

**SW REGION EMS and TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 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	P/P			
SW 12/A	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P	P	Ex			
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			
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	P			
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Joy Bjornberg		P		P			
SW 31	Skyline	Amelia Buettner			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			
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		P			
	Emergency Communications/911 PSAP 1								
SW 75	At-Large	Greg Rossmiller		P		P			
	Air Medical 1								
SW 85	At-Large	Blaine Myers		P	Ex	Ex			
	Emergency Management 1								
	At Large	Belinda Walker	Marissa Hutcheson	P/P	A/P	P/			
	Staff & Guests								
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P	P			
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P			
	Shelby Graber	Skamania EMS		P					
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P	P				
	Catie Holstein	DOH		P					
	Meagan McCoy			P		P			
	Dustin Waliezer	CCFD #3		P	P				
	Marla Emde	DOH		P		P			
	Sierra Knutson	WaTrac		P					
	Matt Scanlin	DOH			P				
	Elizabeth Emmet	DOH/988			P				
	Christina Eickmeyer	DOH			P	P			
	Darryl Hebert				P				

	Don McIlmoil				P	P			
	Dr Marc Kranz	MPD			P	P			
	Rocco Roncarati	CCFD			P				
	Dr Russell Smith	MPD			P	P			
	Mick Huesties	CSFD #7			P				
	Jason	AMR				P			
	Heidi Berry	Ocean Beach Hospital				P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH				P			
	Jodie Mason	Wahkiakum County				P			
	Kara Welchel	NWHRN				P			
	Rocco Roncarati					P			

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairman Jon Olson called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. Roll was called via the web login.

1. Approval of the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes and today’s agenda*

Action: Marianne Baker moved to approve the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes and today’s agenda with a correction to add her as present at the meeting. Ben Peeler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports (August 2025-September 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	August 2025	September 2025		
Checking				
Beginning Balance	\$154,588.26	\$145,540.02		
Debits	\$1.33	\$1.20		
Credits	\$9,049.57	\$9,032.06		
Ending Balance	\$145,540.02	\$136,509.16		
Investment CD				
Beginning Balance	\$172,401.66	\$172,977.11		
Debits	\$575.45	\$558.73		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$172,977.11	\$173,535.84		

Action: Dr Macht moved to approve the August 2025 and September 2025 financial statements and included transactions as presented. Ben Peeler 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 work in the plan used to be submitted to the DOH every other month but starting at the beginning of this fiscal year, we now submit plan work on a quarterly basis.

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

April reported that grant contracts have been received from three counties so far, the other three counties will submit their signed grant contracts to the Region after their meetings this week. A copy of the updated grant sheet was included in the meeting packet.

4. Old Business:

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

April 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. Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue will need an ALS AMB min/max number in Cowlitz County since they provide primary service in a part of that county; this is under review with the DOH as records show this was completed in 2021. Clark County has requested an increase in their ALS AMB min/max number; this request is in the Steering Committee agenda for approval at their November meeting.

B. Behavioral Health PCP Approval*

The draft 'Transport to Behavioral Health Facility' PCP was included in the meeting packet for review. The PCP was updated to conform to the DOH's new formatting but there were no substantive changes made. The updated PCP was reviewed by the County EMS Council Chairs and the MPDs after the formatting update.

Marianne Baker moved to approve the 'Transport to Behavioral Health' PCP as presented. Dr Kranz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Updated Council Roster

An updated Region Council roster was included in the meeting packet.

5. New Business

A. 2026 Meeting Dates

The 2026 meeting dates for the Council will be January 7, 2026; March 4, 2026; May 6, 2026; July 1, 2026; September 2, 2026; November 4, 2026 at 2pm. The January meeting was pushed out a week because the first Wednesday of the month is a holiday.

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

Cowlitz-Skamania FD #7 submitted an application to the DOH for approval to increase their service from BLS-AIDV to ALS-AIDV in Skamania County; the application was included in the meeting packet for review by the Council. This application was approved for their service in Cowlitz County at our last meeting but they need this application approved in Skamania County as well because they provide primary service in both counties. This change does not require a min/max number increase as there is currently a number for their increased service level in Skamania County. This application was approved at a Skamania County EMS Council special meeting last week with no concerns or objections. This is 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.

Action: Dr Kranz moved to approve this application as submitted. Dr Hoskins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Preparedness Report: Marisa is no longer working at the Health District; Tippy Hartford will fill this position until a permanent replacement is hired. Belinda reported that they will be working on the Healthcare Coalition catastrophic plan and exercise at a conference in Leavenworth tomorrow. They are currently hiring for Marisa's position. There is some planning going on for the FIFA World Cup which will take place in June and July of next year in Seattle and other areas around the state which may include a site in Vancouver. They are also meeting with their counterparts in Oregon to plan for the MRCE exercise in April 2026.
7. Injury Prevention/IVP Update (Marla Emde): Marla reported that the IVP TAC/Falls Prevention Coalition will next meet on December 3rd. November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Marla sent links and documents including the Healthy Aging Resource Guide to April who will forward them to council members. NHTS is starting their holiday campaigns.
8. SW Region QI Committee Report: Dr Macht reported that they met earlier today. They will look further into two trauma KPIs—scene time for red trauma patients and % of patients given TXA. They approved spending \$2000 from the QA funds to pay for interested providers in the region to attend a year-long NAEMSP quality and safety course. Registration for this course will begin in the spring and the course will start in September.

9. DOH Report (Scott Williams): Scott reported that the next RAC meeting was moved to Monday, November 17th, ECS TAC will meet on the 18th, and the Steering Committee will meet on the 19th. The Trauma Service Assessment will be discussed at the Outcomes TAC meeting on November 25th then the final report will be posted in December. A future update of the assessment will include expanded information on falls, costs, and air medical.
10. County Council Reports
 - A. Clark County: Ben reported that their Council met last week. They discussed moving their protocols to the Handtevy app.
 - B. Cowlitz County: Their council met earlier today. They discussed min/max numbers.
 - C. Klickitat County: Dr Smith said that their reporting numbers to WEMESIS have been low in some areas; they will work on improving this.
 - D. Skamania County: Dr Hoskins said they are doing a major review and update of their protocols. They may look into using the Handtevy app. Dr Macht said the Acid Remap protocols app is good but it requires lots of backend support; the Handtevy app is more expensive but seems to have more functionality.
 - E. South Pacific County: Their council will meet tomorrow evening. They use the Handtevy app and like it for its ease of use.
 - F. Wahkiakum County: Jodie said their council met recently. They are working on IVP projects.
11. Good Of the Order/Public Comment: Marianne Baker will be retiring from the local and regional councils in December. Jon thanked her for her many years of service to the Council.
12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:36pm.
13. Upcoming SW Region Council meetings (2 pm via Zoom): January 7, 2026; March 4, 2026; May 6, 2026; July 1, 2026; September 2, 2026; November 4, 2026 at 2pm via Zoom