grove should be added to this group as well
- Medical directors agree that this should be part of the EMS Alliance work as a continuation of the dispatch workgroup communication that is transparent.

### **EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates:**

- **Dispatch data workgroup**
  - Created a small group that is working on BLS.
- **Data Workgroup**
  - This group has no new updates
- **Redesign workgroup charter**
  - This group has no new updates
- **Level 0 project workgroup**
  - This group has no new updates

### **EMS Staff update:**

- Continued work with First Watch and has cleared the IT hurdle, moving into the next phase of contract and pricing.
- Data workgroup will need to be involved as to what is needed.
- FW will get information to everyone here about the information needed for data from fire agencies
- Visualization models for fire agencies that will need an IDV, Adrienne brought this subject here to find out how many of the agencies will need it and can always add it afterwards but would like to focus on the ones that will really need it and use it. Adrienne will send the IDV information after the meeting.
- Chair and VC Chair of the Alliance are positions that are one year duration but can stay longer if that is what they want.
- Alliance board members agree to keep current leadership for the next year, all members present in agreement to proceed with this action item during this meeting.
- Chief Weiss moved to approve, and Marni seconded the motion for Chief Downey to remain as EMS Alliance chair and Chief Wineman to remain as vice chair. All board members present voted in favor and motion carries.
- Chief Downey recommended to revisit the leadership maintenance in December 2023.
- Washington County is actively looking to get an epidemiologist position within EMS, and it is something that we are hoping to move forward with.
- **TVFR**
  - Short on staff medics and fire fighters right now.
- **Forest Grove Fire**
  - Just welcomed staff from the academy and now have staffed units 24/7
  - Uptick on the level 0 in the last few days including transport and would like to discuss this further here.
- **Banks Fire**
  - No New Updates
- **Hillsboro Fire**
  - No new updates

- **Medical Directors**
  - Dr. Daya along with TVFR celebrated the lives of 18 people that were saved from cardiac arrest, it was a wonderful event.
  
- **WCCCA**
  - About a week ago we had a no go on our move operation and had to postpone. Last night would have been our first night at the new location, we are good to move dispatch operations next Wednesday at 4 AM. The move will take around 8 hours, it can go faster, and it can go slower. Dispatch Staff will be positioned at both locations until all operations are moved successfully to the new location.
  - Jennifer will send out the draft to Chief Wineman
  
- **MWA**
  - No new updates

### **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 to be added if anyone has anything here, or just send them to Adrienne and she will get them on the next agenda.
- TVFR is going to have a low number of units with rescues and would like to make sure that we anticipate the needs and get the calls covered.
- MWA is losing 1 senior paramedic at the end of the month and there has been no decrease in numbers. Had some staffing issues this morning due to the snow but otherwise nothing significant.
- Jake from MWA would like to follow up after this meeting to see what Chief Wineman is seeing with the level 0.
- Chief Weiss is also seeing an uptick in numbers would like for MWA to also reach out to them.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm**

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

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda