

Washington County EMS Alliance



Washington County EMS Alliance Governing Board Meeting Minutes Oct. 27, 2022

Attendance:

Member/Delegate			Back-Up Delegate	
Present	Name	Jurisdiction	Present	Name
X	David Downey (Chair)	City of Hillsboro		Greg Espinosa
X	Patrick Wineman (Vice Chair)	City of Forest Grove		TBD
X	Marni Kuyl	Washington County	X	Mjere Simantel
X	Rodney Linz	Banks Fire District		Brennan Nannenga
X	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue		Steve Boughey
Affiliate Member Representative			Backup Representative	
X	Shawn Baird	Metro West Ambulance	X	David Weeks
X	Mark Buchholz	WCCCA	X	Jennifer Reese

Other Interested Parties/Staff:

Tim Case (WCEMS), Yera Castaneda (WCEMS), Gaby Rodriguez (WCEMS), Jesse Bohrer-Clancy (WCEMS), Kristin Chaffee (TVFR), Chief Geering (FGFD), Casey Schein (LFN), Gail M. Madsen (Consumer Advocate) Ron Morgan (TVFR Union), Sam Flores (AMR), Megan Wever (WC resident) John Goward (Falck Amb.), Sidney Humphries (DHS EMS), Austin DePaolo (Teamsters) Kathy Fink (WCCCA), Jennifer Fetterley (AMR), Kenny Frentress (TVFR) Shane Ryan (MWA), Dr. Mohamud Daya (TVFR MD) Aaron Monnig (Multnomah County)

Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve September meeting minutes
3. Strategic Direction
4. Workgroup Updates
5. EMS Updates

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6. Good of the Order (Public Comment)

Opening Comments

Chief Downey opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and welcomed everyone. Brief introductions of new attendees.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chief Downey asked the governing board members for approval of agenda, Chief Linz made motion to adopt, and Chief Wineman seconded, the agenda was approved as is.

Review and Approve Minutes

Chief Downey asked the board members if everyone had a chance to review the September meeting minutes. Chief Linz made a motion to approve as is. Chief Weiss seconded; the minutes were approved with no changes.

Public Comment

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

Strategic Direction

- Update on ARMUP pilot:
 - 36-hour pilot from August to better define when ARMUPS would remain dedicated to the call. When ARMUPS happened and a MWA unit became available the ARMUP unit was stood down, so it created confusion.
 - Going over the data on exchanges of units on calls and recap those.
 - Group meeting tomorrow to discuss some of the data that was collected in September, WCCCA pulled data for us as well. At first glance we saw a trending same day of week and times were consistent with the shorter run we did.
 - It did create a more streamlined process.
 - Pilot is still happening everyone was favorable to the idea of continuing the pilot and as more data becomes available Tim Case will bring those updates back to the group.
 - Chief Downey asked now that there are BLS units in service are we going think about continuing with both? Chief Wineman stated that there will be an influence on the data set so it will not be an apples-to-apples comparison. He wants to be sure that they are all aligned and that both dispatch centers are on board for consistent application since it has not been consistent on the west end.
 - The issue on the application was addressed early on in September and it was more of a Dispatcher/Education component, but please let Tim know if additional instances occur so they can be addressed.
- ALS/BLS high level update:
 - Process kicked off smoothly, worked very well as we planned it.
 - MWA has had the 2 units active for now 3 days and it is working great.
 - Number of activations has steadily increased as fire colleagues understand more about it being an available resource to use.
 - MWA agrees that the very thorough process of planning in the 12 days prior to launching the program worked very well and the project was set in motion without major setbacks.

- David Weeks stated as of Wednesday 19 calls for transports were made and 6 additional activations that did not result in transport and out of those 6 calls 1 of them was not BLS appropriate.
 - Reduced wait time for BLS units to show up.
 - There were 6 calls yesterday that resulted in transport and 2 requests where the units were not available still working to see what happened with those.
 - Once we have some good data and bulk of cases will have a better idea of where the process stands and present to the group with operational metrics.
 - Call types were for sick persons, psych and some were ground level fall traumas No inappropriate calls were received. The crews are recording the time of patient transfer times from ALS to BLS units as well.
 - Chief Wineman stated that they have used the BLS transport twice one in Cornelius and one in Forest Grove, the one in Forest Grove this morning there was the ALS MWA crew was hesitant to cancel without getting documentation and paperwork because they were under the impression that they had to write a chart that defined how the patient was going to be transferred to the BLS unit. Company officer said they did not need to do that and go back in service for the next patient. Can we please make sure that we communicate that the BLS unit is doing this, and the ALS unit does not have to do that part.
 - David Weeks has not yet reviewed any of the data on today's calls and will be sure to review the Forest Grove call from this morning to get to
 - Activation happened though their own units and did not get activated through WCCCA, so it was really confusing it was finally solved through their radio. Chief Wineman wants to make sure that MWA know he is beyond happy with how this is going and recommends moving full speed ahead with more units.
 - Chief Downey remembers that the implementation is 90-day evaluation period for the program but has a question if there was a timeline defined?
 - MWA Shawn Baird responded that there was a discussion that happened around this but wanted to make sure that there is enough staffing to cover the units who have a knowledge of the system and making sure that they are qualified for it. There is a plan on how the recruiting was going to happen and working with Dr. Sahni on this, as of now do not have a date for the next unit will be activated.
 - Tim Case has a question about Intera. Where we stand on how the units are moving about regarding coverage.
 - David Weeks will reach out to Chief Sorenson at TVFR to see how this is going and where coverage is at now and get back to Tim on where they are.
- System Enhancement Budget update:
 - Adrienne talked about this fund being a bucket of money that was underspent in EMS program and accumulated over the years.
 - Would like to propose the use of some of these funds to fund First Watch/First Pass.
 - Conversations going to use some modernization funds to cover the cost of FW/FP to fill the gap in funding.

- The first request is for \$100,000 to \$150,000 to use from the system enhancement fund which will get it set up.
- The second request is to use System Enhancement Fund for first maintenance year 2024-2025.
- This would get us through the first 2 years this would allow to at least have these funds committed
- See chart below:
- First Watch/First Pass update:

First Watch/First Pass

New System (Payment of All Year One Fees) - Total:	\$411,152.20
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Sources of funding:

- 1) Commitment from PH for \$100,000
- 2) EMS program budget \$200,000 - \$220,000
- 3) REQUEST: System enhancement funds \$100,000-\$150,000
 - a. This would leave 150,000 – 100,000 in SEF
 - b. REQUEST: SEF for first maintenance year (2024-25) so we have a plan until we have more stability.

Estimated Annual Support & Maintenance for Year 2 (based on a 3% annual increase):	\$65,139.47
Estimated Annual Support & Maintenance for Year 3 (based on a 3% annual increase):	\$67,093.65
Estimated Annual Support & Maintenance for Year 4 (based on a 3% annual increase):	\$69,106.46
Estimated Annual Support & Maintenance for Year 5 (based on a 3% annual increase):	\$71,179.65

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- This is a largely customized data plan and depending on the module you buy also influences the cost.
- Tim will look back at the information and find out a definitive answer on whether it is agency customizable.
- Adrienne will do a November update for a deep dive discussion into it.
- There are no other requests from the county for any if this fund utilization.
- There is a concern on how this will be funded past the first 2 years
- We are not able to plan for funding past the 2 years because Washington County budget is up in the air will know more next summer, so it is a solution would be to ask the stake holders to all unite to cover the cost, but we do need to figure out the ongoing maintenance piece afterwards.
- There is a quote existent, and we are a little more expensive than Clackamas County.
- FW/FP is currently being used in the region in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.
- Chief Downey asked the governing board members for a motion from to get FW/FP startup and 1 year of maintenance with the use of System Enhancement Funds.
- Chief Wineman made a motion to accept and Chief Linz Seconded, all members are in favor. Motion adopted to move forward with utilization of System Enhancement Funds to start up FW/FP.

EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates:

- **Dispatch data workgroup**
 - This group is idle currently and has no updates.
- **Data Workgroup**
 - No new updates, this group did not meet in October. Jack is currently out.
- **Redesign workgroup charter**
 - No new updates aside from what has already been mentioned.
 - Chief Weiss mentioned that the MWA dispatch when they say the level, they also say the location would like to know if anyone has heard anything on if this is helpful.
 - FGFR and TVFR agree that it is very helpful to know where the resources are coming from, and it would be very nice to keep this going.
 - This is not MWA standard procedures it is something new that someone is doing. It is an MWA feature being trialed and if it is welcome, they can try and make it a continued effort, appreciates the feedback on that.
- **Level 0 project workgroup**
 - No new updates aside from what has already been mentioned

EMS Staff update

- Cares Data work with PHEP and EMS, have requested our epidemiologists where our Cardiac Arrest calls are happening and will hopefully help to know where our outreach and training needs should be focused. Dr. Daya would like to be involved with this work.
- ASA and Admin rule documents update to OHA any day now to do the official piece and then the board will approve the administrative rule, both documents will be finalized at the end of November.
- Some pieces that will change in the spring so the documents can be easily changed in pieces.
- Tim thanked everyone for their feedback on the ASP. The document is into Cambridge consulting for final formatting and then he can submit to OHA.
- Ebola is back and outbreaks in Uganda and DRC and there are a handful of people in monitoring in the region. Dr. Sahni has reached out to both MWA and AMR for transport capability.
- Tim would like some information on clean-up planning efforts from fire colleagues regarding regional hazmat contact in Washington county decontamination of the ambulances and providers and such things. Would welcome the contact information.
- TVFR has the Hazmat Station 53 Progress and station 54 in Tualatin if there is a need, they can be activated thru WCCCA
- **TVFR**
 - Chief Boughey is out, Chief Weiss thanked everyone for the support for him.
 - Approved new AED's in their system and looking to see if there are businesses in the hotspots, we can send Chief Weiss an email for those.
- **Forest Grove Fire**

- Firefighter Academy will be turning on to shift in the next month and will be putting in another medic for our unit so this progress will be helpful.
- **Banks Fire**
 - BLS guidelines in place are welcome
- **Hillsboro Fire**
 - No new updates
- **Medical Directors**
 - Law enforcement is out with 95% of our calls and they are usually there before us Dr. Daya wants to point out that we need to strengthen
 - Dr. Sahni is out of the country all month of November
- **WCCCA**
 - Would like to chat offline with Chief Wineman on the issues with the call this morning on Forest Grove
 - An academy that started on Monday it will be a 4-week process and will add 2 new dispatchers to the floor.
- **MWA**
 - Have acquired Bio cell bags to put in the back of the ambulances to limit fluid contamination. They are preparing to order more of these bags in potential preparations for possible positive Ebola patient transports.
 - Sally from FW/FP is scheduled come to MWA to see the demo in November second or third week and Shawn will extend the invitation for this demonstration to all the EMS Alliance Members if they wish to come and see that demonstration.
 - Because of resource shortages with staff MWA is meeting with AMR to discuss mutual aid agreements. Will bring an update to the Alliance on this.

Public Comment

Chief Downey opened the meeting up to public comment. There is no public comment.

Good of the Order

- Marni wanted to share the homeless situation updates on winter shelters that opening in November, the long-term shelters will have 250 beds. Outreach workers are out at the 3 largest encampments to try to convince them to use the shelters in advance of winter.
- Tim had the opportunity to attend a Multiagency Training for Clackamas County, there were a few TVFR crews there and the training taking place there was inspiring. When we have ours in December this year, our mission is to provide medicine to our community.
- Because of how the holidays fall there will be December meeting so there will be 2 meetings in January.

Next agenda items

- System Redesign Update
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Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm

Next meeting: Monday Nov 28 at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., via Zoom

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda