

Skagit County EMS & Trauma Care Council Advisory Board Meeting

February 18, 2026, 9am-10am

EMS Richenson Room w/ GoToMeeting

<u>Present:</u> Josh Pelonio – EMS Director Wood Weiss – District 13 Chief Glen Gardner – Sedro Woolley Assistant Chief Dwight Worden– Cascade Ambulance Brook Moser – Skagit Regional Health <u>Non-Voting:</u> Jill Hoogerhyde – Skagit EMS Training Freya Peebles – Skagit EMS Admin. Coordinator	<u>Absent:</u> Matthew Russell – EMS Medical Program Dir. Dan Laine – Burlington EMS Division Chief Velma Lockrem – Swinomish PD <u>Ex Officio Absent:</u> Peter Browning - Skagit County Commissioner <u>Observer:</u> Dawn Stobaugh - Life Flight Network Julie de Losada - Chief of Emergency Management
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Opens at 905am.

Welcome: G. Gardner

- G. Gardner calls meeting to order.
- 08-20-2025 Meeting Minutes
 - **W. Weiss Moves to approve the 08-20-2025 meeting Minutes – B. Moser**
Seconds, Opposed: None

Special Guest Presentation

Skagit County Department of Emergency Management: J. D

- December Flood
 - Still a work in progress
- Recovery Phase
 - Turned in application for individual assistance for those affected by flood.
 - Two types of assistance
 - Help to people
 - help to government requests.
 - Both requests have gone out. Could take up to 4-6 months. Those affected are struggling.
 - State reached out to Salvation Army
 - Nearly 200 people have been helped in Skagit County.
- Reviews the flood events history and progress
- AMTRAC Training
 - Exercise April 28th (Flyer included in handout)
- FEFA World Cup
 - June/July
 - Watch Parties to be in

- Bellingham
- Everett
- Tribes
- Etc.
- Concern about Pride Match
 - Out primary concern is the traffic due to the event

EMS Department Updates

EMS System Updates: J. Pelonio

- **EMS System Updates**
 - Outage at 911
 - Downstream impacts
 - CAD interface
 - Most of the backlogs have been cleared
 - ProQA update coming out in March
 - No major differences
 - Falls Protocol has been modified and cleaned
 - Should be less inconsistencies with protocols and ProQA
 - Measles
 - 24 Confirmed across the state
 - 6 Snohomish County
 - 13 House bills EMS relates
 - 11 shouldn't affect us
 - Certification length from 3-6 years after 10 consecutive years of active certification
 - Connecting WEMSIS to OD maps
 - 6% increase of EMS Calls
 - Going out on Paternity Leave near the end of March through April
 - Jill will be in charge
 - Adjustments will be made as necessary

Education/Training Updates: J. Hoogerhyde

- **HELMS**
 - Certification for New EMS are generally being completed within a week.
- **Protocols**
 - 1700 Protocol tests completed in 2025
- **OTEP**
 - Multitude of classes throughout the year
 - Best not to rely on OTEP Makeup
- **FOTS**

- Video – Hybrid portion will be made
- Once we have the video we're hoping to make these trainings available to the public
- MVFD completed the FOTS for the MVHS this year to help us work through any problems that may arise

North Region EMS & Trauma Care Council Updates: G. Perry

- March 12th @ 10am

New Business:

- **Advisory Board Member Vacancies**
 - **Terming out Positions**
 - Wood Weiss – Bls Transport Provider
 - Ends Feb 2026
 - Willing to continue
 - **J. Pelonio Moves to approve reappointment - B Moser Seconds, Opposed: None**
 - Margie Campbell (Hospital #1)
 - Resigned
 - Term ends Feb 2028
 - Have reached out, waiting to hear back
 - If we hear back we can do a special meeting or email vote

HELPS Concerns

- **DOH Correspondence (included in packet)**
 - Doesn't feel we're being heard
 - Requests that concerns and frustrations are being communicated to DOH
 - helms@doh.wa.gov
- **System is not user friendly**
 - Reached out to other County's for their feedback
 - Not positive
 - Final updates in April
 - Exporting reports tedious and cumbersome
 - Endorsements are not being included in application process
 - Extra steps and communication is being required for what should be a simple processes
- **Regional DMCC Planning & MCI plan alignment**
 - Working with NW HealthCare Response system later today
 - Radio

- Thinking on doing a monthly test to ensure it's working and the process is more widely known

Round Table/Good of the Order

Votes:

- 08-20-2025 Meeting Minutes: **W. Weiss Moves to approve the 08-20-2025 meeting Minutes – B. Moser Seconds, Opposed: None**
- Board Member Positions
 - BLS Transport Provider: **D. Laine Moves to approve appointment B Moser – D. Worden Seconds, Opposed: None**

Adjourned: 1002

Next Meeting: 9a-10a May 20, 2026, Location: Richenson Training Room – 2911 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA w/ Zoom Teleconference Option

03-17-2026 Email Vote: **Jet Washington** is willing to serve in the **Local Hospital Position** – Island Hospital: Majority Approval Received; Opposition None.