

Washington County EMS Alliance



**Washington County EMS Alliance
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2022**

Attendance:

Member/Delegate			Back-Up Delegate	
Present	Name	Jurisdiction	Present	Name
X	David Downey (Chair)	City of Hillsboro	X	Greg Espinosa
	Patrick Wineman (Vice Chair)	City of Forest Grove & City of Cornelius		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

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 Madsen, Sam Flores (GMR), Todd Sheridan (Fitch&Associates), Jason Behrens (Fitch&Associates) Tara, Yera Castaneda (WCEMS), Ron Morgan (TVFF Union).

Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve May 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, the agenda was approved as is.

Review and Approve Minutes

Chief Downey asked that May's meeting minutes wait until July meeting for acceptance until we have a Quorum. He personally reviewed them and had no changes.

Public Comment

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

Strategic Direction-

- **Report out from Fitch** -Auto activation of fire transport when at Level 1 or Level 0
- Dr. Sahni gave info they used to include in report
- WCCCA findings
- Vehicular response time
- 10,000 calls with 14,000-unit responses during this time period.
- Resource allocation
- Data review Heat map
- Current performance standard & Current Contractor deployment plan suburban and rural zones
- 8, 11 and 30 min response zones
- 6 is the number of units needed to cover geography
- High population in urban areas
- BLS optimized deployment plan
- Deployment add in a tiered BLS system continue to leverage the robust medical first response program
- If cost becomes an issue the system could introduce the baseline CFAI standards if baseline standards were implemented
- System of controlled enhancements - First Watch & First Watch OCU
- Single Patient care reporting system
- Updated dispatch protocols
- Clinical reporting
- Training – In new contract EMS contractor should be required a specific amount of training with fire departments
- CPR resuscitation academy pit crew
- Cross training on equipment
- Monthly and annual training
- Piloting new programs (Clinical Innovation)
- EMS Evolving recommendation that the system evolve in real time.
- Continue Single ASA single ambulance service area
- Continue and expand research (continue and expand throughout the county)
- Medical directors should work together to ensure this continues and can be used across the full county.

- Connect to hospitals data systems for outcome reporting (Health Data Exchange systems/programs)
- Partner with hospitals or county level.
- Risk factors – Critical care transport in the region is done by MWA (if they are not awarded the agreement) it could be a challenge.
- Finalize model updates, attach financial implications to each model and have a draft final report to the county on June 30th, 2022.

Discussion -

- Ron Morgan Fire fighter union representative (slide 13 questions among current system of 600ft geofencing) is it your recommendation that this is not allowed? Todd responded it should be point of negotiation in the RFP process.
- Chief Geering question on finance part will there be a part that speaks to the valuation of the system.
Todd responded yes, they look at overall transport and average revenue per transport, revenues within the system.
- Dr. Daya asked if 6 units to cover response time how did you come up with that? Todd responded demand geography and time all task Fitch evaluation determined minimum required is 6 units TO COVER GEOGRAPHY ONLY (look at average of time it takes a unit) 3 variables in one moment.
- Dr Daya ALS response and not ALS care en-route to the hospital?
Chief Boughey BLS question is curious when people have in their experience seen it hurt or negatively affect (Todd said that yes, there is a balance on saving money on labor force but the other efficiencies for ALS and performance it could be a challenge on the financial side. They will evaluate it.)
- Chief Weiss – averages were used, do you recommend we use averages when we are abstracting data?
Todd replied yes, it is 90% the best numbers to use.
- Dr. Daya CCT a lot of hospitals now not providing full gamut of care, patients are having to be constantly transported and transferred taking out EMS resources. Were you suggesting that some of that get built into the next RFP contract so that the service would also come under some oversight from the community?
Todd responded no 911 system only, solely without involving interfacility transfers.
Chief Downey ended presentation closed and discussion concluded

EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates-

System Redesign Update -

- Chief Boughey second meeting continue to go through the document, but they are close.
- Clean up the document to provide to the consultant once the contract is awarded. Will have it ready for the next Alliance meeting

Data Workgroup – Jack is out on paternity leave so Chief Downey gave update, IGA, data sharing and work on enhancing cardiac arrest and airway management but nothing much since there was no meeting last month.

Redesign workgroup charter –

The pilot was released and is still ongoing there was a bit of a hic up, but pilot kept going at least through the month of June, will have a meeting next Thursday (data return interest on how many times has been selected and Samantha is in there what can we put on the new system.)

Level 0 project group –

Nothing to update as we work on most through redesign work group, meeting early next week (fire ARMUP activation request) it not an alliance workgroup but wanted to let the Alliance know.

TVFR is going to try with help with WCCCA if there is standby units that WCCCA can't see, after July 5 they are going to help with resource management. Have those units at the stations reserve units are further out they will be placed closer so they can use those.

EMS Staff update-

RFP for consultant 4 bidders submitted proposals.

Suzi Fulcher sent out an email to the review group on how to log on to the procurement site for scoring the applications.

Yera will send out the how-to video that walks you through the scoring process before the review meeting.

Application reviews 6/29

Interviews 07/06

Decision 07/08

Marni stated Washington County's budget was approved by the board on Tuesday, Alliance agreement has been approved, IGA that created the Alliance has been entered into ECATS and will be sent out to the signers anytime now. Adrienne approved before leaving and Marni is ready to sign as soon as she gets it back.

Multnomah County is trialing a period of higher thresholds for diversion.

WCCCA – Mark and Jennifer are meeting with CFO's with funding formula on which way they will go with the EMS Alliance

MWA – Encouraged with the work on returning resources to the systems. Secured a couple of new paramedics from outside the area. Local folks are still going through training. Ambulance markers should be here in the next week.

Public Comment- no one for public comment

Good of the Order –

Circling back around to meeting minutes for May Chief Downey asked the board members if they had a chance to review the May meeting minutes, no changes were needed Chief Linz made motion to adopt and Marni seconded. Meeting minutes approved as they are.

Next agenda – Final Fitch report and Chief Weiss the agenda for the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Next meeting: July 28 at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., via Zoom

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda