

# Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council Medical Officer's Meeting Minutes

November 11th, 2006

Readiness Center  
Bremerton, WA

## Attendees:

Thomas O'Donohue	PFD	Rachel Kaperick	KCEMS
Bobby L Morse	NRNWF	Scott Steil	NRNWF
Kim Doyle	Olympic	Al Voves	NKFR
Cliff Wilson	SKFR	Barb Lovato	KCEMS
John Burch	PSNS	Stan Plyler	BFD
Elizabeth Gonzalez-Nugent	KCEMS		

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Stan Plyler at 10am

## New Business

### Nominations

Traditionally the Fire Department Medical Officers have had their own group with a Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer as an offshoot of the Fire Chiefs. Medical officers have always made recommendations to the council. Should we consider having a fire individual as a representative of this group at the Ops/Training/Chiefs meeting?

Cliff nominated Kim Doyle as Chair. Bob Morse seconded the motion.

Jay Lovato was nominated by Stan as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Kim.

### Meeting Name/Content Change

The committee discussed the scope of this group and its function within the Council. It was determined that this meeting might best be renamed the "Kitsap County EMS Office Operational Meeting", due to the of the business being conducted. There was discussion regarding representation from the operations division and training divisions of each of the member agencies since the business of this meeting crosses disciplines. It was determined that an invitation would be extended.

***Elections will be held at next months meeting December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006.***

### Status of AHA Guideline Update Training

This issue has been on the table since early spring. The matter was also brought up to the combined Fire Ops/Training/ Medical group. It has come to the attention of the EMS office that the CPR training and AED updates have not been completed. This matter needs to be a priority with all agencies. Elizabeth requested emails from each agency's Medical Officer on the status of their agencies updates.

### Status of AED Updates

CKFR, SKFR, and BIFD report that their AEDs are in process of or have already been updated. Elizabeth requested completion e-mails for these updates as well.

### **Tacoma Trauma Center Calendars**

Laminated calendars for the designated trauma centers in Tacoma for 2007 are available through the EMS office. They should be placed in every rig so crews will be updated with trauma the most current designations. There are also 2006 calendars available at the EMS office if needed. The weather is getting sketchy and air evacuation is not as reliable. Extended flight times may indicate the need to drive patient to Tacoma or consider a "load and go" to interception point with ALS or air evacuation if it is available, instead of waiting. A trend for long scene times is causing concern.

### **Trauma Conference**

The Trauma Conference is Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> at HMH Bremerton beginning at 8am in a north room by cafeteria.

### **CBD**

The importance of the CBD program is resurfacing within the EMS system. Elizabeth will be speaking with CEO's about agency involvement in CBD training classes with BLS and ALS providers included. The EMS office is looking for a commitment from providers and agencies to participate as instructors in the 40hour CDB Dispatcher training class. The optimal situation would be to have every agency represented for a portion of the class instead of one instructor teaching the entire class. Instructors have not been replaced as efficiently as needed, this situation should be rectified as soon as possible. CBD has been on the back burner for quite some time and since any system improvement we make is made on the foundation of criteria based dispatching it makes sense to take an active role in their training.

Payment for instruction thru EMS office is \$25 per hr. The committee discussed some options for instructors to be paid. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Chief Steil asked if the CBD program is the responsibility of the EMS Council, is the Council also responsible for the EMD online as a portion of their continuing education. The EMS office is working with member dispatch centers to streamline and improve CBD training and education.

### **Recertification/Certification Policies**

The Paramedic recertification policy was distributed for review and discussion during November meeting. Notable changes include a time line for initiation of the online process and required CME hours in addition to OTEP.

The Harborview Tuesday Series is available online. Would providers receive 3 hours credit for watching the Tuesday series? Elizabeth will request Dr. Eisenberg's decision on the time/credit issue and the group will revisit this topic in December after everyone has had a chance to think about it.

### **Protocols**

Several agencies have received letters from the Region regarding ordering protocol flip books. What the region is considering printing is a pocket guide with quick reference flip charts. Elizabeth met with the Region after our last Council meeting and expressed significant concern about the condition of the current protocols, then met with the training coordinator regarding the procedures and medication formulary that were incomplete. Elizabeth has been working with the protocol committee to complete the protocols including the procedures and formulary. Kitsap County does not have to stay within the Regional model – the current position is that Kitsap County is considering writing the county protocols in house and discontinuing use of the Regional Protocols but is still willing to share their protocols for use in the Regional model. The participation of Kitsap County with the NW Region may be a salvageable situation but all sections must be completed before Dr. Eisenberg will sign off on them. So far, the state has not yet

approved the Protocols sent by the Region. The EMS office will issue a letter in response to the Regional order form restating the concerns expressed above.

### **PSNS**

John Burch was invited to participate in writing radiation emergency protocols to be added to Kitsap County.

### **Paramedic Student Internships**

Agencies discussed the current impact of students and determined they were currently unable to accept additional internships. It was determined that the EMS office should be included in EMS training issues.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **Otep Evaluator Training**

SKFR is instituting shift changes beginning in January 2007. They are requesting OTEP evaluators. The EMS office will plan and present OTEP evaluator classes in January. Elizabeth is willing to do three eight hour classes in a row to cover all shifts or a similar combination of classes that could be taught at the Readiness Center or other centralized location. A December evaluator roundup would be a meeting of the current evaluators to be informed of what the modules will be reviewed in 2007. This meeting may not occur until late January and could include new evaluators from the requested January classes.

#### **LifePak12s from Philips MRX**

SKFR is purchasing new LifePak12s from Philips MRX for all medic units. The presentations and demos proved the Phillips unit to be well suited for the needs of the department as well as staying within the current budget. Standardized equipment across the county makes mutual aid more effective. The EMS office would like to make the recommendation that if an agency decides on a different model of something like a LifePak12, a video tape of intensive training might be useful for providers who might have to jump in that agencies rig to help out. If we can borrow one of the LifePak12's from SKFR for the next ACLS class it would provide additional opportunity for providers to get familiar with Philips model.

#### **Base Station Attendance**

Barb handed our BSM meeting reports for each agency so the Medical Officer can see who has how many live BSM and make sure that everyone has watched the months they did not attend live. Policy mandates that providers watch the DVD's within the month it is presented. There is only one more BSM for live attendance left. Departments are asked to monitor compliance.

#### **Shift Change for NKFR**

NKFR will be switching to a new shift as of January 1, 2007 if 48 on – 96 off, temporarily for one year.

#### **Mass Casualty Trailer**

Mass casualty trailer from Navy going into CAD for mutual aid use. The unit will be located in Keyport.

#### **MCI Workgroup**

MCI workgroup is still open to anyone that is interested.

#### **Meeting adjourned 11:35am**

Next meeting will be scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am with the MCI workgroup to follow – bring your lunch.