

**SW REGION EMS and TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 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	P/P				
SW 12/A	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P	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	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	P/P				
SW 27	Legacy Salmon Creek	Amy Doepkin		P	P				
SW 28	Peace Health St John	Lindsey Anderson		P	P				
SW 29	Ocean Beach	Marianne Baker			P				
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Joy Bjornberg		P					
SW 31	Skyline	Amelia Buettner			P				
	MPD Reps 2								
SW 46/A	Urban	Marlow Macht, MD	Marc Muhr	P/P	P/P				
SW 47	Rural	Greg Hoskins, MD			P				
	Local Elected Official Reps 2								
SW 55	Urban	<i>Jon Olson, Vice Chair</i>		P	P				
SW 56	Rural	Dan Bigelow			P				
	Local Government Rep 1								
SW 60	At-Large	Tom Chavez		P	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	Ex				
	Emergency Management 1								
	At Large	Belinda Walker	Marissa Hutcheson	P/P	A/P				
	Staff & Guests								
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P				
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P				
	Shelby Graber	Skamania EMS		P					
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P	P				
	Catie Holstein	DOH		P					
	Meagan McCoy			P					
	Dustin Waliezer	CCFD #3		P	P				
	Marla Emde	DOH		P					
	Sierra Knutson	WaTrac		P					
	Matt Scanlin	DOH			P				
	Elizabeth Emmet	DOH/988			P				
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH			P				

	Darryl Hebert				P				
	Don McIlmoil				P				
	Dr Marc Kranz	MPD			P				
	Rocco Roncarati	CCFD			P				
	Dr Russell Smith	MPD			P				
	Mick Huesties	CSFD #7			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 July 2, 2025 meeting minutes, August 22, 2025 Executive Board meeting minutes, and today’s agenda*

Action: Dan Bigelow moved to approve the July 2, 2025 meeting minutes, the August 22, 2025 Executive Board meeting minutes, and today’s agenda as presented. Brad Weatherby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

- A. Approval of Financial Reports (June 2025-July 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	June 2025	July 2025		
Checking				
Beginning Balance	\$148,542.67	\$151,078.07		
Debits	\$41,117.38	\$12,741.45		
Credits	\$38,581.98	\$9,231.26		
Ending Balance	\$151,078.07	\$154,588.26		
Investment CD				
Beginning Balance	\$171,329.11	\$171,855.77		
Debits	\$526.66	\$545.89		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$171,855.77	\$172,401.66		

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the June 2025 and July 2025 financial statements and included transactions as presented. Dan Bigelow seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Region System Plan Implementation & DOH Contract

- A. FY2025-2027 Region System Plan Update

April reported that the FY2025-2027 region system plan work is being done according to our new work plan schedule.

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

April reported that DOH sent notice that the region is slated to be fully funded for this biennium although future funding cuts are still a possibility.

4. Old Business:

- A. Funding Discussion/New Grant Application

April reported that the Region is fully funded for this biennium although there could be budget cuts in the future. The amount that is allocated for grants for FY2025-2026 is \$88,440.00. There was \$6648.26 in unused grant funds from the last fiscal year which were added to this year’s grant funds for a total of \$95,088.26; each county will receive \$15,848.04 in training and IVP grant funds for this fiscal year. Each county must allocate a minimum of \$500 for IVP programs from these grant funds. The revised grant agreement was included in the meeting packet. A new timeline was included for the grants. County Council Chairs were encouraged to fill out, sign, and return the grant applications as soon as possible. When the

Region receives the signed grant applications, counties may begin getting reimbursed for their RFPs. Eric noted that the Council will have a strict no rollover policy from now on so all grant funds must be spent no later than June 10, 2026; unused funds will be reallocated in the following fiscal year.

B. Updated Council Roster

An updated Region Council roster was included in the meeting packet. We still need an IVP rep and a Rep from Wahkiakum County.

