

**SW REGION EMS and TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 1, 2024; 2pm  
Zoom Online Meeting**

Position #	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	VOTING MEMBERS	ALTERNATE MEMBERS	July 12 2023	Sept 6 2023	Nov 1 2023	Jan 10 2024	Mar 6 2024	May 1 2024
<b>Prehospital Reps 6</b>									
SW 11	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P
SW12/A	Clark	<i>Jeff Bissett, Treasurer</i>	Ben Peeler	P/A	P/P	P/A	P/P	P	A/P
SW 13/A	Klickitat	Nicole Vincent	Juliana Ontiveros	P/A	A/A	P/A	A/A	A/A	A/A
SW 14	Skamania	Ann Lueders		A	P	A	A	A	A
SW 15	S. Pacific	Brad Weatherby		P	A	A	A	P	P
SW 16	Wahkiakum								
<b>Injury Prevention Rep 1</b>									
SW 17	At-Large								
<b>Hospital Reps 6</b>									
SW26/A	Peace Health SW	Tracy Timmons	Danielle Huddleston	P/A	A/A	A/A	A/A	A/A	A/P
SW 27	Legacy Salmon Creek	Amy Doepkin							
SW 28	Peace Health St John	Lindsey Anderson						P	
SW 29	Ocean Beach	Marianne Baker		A	P	P	A	P	
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Rhonda Cook						A	
SW 31	Skyline	Keri Kelly							
<b>MPD Reps 2</b>									
SW 46/A	Urban	Marlow Macht, MD	Marc Muhr	/A	/A	/P		P/P	P/P
SW 47	Rural	Greg Hoskins, MD		A	P	P	A	P	
<b>Local Elected Official Reps 2</b>									
SW 55	Urban	Jon Olson		P	P	P	P	P	P
SW 56	Rural								
<b>Local Government Rep 1</b>									
SW 60	At-Large								
<b>Law Enforcement Rep 1</b>									
SW 65	At-Large	Brandon McNew							
<b>Consumers Rep 1</b>									
SW 70	At-Large								
<b>Emergency Communications/911 PSAP 1</b>									
SW 75	At-Large	John Diamond							
<b>Air Medical 1</b>									
SW 85	At-Large	Blaine Myers							P
<b>Emergency Management 1</b>									
	At Large								
<b>Staff &amp; Guests</b>									
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P	P	P	P	P
	Hailey Thacker	DOH		P	P				
	Marisa Hutcheson	Reg 4 Public Health		P	A	P	P	P	P
	Rocco Roncorati	AMR		P	A		P		
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P	P	P	P
	Jackie Gadbois	Clark County		P	P			P	P
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P	P	P	P		P
	Marc Kranz	MPD		P	A			P	
	Shaun Ford	CCFD			P	P		P	P
	Adiba Ali	CCPH			P				
	Shannon Hoskins	CCPH			P				
	Rachel Vinson	CCPH			P				
	Nicole Adams	CCPH			P				
	Jean Campbell	CCPH			P				

	David Hudson	CCPH			P				
	Dawn Felt	DOH			P	P			
	Adam Rovang	DOH			P				P
	Catie Holstein	DOH				P			
	Chief Boggs					P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH				P	P	P	P
	Joey Rodriquez	Medix				P			
	Don Thomas					P		P	
	Sarah Hancock	High Prairie Fire					P	P	
	Branden McNew						P		
	Sam Brown						P		
	Bill Rolison						P		
	Marlow Macht							P	
	Dustin Wallazier							P	P
	Dr Lynn Wittwer	MPD		P	P	P	P		
	Denise Haun-Taylor			P	A	P	P		
	Amelia Beuttner								P
	Will Harryman								P
	Daryl Hebert								P
	George Ayumba								P
	Jeff Archer								P

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Eric Koreis called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. Roll was called via the web login.

