

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

Position #	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	VOTING MEMBERS	ALTERNATE MEMBERS	July 2 2025	Sept 3 2025	Nov 5 2025	Jan 7 2026	Mar 4 2026	May 6 2026
Prehospital Reps 6									
SW 11/A	Clark	Ben Peeler	Shaun Ford	P/P					
SW 12/A	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P					
SW 13/A	Klickitat	Sarah Hancock	Juliana Ontiveros						
SW 14/A	Skamania	Ann Lueders							
SW 15/A	S. Pacific	<i>Brad Weatherby, Secretary</i>	Jeff Archer	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	P/Ex					
SW 27	Legacy Salmon Creek	Amy Doepkin		P					
SW 28	Peace Health St John	Lindsey Anderson		P					
SW 29	Ocean Beach	Marianne Baker							
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Joy Bjornberg		P					
SW 31	Skyline	Amelia Buettner							
MPD Reps 2									
SW 46/A	Urban	Marlow Macht, MD	Marc Muhr	P/P					
SW 47	Rural	Greg Hoskins, MD							
Local Elected Official Reps 2									
SW 55	Urban	<i>Jon Olson, Vice Chair</i>		P					
SW 56	Rural	Dan Bigelow							
Local Government Rep 1									
SW 60	At-Large	Tom Chavez		P					
Law Enforcement Rep 1									
SW 65	At-Large	Brandon McNew							
Consumers Rep 1									
SW 70	At-Large	<i>Jeff Bissett, Treasurer</i>		P					
Emergency Communications/911 PSAP 1									
SW 75	At-Large	Greg Rossmiller		P					
Air Medical 1									
SW 85	At-Large	Blaine Myers		P					
Emergency Management 1									
	At Large	Belinda Walker	Marissa Hutcheson	P/P					
Staff & Guests									
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P					
	Scott Williams	DOH		P					
	Shelby Graber	Skamania EMS		P					
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P					
	Catie Holstein	DOH		P					
	Meagan McCoy			P					
	Dustin Waliezer	CCFD #3		P					
	Marla Emde	DOH		P					
	Sierra Knutson	WaTrac		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 May 7, 2025 meeting minutes and today's agenda*

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the May 7, 2025 meeting minutes and today's agenda as presented. Ben Peeler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports (April 2025-May 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	April 2025	May 2025		
Checking				
Beginning Balance	\$135,712.44	\$162,414.51		
Debits	\$38,221.38	\$14,523.34		
Credits	\$11,519.31	\$28,395.18		
Ending Balance	\$162,414.51	\$148,542.67		
Investment CD				
Beginning Balance	\$170,263.23	\$170,786.62		
Debits	\$523.39	\$542.49		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$170,786.62	\$171,329.11		

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the April 2025 and May 2025 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 Wrap Up

April reported that all work for the FY2023-2025 Region System Plan has been completed and submitted to the DOH.

B. FY2025-2027 Region System Plan Update

April reported that the FY2025-2027 region system plan work is on hold until DOH funding is approved for the region.

C. FY24-25 SW Region Training and IVP Grant Wrap Up

April reported that the FY2024-2025 region training and IVP grant funds were mostly spent by the counties by the end of the fiscal year. Some funds were rolled over; these funds can be spent by the counties this fiscal year.

D. FY2025-2026 SW Region Training and IVP Grant Update

April reported that DOH funding for the regions has not been determined yet so all FY2025-2025 region training and IVP grant spending is on hold until further notice.

4. Old Business:

A. FY2025-2027 Regional Trauma Plan Approval

A copy of the approved FY2025-2027 SW Region Trauma Plan, along with the approval letter from the DOH, was included in the meeting packet.

B. Opioid Grant Wrap Up

Two counties in the region completed opioid grant projects and funding has been received from the DOH for these projects.

5. New Business

A. Funding Decrease Discussion

Catie discussed the current regional funding situation. In previous years, the regions were funded at \$152,000 per year but this fiscal year, the state is facing drastic budget cuts so regional funding could drop to around \$100,000 per year. The amount that regions will be funded for the current fiscal year which began yesterday has still not been determined. The DOH has recognized the need to continue to support the administration of the regions but asked that any grant funded activities be halted until further notice. This will be a topic at the next Steering Committee meeting. Eric said that this will have a big impact on the counties as regional grants generally go to support OTEP and other training activities. Dr Macht asked if the funding for the regions is coming from state or federal funds; Catie said it is a mix of both. State tax revenue supports the general fund which is where regional funding comes from as well as funding for the DOH's EMS office and the credentialing program. Federal funds support programs like the rural grant program and the opioid grant program. She added that this is the most significant decrease in funding in many years and that the governor's revenue forecast does not look like funding will increase in the near future. Certification and licensing fees may be instituted for EMS; this is the only area that doesn't currently pay these fees. Her office is putting together a concept package for fees, however no decision on this will be made on this until possibly 2027. The feds might make cuts to Medicaid which could further impact funding in the state.

6. Preparedness Report (Marisa Hutcheson): Marisa reported that the MRSE Exercise was very successful with more than 80 participants. There was very good discussion and training and planning needs were identified. Supporting rural communities with their preparedness needs was discussed. They will review and update the Region 4 MCI plan. They are discussing the impact of possible funding cuts. They will update their charter and governance plan and will also be doing a cyber security and supply chain assessment. The National Healthcare Coalition Conference will take place in December; Marisa said this is a very good educational opportunity and encouraged people to attend. They have updated their wildfire/smoke information sheet and toolkit. After completing their healthcare vulnerability assessment, the top five concerns were: cybersecurity, pandemic, wildfire/smoke, severe weather, and earthquake.
7. Injury Prevention/IVP Update (Marla Emde): Marla provided two documents to the group via email, one was on preventing child window falls and the other was on heart attack, stroke, and falls prevention resources. September 22-26 will be Falls Prevention Week, materials are available for this event. On July 23rd, the DOH and HIPRC will host a virtual Injury and Violence Prevention Summit. The WA Poison Center will host an online overdose awareness series every Tuesday in August. The next IVP TAC meeting will be on September 3rd; all are invited to attend this meeting.
8. SW Region QI Committee Report: The QI Committee did not meet in the summer; their next meeting will be on September 3rd.
9. DOH Report (Scott Williams): No report.
10. County Council Reports
 - A. Clark County: Ben reported that their council has been discussing an increase to their ALS AMB min/max number; they may seek approval from the region council at the September meeting for this.
 - B. Cowlitz County: Eric reported that their council did not meet recently. They offered a temporary contract for their OTEP training director; they are looking to fill this position permanently.
 - C. Klickitat County: No report.
 - D. Skamania County: No report.
 - E. South Pacific County: Brad reported that they will need to look at their OTEP funding as this had previously been covered by the grant funds provided by the region.
 - F. Wahkiakum County: No report.
11. Good Of the Order/Public Comment: Shaun Ford reported that the Washington State Fire Chiefs are working on lobbying to support the EMS system. They are also in contact with the Medic One Foundation which may offer funding for EMS in underserved areas; Shaun will let us know when this program becomes available.

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:35pm.

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