5. New Business

A. Presentation: 988 for First Responders (Elizabeth Emmet)

Elizabeth and Matt gave a presentation on the 988 system in Washington. 988 is the new number to call for the suicide and crisis lifeline. This service is free, confidential, and staffed by trained mental health professionals. This number can also connect callers to specialized services for Spanish speakers, veterans, and tribal members as well as ASL (sign language at 988lifeline.org). There are three crisis centers that answer calls and texts for help in Washington State. In July the 988 line received nearly 20,000 calls and texts for assistance. The 911 system is for urgent threats to life or safety, the 988 system is for emotional support, crisis de-escalation, and connection to community resources. 99% of their calls are handled without involving emergency services. They are currently working on a Mental Health Crisis Call Diversion initiative and warm transfer protocols.

B. Behavioral Health PCP

The Region's Behavioral Health PCP needs to be updated and put into the new format provided by the DOH. A copy of the current PCP as well as copies of the new format and guidance documents were included in the meeting packet. A PCP committee will be formed to revise the PCP and bring a draft to the next regional council meeting.

C. Cowlitz County Min/Max Increase Update

The Cowlitz County min/max number increase request has been submitted and reviewed by the DOH. This request will be on the agenda for approval at the September Steering Committee meeting.

D. Cowlitz-Skamania FD #7 Upgrade Approval (Cowlitz County)*

Cowlitz-Skamania FD #7 submitted an application to the DOH for approval to increase their service from BLS-AIDV to ALS-AIDV. The application was included in the meeting packet. Nick Huesties said that they are a non-transport agency but because it can take 45+ minutes for transport to arrive due to being in such a rural area, they would like to be able to provide ALS-level aid service to their patients until transport arrives. This application does not require a min/max number change. This application was unanimously approved at the Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting this morning.

[Action: Marianne Baker moved to approve this application as submitted. Jon Olson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.](#)

E. Clark County Min/Max Change Approval*

A copy of the Clark County Min/Max Change application was included in the meeting packet. The request is to increase the Clark County ALS-AMB max number from 4 to 5. Ben said that their county has been working on this application for several months and the application was approved by the Clark County EMS Council with full support at their meeting last week. This change would primarily impact trauma response area 3.

[Action: Dan Bigelow moved to approve the application as submitted. Tom Chavez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.](#)

6. Preparedness Report (Marisa Hutcheson): Marisa reported that they have not received word on HPP funding; there may be possible cuts to this funding. This is the funding that will support their program through June 2026. The Coalition updated their governance document and they are currently working on their readiness assessment and response planning.
7. Injury Prevention/IVP Update (Marla Emde): Marla reported that the IVP/Falls TAC met this morning. They had a presentation by Boulder Health, a telehealth addiction service, and a presentation on the One Step Forward falls prevention program. September 22-26 is Falls Prevention Awareness Week. September is Suicide Prevention Month. September 21-27 is Child Passenger Safety week.
8. SW Region QI Committee Report: Dr Macht reported that they met earlier today. They approved the revised Regional QI Plan. They reviewed performance measures, and discussed how to spend the \$5000+ that is still in the QI account; a determination on how to spend the funds will be made at their next meeting. He also announced that the NAEMSP has started a new chapter in Washington State. Their next meeting will be on September 16th; April will send the invite and all are invited to attend. He said this is a great resource for members.
9. DOH Report (Scott Williams): Scott reported that the region is fully funded for this fiscal year. He added that Eric will present the application for the Cowlitz County min/max change at the September Steering Committee meeting. Christina noted that they can provide assistance with our PCP revisions and she can attend our PCP Committee meetings if needed. The new behavioral health PCP includes updated WAC and RCW requirements.
10. County Council Reports
 - A. Clark County: Ben thanked everyone for their support on their min/max increase request.
 - B. Cowlitz County: Eric reported that their fall initial EMT class is full so they may offer a second class. They will also be offering an IV Tech class soon. They have an ongoing training coordinator position open; currently they have an interim coordinator in that position. Lindsey gave a trauma data presentation at their county council meeting earlier today and provided good information. They are waiting for the DOH to approve their revised protocols.
 - C. Klickitat County: Dr Smith said that their revised BLS protocols have been approved and now they are working on their ALS protocols revision. They have also been doing case reviews.
 - D. Skamania County: No report.
 - E. South Pacific County: Their council will meet tomorrow evening.
 - F. Wahkiakum County: No report.
11. Good Of the Order/Public Comment: None.
12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:11pm.
13. Upcoming SW Region Council meetings (2 pm via Zoom): November 5, 2025 at 2pm via Zoom