1. Approval of March 6, 2024 meeting minutes and today’s agenda\*

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the March 6, 2024 meeting minutes and today’s agenda as presented. Dr Marlow Macht seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports (February 2024-March 2024)

Prior to the meeting all Region Council members received a financial packet including the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Equities BARS Cash Basis, and General Ledger Detail Report for review which was prepared by the Plymale-Gillespie CPA office.

General Ledger Detail Summary Report	February 2024	March 2024		
<b>Checking</b>				
Beginning Balance	\$157,023.55	\$139,739.04		
Debits	\$1.25	\$38,221.36		
Credits	\$17,285.76	\$11,367.79		
Ending Balance	\$139,739.04	\$166,592.61		
<b>Investment CD</b>				
Beginning Balance	\$161,311.42	\$161,957.99		
Debits	\$646.57	\$649.16		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$161,957.99	\$162,607.15		

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the February 2024 and March 2024 financial statements and included transactions as presented. Brad Weatherby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Region System Plan Implementation & DOH Contract

A. FY23-25 Region System Plan Update

April reported that the work plan items are being completed; the most recent deliverable, the EMS Recruitment and Retention survey, will be discussed below.

B. FY23-24 SW Region Training and IVP Grant Update

April reported that the training and IVP grant funds are being spent. It looks like all counties will spend their funds by the end of the fiscal year. An updated grant sheet is sent to the county councils at the end of each month so they will know how much they have left to spend.

4. Old Business:

- A. Appointment of New Vice Chair  
Eric appointed Jeff Bissett as the new Vice Chairman. He has spoken with Marianne Baker about appointing her as the new Treasurer; she said she will get back to him about this.
- B. Approval of Patient Care Procedures\*  
A copy of the final draft of the PCPs was included in the meeting packet for review.

Action: Dr Marlow Macht moved to approve the PCPs as presented. Ben Peeler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C. Council Membership Recruitment Update  
The group reviewed the current roster. Amy Doepkin was sent an application to join the Council as a rep for Legacy Salmon Creek.

5. New Business

- A. DOH Injury Data Presentation (Chelsea Barth and Conrad Otterness)  
The injury data team from the DOH gave a presentation to the group. In 2022 there were 636 injury related deaths in the SW region; more than half were unintentional poisoning (mostly drug overdoses), followed by unintentional falls, motor vehicle/traffic accidents, and suicides with a firearm. They presented 2018-2022 injury deaths by age group as well as drug overdose deaths by intent (93% unintentional, suicide 5%, and undetermined). Overall drug overdose deaths from 2016-2022 in the SW region are lower than the national average and generally track along with numbers across the state. Most drug overdose deaths are due to opioids, synthetic opioids, and psychostimulants. The counties with the most drug overdose deaths per capita are Pacific and Cowlitz counties, and males have a much higher rate of drug overdose deaths than females. Drug overdose deaths in all categories are trending up except for the 18-24 age group. Drug overdose deaths are highest among blacks, followed by whites and Hispanics. Overdose hospitalizations are highest per capita in Cowlitz County followed by Clark County. The 18 to 34 age group has the highest rates of overdose ED visits followed by the 11-17 age group. The rate of suicide deaths in Washington State has been higher than the national average for nearly 20 years; the rate of suicides in the SW region are higher than both the Washington average as well as the national average. Suicides by males in the SW region are more than three times the rate for females and the 35-44 age group has the highest rate of suicide followed by the 55-64 and 65+ age groups. Blacks have the highest rate of suicide in the SW region followed by whites; all other races are less than half of these rates. The most common mechanism of suicide is by firearms (50%+) followed by suffocation and poisoning. Males generally commit suicide by firearm while females general commit suicide by poisoning. Homicide rates in the SW region are lower than both the state and national average. Males are more often the victim of homicide compared to females, and the 15-24 age group has the highest rate of homicide deaths. Blacks are several times more likely to be victims of homicide followed by whites and Hispanics. Firearm-related deaths in the SW region are fairly consistent with both the state and national averages. Fall-related deaths in the SW region are higher than both the state and national averages and Clark County has many more fall-related deaths per capita than other counties in the region. Females have a slightly higher rate of fall-related deaths than males in the SW region and the 85+ age group has several times higher rate of death from falls than younger age groups. Whites have the highest rate of fall deaths in the SW region, followed by Asians. Most fall deaths take place in the home. Fall-related hospitalizations have remained fairly consistent over the past several years, while females are hospitalized for falls at a higher rate than males. Motor vehicle deaths and hospitalizations in the SW region are higher than the state average and motor vehicle deaths are highest in Pacific and Skamania counties compared to other counties in the region. Motor vehicle deaths and hospitalizations are much higher for men than women, and for males, death rates are highest in the 15-34 age group.
- B. Reallocation of FY2023-2024 Grant Funds
  - 1. Wahkiakum IVP to South Pacific IVP \$700

