

**SW REGION EMS and TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2026; 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	P/P			
SW 12/A	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P	P	Ex	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	P/P	A/P		
SW 27	Legacy Salmon Creek	Amy Doepkin		P	P				
SW 28	Peace Health St John	Lindsey Anderson		P	P				
SW 29	Ocean Beach	Heidi Berry			P	P	P		
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Joy Bjornberg		P		P	P		
SW 31	Skyline	Amelia Buettner			P	P	P		
	MPD Reps 2								
SW 46/A	Urban	Marlow Macht, MD	Marc Muhr	P/P	P/P	P/P			
SW 47	Rural	Greg Hoskins, MD			P	P			
	Local Elected Official Reps 2								
SW 55	Urban	<i>Jon Olson, Vice Chair</i>		P	P	P	P		
SW 56	Rural	Dan Bigelow			P				
	Local Government Rep 1								
SW 60	At-Large	Tom Chavez		P	P		P		
	Law Enforcement Rep 1								
SW 65	At-Large	Brandon McNew					P		
	Consumers Rep 1								
SW 70	At-Large	<i>Jeff Bissett, Treasurer</i>		P		P	P		
	Emergency Communications/911 PSAP 1								
SW 75	At-Large	Greg Rossmiller		P		P	P		
	Air Medical 1								
SW 85	At-Large	Blaine Myers		P	Ex	Ex	P		
	Emergency Management 1								
	At Large	Belinda Walker	Marissa Hutcheson	P/P	A/P	P/			
	Staff & Guests								
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P	P	P		
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P	P		
	Shelby Graber	Skamania EMS		P					
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P	P		P		
	Catie Holstein	DOH		P					
	Meagan McCoy			P		P			
	Dustin Waliezer	CCFD #3		P	P				
	Marla Emde	DOH		P		P	P		
	Sierra Knutson	WaTrac		P					
	Matt Scanlin	DOH			P				
	Elizabeth Emmet	DOH/988			P				
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH			P	P	P		
	Darryl Hebert				P				

	Don McIlmoil				P	P			
	Dr Marc Kranz	Cowlitz MPD			P	P			
	Rocco Roncarati	AMR			P	P	P		
	Dr Russell Smith	MPD			P	P			
	Nick Huesties	CSFD #7			P				
	Jason	AMR				P	P		
	Heidi Berry	Ocean Beach Hospital				P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH				P	P		
	Jodie Mason	Wahkiakum County				P			
	Kara Welchel	NWHRN				P			
	Justin Roberts					P	P		
	Dr Russell Smith	Klickitat MPD					P		
	Chris Hamper	Clark MPD Assistant					P		
	Adam Rovang	DOH					P		

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Eric Koreis called the meeting to order at 2:01pm. Roll was called via the web login.

1. Approval of the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes and today’s agenda*

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes and today’s agenda as presented. Jeff Bissett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports (October 2025-November 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	October 2025	November 2025		
Checking				
Beginning Balance	\$136,509.16	\$158,852.00		
Debits	\$38,221.26	\$27,158.99		
Credits	\$15,878.42	\$18,533.97		
Ending Balance	\$158,852.00	\$167,477.02		
Investment CD				
Beginning Balance	\$173,535.84	\$174,115.07		
Debits	\$579.23	\$562.49		
Credits	\$0	\$0.07		
Ending Balance	\$174,115.07	\$174,677.49		

Action: Eric Koreis moved to approve the October 2025 and November 2025 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. 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. The plan will be updated soon to reflect the updated PCPs and updated min/max numbers.

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

April reported that the counties are spending their training and IVP grant funds. All grant funds must be spent and all RFPs turned into the Region for payment by June 10th.

4. Old Business:

A. Min/Max Increase Updates-- Cowlitz County (Toutle), Cowlitz County (Clark-Cowlitz FR), Clark County (District 3)

Eric reported that the Cowlitz County min/max number increase request was approved by the Steering Committee at their September meeting; District 3 has applied for this number. The min/max increase for Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue in Cowlitz County will be discussed below. The Clark County ALS AMB min/max increase request was approved by the Steering Committee at their November meeting; CCFD #3 will apply for this number.

B. Updated Council Roster

An updated Region Council roster was included in the meeting packet. Heidi Berry has taken over for Marianne Baker as the Ocean Beach Hospital rep and Chris Hamper has replaced Marc Muhr as the Clark County MPD assistant. Chris noted that Marc's retirement party will take place on January 22nd; April will send out the flyer for this.

