

SW REGION EMS and TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2025; 2pm
Zoom Online Meeting

Position #	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	VOTING MEMBERS	ALTERNATE MEMBERS	July 3 2024	Sept 4 2024	Nov 6 2024	Jan 8 2025	Mar 5 2025	May 7 2025
	Prehospital Reps 6								
SW 11/A	Clark	Ben Peeler	Shaun Ford	A/P	P/P	P/P	A/P		
SW 12/A	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P	P	P	P		
SW 13/A	Klickitat	Sarah Hancock	Juliana Ontiveros	A/A	P/A	P/A	P/A		
SW 14/A	Skamania	Ann Lueders		A	A	P			
SW 15/A	S. Pacific	<i>Brad Weatherby, Secretary</i>	Jeff Archer	A	P/A		Ex/P		
SW 16/A	Wahkiakum								
	Injury Prevention Rep 1								
SW 17	At-Large								
	Hospital Reps 6								
SW26/A	Peace Health SW	Nick Duletzke	Danielle Huddleston	A/P	A/P	A/P	P/P		
SW 27	Legacy Salmon Creek	Amy Doepkin		A	A		P		
SW 28	Peace Health St John	Lindsey Anderson		P	A	P	P		
SW 29	Ocean Beach	Marianne Baker		A	P	Ex	P		
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Joy Bjornberg		A	P	P			
SW 31	Skyline	Amelia Buettner		A	P				
	MPD Reps 2								
SW 46/A	Urban	Marlow Macht, MD	Marc Muhr	P/A	P/P	A/P			
SW 47	Rural	Greg Hoskins, MD		P	P	P	P		
	Local Elected Official Reps 2								
SW 55	Urban	<i>Jon Olson, Vice Chair</i>		P	A	P	P		
SW 56	Rural	Dan Bigelow			P				
	Local Government Rep 1								
SW 60	At-Large	Tom Chavez							
	Law Enforcement Rep 1								
SW 65	At-Large	Brandon McNew		A	A	P	P		
	Consumers Rep 1								
SW 70	At-Large	<i>Jeff Bissett, Treasurer</i>		P	Ex	P	P		
	Emergency Communications/911 PSAP 1								
SW 75	At-Large	Greg Rossmiller				P	P		
	Air Medical 1								
SW 85	At-Large	Blaine Myers		A	P		P		
	Emergency Management 1								
	At Large	Belinda Walker	Marissa Hutcheson	A/P	P/P	A/P	A/P		
	Staff & Guests								
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P	P	P		
	Rocco Roncorati	AMR		P					
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P	P		
	Jackie Gadbois	Clark County		P		P	P		
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P		P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH		P	P				
	Jason Jenson			P					
	Mariah Conduff	DOH		P	P				
	Niles Kostick	WA SAO			P				
	A Boggs				P				
	Daniel Mann	WA SAO			P				
	Dennis Schafer				P				

	Eyla Baltazar					P			
	Kelly Sunagel					P	P		
	Jason Norris	DOH				P			
	Dustin Waliezer	CCFD #3					P		
	Megan McCoy						P		
	Kara Welchel	WaTrac/NWHRN					P		
	Marla Emde	DOH					P		
	Stacy Parizek						P		

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Eric Koreis called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Roll was called via the web login.

1. Approval of November 6, 2024 meeting minutes and today's agenda*

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the November 6, 2024 meeting minutes and today's agenda as presented. Marisa Hutcheson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports (October 2024-November 2024)

Prior to the meeting all Region Council members received a financial packet including the statement of assets, liabilities and equities BARS Cash Basis, aged payables (all vouchers that were paid), and the general ledger detail report for review which was prepared by the Plymale-Gillespie CPA office.

General Ledger Detail Summary Report	October 2024	November 2024		
Checking				
Beginning Balance	\$149,164.34	\$133,475.59		
Debits	\$1.27	\$13,199.88		
Credits	\$15,690.02	\$14,059.24		
Ending Balance	\$133,475.59	\$132,616.23		
Investment CD				
Beginning Balance	\$166,645.80	\$167,313.76		
Debits	\$667.96	\$692.98		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$167,313.76	\$168,006.74		

Action: Shaun Ford moved to approve the October 2024 and November 2024 financial statements and included transactions as presented. Jon Olson 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. This work plan will be completed in June 2025.

B. FY24-25 SW Region Training and IVP Grant Update

April reported that the counties are spending their training and IVP grant funds. Each month, an updated grant spending sheet is sent to the chair of each council so they can see what items have been paid out each month; a copy of the most recent spreadsheet was included in the meeting packet as an FYI for the Council. April asked that all county council spend their remaining grant funds as soon as possible. All funds must be spent by the end of May.

4. Old Business:

A. FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma Plan Approval*

The group reviewed the updated FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma plan and made a couple of corrections. The region received the agency resource report from the state; this information was included in the plan. The state will provide the training information for the appendices later this week.

Action: Jeff Bisset moved to approve the FY2025-2027 regional trauma plan as corrected with the inclusion of the training information in the appendices when it is received from the DOH. Jon Olson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Draft Trauma Triage Tool PCP Update

The group reviewed the revised draft of the Trauma Triage Tool PCP which had been updated by the PCP Committee; no further changes were requested.

Action: Shaun Ford moved to approve the Trauma Triage Tool PCP as presented. Eric Koreis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. New Business

A. Presentation: WaTrac (Kara Welchel)

Kara gave a presentation on the WaTrac system which is an emergency patient tracking platform used throughout Washington to show diversion activity, bed count, etc, at hospitals. The system can also provide mass alerts to all users about emergency situations, facility updates, etc. She said they are working on streamlining the WaTrac system and making it more usable for hospitals and EMS. Kara would like input from the council on what things can be done to make the system work better for EMS. She also asked that anyone interested in participating on the WaTrac user group or WaTrac Steering Committee to contact her at kara.welchel@nwhrn.org. Currently most hospitals in the region use the Oregon Capacity System (OCS). OCS automatically pulls EMR data and automatically updates the OCS system which makes it easy to use. Marisa pointed out that if the bridge goes down, WaTrac may be a good alternative. It was noted that updating both systems would require extra work by hospital staff. OCS is only used for hospital capacity tracking whereas WaTrac also provides alerts and patient tracking components.

B. Active Shooter Training Update

Marisa reported that they discussed the Asher Model for Active Shooter training at the recent National Healthcare Coalition Conference. She said she will see if an active shooter component can be put into the next MRCE exercise. She added that the regional MCI plan needs to be updated; Shaun said he can assist with this project. Vancouver Fire is having an exercise this spring; agencies from outside that county will be invited to participate which will enhance region response capabilities.

C. Appoint Alternate to Prehospital TAC

Currently Shaun Ford is the Chair of the Prehospital TAC and Robb Milano is the SW Region rep on the Prehospital TAC. Eric asked that if anyone is interested in being the region's alternate on the Prehospital TAC, to let him know so the region can appoint them to that position.

D. Opioid Grant

The region received \$49,250 in grant funds to do opioid overdose prevention work. The grant lists five areas of work that the counties can do then they will be reimbursed for this work with the grant funds. On email from the opioid grant coordinator about the grant was included in the meeting packet. April will send out a grant application to each county Council chair and ask that they fill out and return the application as soon as possible. When all grant applications are received, the Executive Board will allocate the funds. Scott said the state would like to have the request back from the region by next week as this is a short-term project and all work for this grant must be completed by June 30th. April will follow up with the county council Chairs on this project.

6. Preparedness Report: Marisa reported that they are working on the MRCE exercise. They approved their response plan and are working on their ASPR readiness assessment. They are monitoring hospital patient census and are currently seeing an uptick in general illness; if the group notices anything concerning they should contact Marisa. They are working on the upcoming Providence strike through coordination calls; all eight Providence facilities may go on strike soon.

7. SW Region QI Committee Report: April reported that the next SW QI Committee meeting will be on March 5th just before the Region Council meeting.

8. DOH Report
Scott Williams reported that his bimonthly newsletter was included in the meeting packet. They department has a new staff member, all of the rules projects have been completed, and the new Trauma Triage Tool went into effect January 1. They will work on the updated Behavioral Health PCP next. The RAC meeting has been moved to January 21st. The region's contracts with the DOH should be finalized in March. The opioid grant will be added as an amendment to the region's current contract with the DOH.

Marla Emde, the IVP Coordinator at the DOH, reported that her office can provide free grab bars (grab bars only, no installation services) as well as free nightlights to an agency that would like to have these items to give away in their community.
9. County Council Reports
 - A. Clark County: Their council will meet tomorrow.
 - B. Cowlitz County: Eric reported that their council met earlier today. They are offering several upcoming training classes which are posted on the region's website.
 - C. Klickitat County: Sarah reported that their council will meet later this month.
 - D. Skamania County: No report.
 - E. South Pacific County: No report.
 - F. Wahkiakum County: No report.
10. Good Of the Order/Public Comment: Eric thanked the group for their continuing support of the regional council and all of the work they do to improve the EMS system in the region.
11. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:16pm.
12. Upcoming SW Region Council meetings (2 pm via Zoom): March 5, 2025; May 7, 2025; July 2, 2025; September 3, 2025; November 5, 2025 at 2pm via Zoom