April reported that the Wahkiakum Council agreed to transfer \$700 from their IVP grant funds to South Pacific County so they can send two people to a car seat class.

C. Approval of FY2024-2025 Budget\*

The group reviewed the draft FY2024-2025 budget. April reported that several line items have been drastically reduced which will result in around \$25,000 in extra funds. The budget includes using these funds to provide an additional \$4,000 to each county in training grant funds.

Action: Brad Weatherby moved to approve the FY2024-2025 budget as presented. Jon Olson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. FY2024-2025 Training and IVP Grant Process

April reported that the FY2024-2025 grant application/needs assessment will go out to all county councils in May as soon as we know if there will be any carryover funds.

E. EMS Survey Results

A copy of the SW Region EMS Recruitment and Retention survey summary, which was one of the region's recent deliverables, was included in the meeting packet. April thanked the agencies for their responses to the survey.

F. Region Boxes at AMR Cowlitz

April reported that Ron Stewart contacted her about the 15 boxes of council files which were taken from Zita's house and stored at CCFD Station #52. Since the station is being remodeled, Ron will move the boxes to AMR Cowlitz however this is only temporary so we need to go through them. Eric will work on this.

6. Preparedness Report: Marisa Hutcheson reported that there was very good attendance at the Chemical Terrorism Tabletop Exercise which was held yesterday in St Helens, OR and virtually. She added that there were several participants from the SW Region who attended. Eric said it was a very good exercise. There will be a second med-surge exercise held in two weeks for hospital personnel. This exercise will be held virtually and take approximately two hours. Anyone who is interested in attending can contact Marisa for an invite. Marisa also said that the HCA is working on finalizing their response plan.

7. DOH Report

Scott Williams reported that they are working on implementing the bills and provisos that passed during the last legislative session. The EMS and WEMIS rules are moving through the process and both should be released in June or July. There is one remaining Mental Fitness class which will be held virtually at the end of this month; this program was funded through a rural EMS grant. The Trauma Triage Tool guidance is posted on the DOH website along with guidance and documents for other things like EMS and Naloxone, etc. The West Region EMS Conference will take place in Ocean Shores on May 17-19. May is Trauma Awareness month. The Falls Prevention/IVP TAC will meet on June 5. The Opioid Dashboard is now live on the DOH website.

8. County Council Reports

A. Clark County: Ben reported that their council met last week. The council discussed a request to increase their ALS AMB min/max numbers. Dr Macht is working with the two Clark County hospitals on STEMI divert and their ability to perform PCI; this may be included in the next update of their protocols.

B. Cowlitz County: Eric reported that their initial EMS classes are finishing up. They are working on putting their protocols on the Acid Remap app.

C. Klickitat County: April reported that the region has been notified that Klickitat #3 and White Salmon will consolidate; the process should be completed by September.

D. Skamania County: No report.

E. South Pacific County: No report.

F. Wahkiakum County: No report.

9. Good Of the Order/Public Comment: No report.

10. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:17pm.

11. Upcoming SW Region Council meetings (2 pm via Zoom): July 3, 2024, September 4, 2024, November 6, 2024