

Washington County EMS Alliance



Washington County EMS Alliance Governing Board Meeting Minutes July 28, 2022

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
	Marni Kuyl	Washington County	X	Mjere Simantel
X	Rodney Linz	Banks Fire District		Brennan Nannenga
X	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	X	Steve Boughey

Other Interested Parties/Staff:

Tim Case (WCEMS), Gaby Rodriguez (WCEMS), Jesse Bohrer-Clancy (WCEMS), Muhamud Daya (TVFR), Ritu Sahni (WCEMS), JD Fuiten (MWA), David Weeks (MWA), Kristin Chaffee (TVFR), Ben Sorenson (TVFR), Joshua Nordberg (TVFR), Chief Geering (FGFD), Chief Boughey (TVFR), Mark Buchholz (WCCCA), Jennifer Reese (WCCCA) Casey Schein (LFN), Gail M. Madsen (Customer), Sam Flores (GMR), Todd Sheridan (Fitch&Associates), Jason Behrens (Fitch&Associates) Tara, Yera Castaneda (WCEMS), Ron Morgan (TVFF Union). Sam Flores (AMR-EMS), Megan Wever (WC resident), Kim Foster (WCCCA)

Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve July meeting minutes
3. Strategic Direction
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 that were present for approval of agenda, Chief Weiss made motion to adopt, and Chief Linz seconded. Agenda was approved as is.

Review and Approve Minutes

Chief Downey asked the board members if everyone had a chance to review the meeting minutes from July he had no changes, Chief Wineman made motion to adopt, and Chief Weiss seconded. Meeting minutes adopted as is.

Public Comment

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

Strategic Direction

Report out on the Cambridge meeting:

- Introduction meeting with EMS Washington County team.
- Later meeting with stakeholders to deep dive into the RFP start.
- Cambridge did not have a timeline for the lengthy request from them sent to all the agencies.
- Tim agrees that did not specify a timeline but given the compression of time that we have for completion of the project, this is the lengthiest part of the project data collection after that they can start moving efficiently and not all pertains to one agency alone.
- Redesign work will be a separate document that is delivered as well.
- Doodle for August meeting before September meeting.
- Chief Boughey shared his experience with Clackamas County after data dump.
- Chief Weiss was very encouraged with the process and the expertise that Cambridge brings to the table.
- The Cambridge meetings with the stakeholders are closed meetings.
- Cambridge will be connecting directly with MWA, Adrienne can work on facilitating the meeting with them.

Discussion -

- Gaston Fire is no longer with Forest Grove/Cornelius as one department.
- We need to discuss official membership of Gaston to the EMS Alliance.
- Getting someone to the table here with limited capacity,
- Chief Wineman stated that the 190 agreement that was sent out there were 2 agencies signature lines added for Cornelius Fire and Gaston. That document makes them voting members, Adrienne will work on that.
- Adrienne will reach out to Gaston to get them on the table.

EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates

Dispatch data workgroup:

- Dispatch directly from WCCCA became problematic with the current set up.
- With approval from this group the system has paused the testing of the pilot.
- Can we use the original group to work through it or is that something that Tim Case (EMS) already has in the radar? or is it being put on the hold mode? Tim case stated that the component for centralized dispatch already being looked at for the future.

System Redesign Update

Data Workgroup:

- The data workgroup has been dormant the last couple of weeks.
- Dr. Sahni was going to present vendor for data sharing will move to next meeting since Dr. Sahni is not on the call.
- Working on renewing IGA's with all the agencies for data sharing.
- Working with QI group on cardiac arrest

Redesign workgroup charter

Level 0 project group:

- Interra availability status of ambulances is not being tracked properly, specially the 80's units there looks like there are more units than there really are.
- 80(units are not being used for transport) and JD will work with Shane to get that fixed they should not be showing up.
- Met a couple weeks ago, had a couple take aways missing a voice in the clinicians or providers with a foot in the ground to be more proactive or reactive for ARMUPs.
- Tim sent out a request for availability from folks to discuss ARMUP's.

EMS Staff update:

- We are starting off with Cambridge and are excited to have that underway, exciting to know the expertise they bring to the table
- Staffing is stable at Washington County
- Pulling in epidemiologist when we are starting to work with Cambridge at county level to enhance through their eyes.
- Final draft report from Fitch draft was reviewed at the end of last week. Final report will come anytime now, it is about 40 pages plus appendices. Adrienne will send out when it comes finalized.

TVFR:

- Advanced practice community paramedic program, slated to deploy in October.
- Paramedic units 4-5 in the field and will take the place of cars in the field and their primary mission is to do patient advocacy work.
- Starting internal recruiting process.
- More to come and seen some great initial data from the field.

Forest Grove:

- EMS - extend a thank you to all organizations on the call, all have been great providing support in dealing with a hazmat incident in the community.

Banks Fire:

- looking forward to meeting with Cambridge and working through the changes in the system.

Hillsboro Fire:

- Rescue to be staffed in January
- Earlier this month they have acquired a new EMS Chief Richard Vetsch so he will be attending the meetings and being very involved in these meetings

Medical Directors:

- Dr. Daya -Protocol development processes they will have changes coming out in January and will be ready to present to the alliance in September. Happy to participate in the Cambridge meetings earlier this week.
- Dr. Bohrer-Clancy – agrees with Dr. Daya.

WCCCA:

- EMS group meeting to discuss centralized dispatch
- Call volumes are up faster in the summer than they are used to.
- Staffing

MWA:

- Continue to push ahead with training seniors, recruiting efforts.
- Getting injected in the process better to improve services.

Public Comment:

No one for public comment

Good of the Order:

Next month agenda –

- Send items for next agenda meeting by 08/08/2022.
- Chief Boughey suggested redesign group should reconvene again so that we are ready to present the document to Cambridge. Tim will reach out to chief Wineman.
- Adrienne asked if they have heat related items let her or Jack know, we have a group of people helping with day cooling shelters and 2 overnight cooling shelters.
- Water is going out to folks experiencing houselessness. Let us know and we will make sure that we help.
- Chief Downey will let everyone know if there will be a regular meeting in August or if it will be filled with associated work.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Aug 25 at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., via Zoom

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda