

SW REGION EMS and TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 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	A/P	A/P
SW 12/A	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P	P	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		P	
SW 15/A	S. Pacific	<i>Brad Weatherby, Secretary</i>	Jeff Archer	A	P/A		Ex/P	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	P/P	P/A
SW 27	Legacy Salmon Creek	Amy Doepkin		A	A		P	P	P
SW 28	Peace Health St John	Lindsey Anderson		P	A	P	P		P
SW 29	Ocean Beach	Marianne Baker		A	P	Ex	P	P	P
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Joy Bjornberg		A	P	P			
SW 31	Skyline	Amelia Buettner		A	P				P
MPD Reps 2									
SW 46/A	Urban	Marlow Macht, MD	Marc Muhr	P/A	P/P	A/P		A/P	P/P
SW 47	Rural	Greg Hoskins, MD		P	P	P	P	P	P
Local Elected Official Reps 2									
SW 55	Urban	<i>Jon Olson, Vice Chair</i>		P	A	P	P	P	P
SW 56	Rural	Dan Bigelow			P				
Local Government Rep 1									
SW 60	At-Large	Tom Chavez							P
Law Enforcement Rep 1									
SW 65	At-Large	Brandon McNew		A	A	P	P	P	
Consumers Rep 1									
SW 70	At-Large	<i>Jeff Bissett, Treasurer</i>		P	Ex	P	P	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	P	
Emergency Management 1									
	At Large	Belinda Walker	Marissa Hutcheson	A/P	P/P	A/P	A/P	A/P	A/P
Staff & Guests									
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P	P	P	P	P
	Rocco Roncorati	AMR		P				P	P
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P	P	P	P
	Jackie Gadbois	Clark County		P		P	P	P	
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P		P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH		P	P			P	P
	Jason Jenson			P					
	Mariah Conduff	DOH		P	P				
	Niles Kostick	WA SAO			P				
	Alice Boggs				P			P	
	Daniel Mann	WA SAO			P				
	Dennis Schafer				P				

	Eyla Baltazar	NWHRN				P		P	
	Kelly Sunagel	NWHRN				P	P	P	
	Jason Norris	DOH				P			
	Dustin Waliezer	CCFD #3					P		
	Megan McCoy						P	P	P
	Kara Welchel	WaTrac/NWHRN					P	P	
	Marla Emde	DOH					P	P	P
	Stacy Parizek						P		
	Dean Ketcherside	Red Cross						P	
	Thomas Krokoski	Medix Ambulance						P	
	Amanda Hakin	NWHRN						P	
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH						P	P
	Dustin Waliezer							P	P
	Nora Mattingly	Red Cross						P	
	Sean Smith	Clark FD 3						P	
	Sierra Knutson							P	P
	Don Mclimoil								P
	Mike Thomas	Spokane Police							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 March 5, 2025 meeting minutes and today’s agenda*

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the March 5, 2025 meeting minutes and today’s agenda as presented. Dr Greg Hoskins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports (February 2025-March 2025)

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	February 2025	March 2025		
Checking				
Beginning Balance	\$170,511.29	\$182,266.51		
Debits	\$29,715.67	\$1.57		
Credits	\$17,960.45	\$46,555.64		
Ending Balance	\$182,266.51	\$135,712.44		
Investment CD				
Beginning Balance	\$169,238.56	\$169,724.11		
Debits	\$485.55	\$539.12		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$169,724.11	\$170,263.23		

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the February 2025 and March 2025 financial statements and included transactions as presented. Shaun Ford 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 and all deliverables are being met. This work plan will be completed in June.

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 councils spend their remaining grant funds as soon as possible. All funds must be spent by June 10th at the latest.

4. Old Business:

A. FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma Plan Update

The FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma Plan was reviewed by Steering Committee members and sent back to the region to make suggested changes. The revised plan will be submitted to the DOH for Steering Committee approval on Friday.

B. Trauma Triage Destination PCP DOH Approval Update

The DOH reviewed the updated Trauma Triage Destination PCP; an approval letter for this PCP and the updated PCP was included in the meeting packet. The approved PCP was posted to the region's website and sent to all MPDs and county Chairs.

C. Opioid Grant Update

Four counties in the region are working on opioid grant projects. All projects need to be completed, and RFPs need to be submitted, to the region by June 10th at the latest.

D. Council Membership Roster Review

The group reviewed the current council member roster. Applications were sent to positions that were expiring and the council has an open position for an IVP rep.

5. New Business

A. FY2025-2027 SW/SC Region Administrative Contract Approval*

The group reviewed the draft FY 2025-2027 SW/SC Region Administrative Contract. Some changes were made to the agreement to show that the SW Region will pay for things like audits and unexpected expenses under \$5000 since the SW Region receives all of the SC administrative funds which does not leave them excess funds to pay these expenses.

[Jon Olson moved to approve the FY2025-2027 SW/SC Region Administrative contract as revised. Marianne Baker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.](#)

B. FY2025-2026 SW Region Council Budget Review and Approval*

The group reviewed the draft FY2025-2026 SW Region Council budget. The group discussed the \$2500 allocated to IVP grants and determined that the total IVP and training grant funding to counties should be combined but it will be stipulated in the grant contracts that counties must spend a minimum of \$500 on IVP projects, although they can allocate more funding to IVP grants if they want. It was also noted that the budget may need to be amended if there are any cuts to the region's funding during the upcoming fiscal year.

[Shaun Ford moved to approve the FY2025-2026 SW Region Council Budget as revised. Dr Macht seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.](#)

C. FY2025-2026 Training/IVP Grant Fund Allocation Approval*

The group reviewed the draft FY2025-2026 Training and IVP grant fund contracts which will be provided to the county EMS councils. The group discussed the added requirement for matching grant funds for the grants; these funds can include in-kind work. Scott pointed out that this has always been a requirement in the RCW and WAC but has not been enforced. This will now be part of our deliverables; there is a waiver if there is insufficient local funding or if not providing the funds without a match would create a public health or safety issue. It was added that we will include a disclaimer on the grant application that the funds available may be reduced if the funds provided to the region are reduced by the DOH. We will also note on the grant application that at least \$500 must be spent by each county on IVP projects.

[Shaun Ford moved to approve the FY2025-2026 Training/IVP Grant contract and fund allocation as revised. Jon Olson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.](#)

D. Approval of Cowlitz County ALS AMBV Min/Max Number Increase*

Cowlitz County submitted an application to increase their ALSV AMB min/max number from 1-7 to 1-8. This change was approved at their county EMS Council meeting in March and they are now requesting that the regional council approve this change before submitting the application to the DOH. The group reviewed the application and supporting documentation which was included in the meeting packet. The data presented shows the need for additional services in the CCFD #3 response area. The region council was fully in support of this change.

Shaun Ford moved to approve increasing the ALSV AMB maximum in Cowlitz County from 7 to 8, setting the min/max range at 1–8. Marianne Baker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Ten Second Triage vs START Triage (Dr Macht)

Dr Macht reported that Oregon is moving towards using Ten Second Triage and that Clark County will also be switching from START Triage to the Ten Second Triage method; they will make this change in their 2026 protocol revision. He said this is quicker, more user-friendly, and also includes secondary triage for pediatrics. Dr Hoskins said this should be suggested as a change when the region updates their PCPs.

F. Presentation: Motor Vehicle Collision Scenes- How First Responders Can Work with Law Enforcement Without Jeopardizing Patient Care (Mike Thomas)

Mike Thomas from the Spokane Police Department gave a presentation on how first responders and law enforcement can work together in the field. He reported that drug overdoses for all types of drugs except for heroin have dramatically increased since 2020. Ketamine and fentanyl are two common types of drugs they see in the field. He noted that fentanyl in pill form is generally not a hazard to first responders but fentanyl in powdered form can be a danger for first responders so it is important when cutting off clothing, care should be taken not to cut through baggies containing drugs that may be on the patient since a lethal dose of fentanyl can be equal in size to a couple of grains of salt. He said that sometimes drug users will mix drugs so they can have a wide range of symptoms. The presentation included photos of various drug paraphernalia. He said that EMS can assist law enforcement by notifying the police if they suspect a driver may be impaired at a collision scene, notifying law enforcement if drugs or drug paraphernalia are found on the patient, allowing law enforcement to get an exigent blood draw if possible, and notifying law enforcement if administering any drugs or blood products to treat the patient (this way they will know, for example, if the driver had Ketamine in their system prior to the crash or if it was administered after the crash as part of the patient treatment protocol). He added that patient care is the first priority. He noted that state law allows exigent blood draws without patient consent and the blood draw must be done according to law enforcement protocol.

6. Preparedness Report (Marisa Hutcheson): Marisa reported that the MRSE Exercise will take place on May 15th at 12:30; this will be an in-person, multi-county, active shooter tabletop exercise. A flyer for this event was included in the meeting packet. They are working on grant deliverables which are due at the end of June. They will also do their annual risk assessment. She heard that the hospital preparedness grant was included in the 2026 federal budget.
7. Injury Prevention/IVP Update (Marla Emde): Marla reported that May is Stop the Bleed Month. National EMS Week is May 18-24. The next IVP TAC/Falls Prevention meeting will be on June 4th at 9am. South Pacific County is starting a Falls Prevention Coalition. This is also Mental Health Awareness Month.
8. SW Region QI Committee Report: The QI Committee met today. Dr Macht is chairing this committee and Dr Yang was elected Vice Chair at today's meeting. Today's meeting focused on cardiac with a case review and a data review. They will be revising the SW Region QI plan; Dr Hoskins, Dr Yang, Dr Macht, and Shaun Ford will work on this. Dr Macht would like some sort of file sharing platform where shared documents could be made available; April will work on this.
9. DOH Report (Scott Williams): Scott reported that the RCW outlines how regions and counties can spend the grant funds; this includes equipment purchases, to establish an EMS program, training, and department approved research. There is also information in the RCW about the grant funds requiring matching grants. Scott said that there should be more information on the budget before the next contract begins. There have been some budget cuts made already and some positions will be going away; there may also be cuts to programs. So far, there are no changes to the funds that go to the regions. The regions are submitting their final plans for approval by the Steering Committee which will take place later this month; once the plans are approved they will be posted on the DOH website. The updated

HELMS online application system went live on April 29th; they are still fixing issues with the update. Please contact the HELMS team at helms@doh.wa.gov if you experience issues with the system. There will be another update to the system in the fall and a final update in the winter. OCHS will hold an open house on May 13th at 2pm where they will discuss key priorities and provide summaries of legislative bills. RAC will meet on May 20th and the Steering Committee will meet on May 21st. He added that HIPRC gave a presentation on preventing window falls; these cases increase when the weather gets warm.

10. County Council Reports

A. Clark County: Shaun reported that their council discussed min/max changes at their last meeting.

B. Cowlitz County: Eric reported that their council met today. St John gave a trauma presentation. They reviewed their MPD contract and their funding contract. Their initial training coordinator retired and they are looking for someone to fill this position.

C. Klickitat County: No report.

D. Skamania County: No report.

E. South Pacific County: Marianne reported that their council met last week and they reviewed their FY2025-2026 training and IVP grant fund allocations at that meeting.

F. Wahkiakum County: No report.

11. Good Of the Order/Public Comment: Eric thanked Marisa for her continuing work in the counties in our region. He thanked all of the council members for supporting the work of the council. He also thanked Jon Olson and Dr Hoskins for their expertise and experience which they share with the council.

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:44pm.

13. Upcoming SW Region Council meetings (2 pm via Zoom): July 2, 2025; September 3, 2025; November 5, 2025 at 2pm via Zoom