5. New Business

A. Approval of Cowlitz Min/Max Increase Application for Clark-Cowlitz FR*

An application to increase the Cowlitz County ALS AMB min/max numbers by one was approved by the Cowlitz County EMS Council at their meeting earlier today. This will provide a number for Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue to operate in their county. Although they have been providing ALS services in the county for several years, the process to provide them an ALS AMB number was not completed back in 2021 when the original number was approved; the number was subsequently picked up by another agency.

Action: Tom Chaves moved to approve the Cowlitz County min/max increase application as submitted. Dr Hoskins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Cowlitz County FD #3 Upgrade Application Approved by Exec Board*

An application for Cowlitz County FD #3 to increase their services to ALS AMB was submitted to the DOH. After review, the DOH asked the SW Region EMS Council to approve the application but due to the 45-day response deadline, the application would have expired prior to today's council meeting so the application was approved by the Executive Board on behalf of the Council and submitted to the DOH.

C. County MCI Plans/Working Collaboratively

One of the deliverables in the Region Council workplan is to encourage counties to consider ways they can work collaboratively during an MCI event and develop plans for this when they update their MCI plans. Eric said we should follow up on this with the Healthcare Coalition and CRESA. Joy said they are in the planning stages of an MCI exercise in Goldendale which may offer opportunities for collaboration.

D. Behavioral Health PCP Final Revision Approval*

The Behavioral Health Transport PCP was submitted to the DOH and they sent a few corrections that needed to be made. The group reviewed the changes.

Action: Eric Koreis moved to approve the Behavioral Health Transport PCP as presented. Jeff Bissett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Fatal/Non Fatal Injury Report/Data Sources

One of the deliverables in the Region's work plan is to share fatal and non-fatal injury reports with the county EMS Councils. These reports are useful in guiding IVP work for the counties. There is no way to print the reports from the DOH website so April showed the group how to access the data (go to <https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/injury/dashboard> then click on leading causes of injuries—demographics, put in your search parameters, and you can view the data sheet on the webpage). A list of data links was also added to the bottom right side on the region's website.

6. Preparedness Report: The next HCA meeting will be on January 22nd.

7. Injury Prevention/IVP Update (Marla Emde): Marla reported that Kara Putnam is the new Chair of the IVP TAC. The next IVP TAC meeting will be on March 4th at 9am. There are grant opportunities available for dementia care, EMS responder training, and caring for those who use drugs. April will send the links to the group for these programs.
8. SW Region QI Committee Report: The SW Region QI Committee met earlier today. They reviewed the KPI reports for the region. Dr Macht will follow up with the state on some data discrepancies. There was a presentation on QI/Stemi metrics.
9. DOH Report (Scott Williams): Christins reported that the updated Reports to Regions newsletter should be sent out to the regions next week. Links for EMS rules and legislative updates will be included in the newsletter. They are also developing an OPMA attestation page for each council member to sign attesting that they have completed the online open public meeting training which is required at least once every four years; these will be due by April 2026. Scott reported that the Trauma Services Assessment should be released this month. This will be discussed at the RAC TAC in a couple of weeks. They will train region council Directors on how to use the TSA data and are requesting that a few other volunteers from each regional council participate in this training as well. Jeff reported that they recently sent three forms to each agency in the state for WEMSIS--one for updated contact information, one for demographics, and one for outcomes data. Any questions about this should be directed to the WEMSIS team at wemsis@doh.wa.gov.
10. County Council Reports
 - A. Clark County: They recently received a SS4A demonstration grant for \$800,000 and they received an award for pre-hospital blood administration.
 - B. Cowlitz County: Their EMT class just started yesterday; they may have a few spots open in the class for students who can start immediately. They will hold an IV Tech class on February 9th. Their MPD has a new protocol for TXA and a new COP for transport to alternate destinations. They are moving forward with bup administration.
 - C. Klickitat County: No report.
 - 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: April will send out flyers for the upcoming classes in Cowlitz County.
12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:38pm.
13. Upcoming SW Region Council meetings (2 pm via Zoom): March 4, 2026; May 6, 2026; July 1, 2026; September 2, 2026; November 4, 2026 at 2pm via Zoom