

SW REGION EMS and TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 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		P/P	/P
SW 12/A	Cowlitz	<i>Eric Koreis, Chair</i>		P	P	Ex	P	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	Ex/	Ex/	Ex/	Ex/
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	P/	P/
SW 27	Legacy Salmon Creek	Amy Doepkin		P	P			P	P
SW 28	Peace Health St John	Lindsey Anderson		P	P			P	P
SW 29	Ocean Beach	Heidi Berry			P	P	P	P	P
SW 30	Klickitat Valley	Joy Bjornberg		P		P	P		
SW 31	Skyline								
	MPD Reps 2								
SW 46/A	Urban	Marlow Macht, MD	Chris Hamper	P/P	P/P	P/P		/P	P/
SW 47	Rural	Greg Hoskins, MD			P	P			P
	Local Elected Official Reps 2								
SW 55	Urban	<i>Jon Olson, Vice Chair</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P
SW 56	Rural	Dan Bigelow			P				
	Local Government Rep 1								
SW 60	At-Large	Tom Chavez		P	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	P	P
	Emergency Communications/911 PSAP 1								
SW 75	At-Large	Greg Rossmiller		P		P	P	P	Ex
	Air Medical 1								
SW 85	At-Large	Blaine Myers		P	Ex	Ex	P	P	
	Emergency Management 1								
	At Large	Belinda Walker	Jessie Escobar	P/P	A/P	P/		/P	
	Staff & Guests								
	April Borbon	Executive Director		P	P	P	P	P	P
	Scott Williams	DOH		P	P	P	P	P	P
	Shelby Graber	Skamania EMS		P					
	Robb Milano	Vancouver Fire		P	P		P		P
	Catie Holstein	DOH		P					
	Meagan McCoy			P		P		P	
	Dustin Waliezer	CCFD #3		P	P			P	
	Marla Emde	DOH		P		P	P	P	P
	Sierra Knutson	WaTrac		P				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		P	P
	Rocco Roncarati	AMR			P	P	P		
	Dr Russell Smith	MPD			P	P			
	Nick Huesties	CSFD #7			P				P
	Jason Jenson	AMR				P	P		P
	Heidi Berry	Ocean Beach Hospital				P			
	Jeff Sinanian	DOH				P	P		P
	Jodie Mason	Wahkiakum County				P			
	Kara Welchel	NWHRN				P		P	
	Justin Roberts					P	P		
	Dr Russell Smith	Klickitat MPD					P		
	Chris Hamper	Clark MPD Assistant					P		P
	Adam Rovang	DOH					P		
	Amelia Buettner	Skyline Hospital			P	P	P		P
	Jeremy Taylor	AMR							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 March 4, 2026 meeting minutes and today's agenda*

Action: Shaun Ford moved to approve the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes and today's agenda as presented. Jon Olson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports (February 2025-March 2026)

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 2026	March 2026		
Checking				
Beginning Balance	\$169,534.93	\$180,490.47		
Debits	\$19,111.37	\$4,788.35		
Credits	\$8,155.83	\$42,308.83		
Ending Balance	\$180,490.47	\$142,969.99		
Investment CD				
Beginning Balance	\$175,845.51	\$176,375.65		
Debits	\$530.14	\$494.34		
Credits	\$0	\$0		
Ending Balance	\$176,375.65	\$176,869.99		

Action: Shaun Ford moved to approve the February 2026 and March 2026 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 work plan schedule. A copy of the most recent Exhibit BCD, where the Region reports the work that has been completed, was included in the meeting packet as an FYI.

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. An updated copy of the grant sheet was included in the meeting packet.

4. Old Business:

A. Min/Max Numbers Update

An updated min/max numbers list was included in the meeting packet. The request to increase the Cowlitz County ALS AMB min/max number was approved by the Steering Committee at their March meeting; Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue is applying for this number.

B. Updated Council Roster

A copy of the updated council roster was included in the meeting packet.

C. Approval of Revised Bylaws*

The bylaws which were reviewed at the last council meeting were included in the meeting packet. There were no additional changes requested.

Action: Jeff Bissett moved to approve the revised bylaws as presented. Shaun Ford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Approval of FY2026-2027 Grant Application*

The grant application will be approved at the July meeting after we receive the updated amount of our FY2026-2027 funding from the DOH as well as the total amount of carried over unspent funds from the current fiscal year.

5. New Business

A. FY2026-2027 Budget Approval*

A copy of the proposed FY2026-2027 budget was included in the meeting packet. The budget was based on the current funding contract with the DOH but it was noted that the budget may need to be revised and reapproved at the July council meeting if the DOH makes cuts to the region's funding.

Action: Jon Olson moved to approve the FY2026=2-27 budget as presented. Jeff Bissett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Preparedness Report: The FIFA exercise was held this morning. The annual MRSE patient surge exercise was held last week. Kara Welchel provided a list of WaTrac training opportunities which April will send out to the group.

7. Injury Prevention/IVP Update (Marla Emde): Marla reported that the IVP TAC will meet on June 3rd. She will provide links on e-bike/bike safety, window falls prevention, and helmets. EMS Week is May 17-23. May is National Trauma Awareness Month. The West Region EMS Conference will be held on June 6th.

8. SW Region QI Committee Report: The SW Region QI Committee met earlier today. They voted to align their meetings to be held just before each region council meeting. Their next meeting will be on July 1st at 1pm. The presentation at today's meeting was on stroke. They still have about \$3600 in QI funds available; the group voted to use these funds for the NAEMSP year-long quality and safety course. The course only takes about three hours a month and provides mentorship and guidance for local QI projects. More info can be found at <https://naemsp.org/quality-improvement-safety-course/> Shaun Ford is the Chair of the WEMSIS Data TAC; he asked that anyone who is interested in this project please join the TAC. The state is requesting that the QI Committees in the state set up a cadence with their data requests; it is more efficient for their office to create data reports for the same topic rather than eight separate topics for each QI meeting.

9. DOH Report (Scott Williams): Scott said they are working on a quarterly newsletter as well as the matching funds guidance. The Trauma Service Assessment is still delayed but they will provide training on how to use the TSA when it is approved. The regions will begin working on their next trauma plan soon; the next biennial plan may only require small revisions. They are hoping to change from biennial trauma plans to four-year plans in the future.

10. County Council Reports

A. Clark County: They met last week. They are reviewing their bylaws.

B. Cowlitz County: Eric reported that they finished their EMT class and will hold another EMT class in August. The HART team, which is applying to be a non-trauma verified transport agency in the county, introduced themselves to the council. Their behavioral health alternate destination transport went into effect May 1st with Columbia Wellness. They received an OD2A grant and are working on their bup protocol.

C. Klickitat County: Amelia reported that Skyline Hospital has dropped from a Level 4 trauma center to a Level 5. There was a legislative change to PA supervision rules. Both hospitals will still stabilize patients for transport.

D. Skamania County: They will hold a special meeting tomorrow at 5pm.

E. South Pacific County: Their council will meet tomorrow evening at 6pm.

F. Wahkiakum County: Dr Kranz said they met last week. They are doing an advanced EMT class and working on their alternate destination transport with Cowlitz County.

11. Good Of the Order/Public Comment: Shaun Ford said that Clark County received a DOTs Safe Streets grant for their pre-hospital blood program; this is about a one-year process. The MPD meeting will be next Monday and the Healthcare Coalition will be next Tuesday.

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:37pm.

13. Upcoming SW Region Council meetings (2 pm via Zoom): July 1, 2026; September 2, 2026; November 4, 2026 at 2pm via Zoom