

CENTRAL REGION EMS AND TRAUMA COUNCIL  
Minutes for September 13, 2023, 2:30pm-4pm



Attendees: Tom Rea, Trixie Anderson, Vonnie Mayer, Krystal King, Mark Taylor, Andrea Coulson, Andy McCoy, Barb Jensen, Celeste Ethrington, Karen Kettner, Cheryl Stromberg, David Murphy, Emily Agudo, Eric Timm, Evan Van Otten, Hailey Thacker, Nick Gibbons, Jamie Emert, Jason Nagle, Jen Brenes, Joshua Michael, Kara Welchel, Lora York, Mari Beckham, Matt Beercroft, Matt Gau, Michael Sayre, Mike Pirri, Rachel Weber, Scott Williams, Steve, Traci Stockwell, Travis Omura

1. Call to Order - Mark Taylor, Chair
2. Review of Minutes from 5.10.23 - *Motion to approve by Barb, seconded Trixie.*
3. Financial Report – Brant Butte, Treasurer - *No report.*
4. Membership: new, recruiting, alternates - *Reviewed current list on website, highlighted vacancies, encouraged alternates, and reviewed how to apply and what are the responsibilities.*
5. Bylaws - *Mark reviewed that the Bylaws were being looked at to bring us up to date. Shared current edits, discussion of term limits, and finding language that works but is open to potential changes and challenges in the future as we saw with the pandemic.*
6. Meetings, poll - *The group voted on options for in-person meetings: 8 in favor of once a year, 14 for twice a year, and 6 prefer virtual (28 votes and 35 on the call at the time). Attendees proposed locations in the chat, SKCFTC, OEM, Paramedic Training, Overlake, Evergreen as possible options*
7. Reports and Updates
  - a. KC EMS - *Dr. Rea introduced a new associate medical director Dr. David Murphy, working at HMC, Prov Everett, and Valley. Eastside piloted a naloxone leave behind program. Larger report will be shared with the group via email, and attached to the minutes. Discussion on the program, similar programs, and efficacy. Discussion of MIH / social workers that are doing some of this work and how we can all collaborate.*
  - b. NWHRN & WATrac - *Kara reported on WATrac, just had a user group meeting, working on cleaning up and reorganizing items to get agencies categorized better. Working on adding a couple of new statuses within services down category. Also*

*potentially for Psych Saturation. Kara shared in the chat some of the trainings being planned.*

*Susan Koppelman reported that they are preparing to support a high -profile case in Pierce County. Tacoma hospitals are close to the geographic area involved.*

*Working with people at HMC to bring together DMCCs and WMCC from across the state, goal is to have the meeting by the end of October. The network hosts an All Hazards call that will take place tomorrow, meant for all hospitals, LTC, and LHJ.*

*Looking to include more EMS partners, shared info in the chat.*

- c. *DOH - Hailey shared the DOH report that was attached in the meeting packet.*
  - d. *WMCC - Mark provided an update. Back to about 10 calls in a 24 hour period. Had dipped in the summer. Primary drivers include specialty service requests from community hospitals. Starting to coordinate with NWHRN to work on how the WMCC can coordinate with DMCCs throughout the state.*
  - e. *EMAC - Evan Van Otten presented to the group, he serves as this Council's representative to EMAC, Emergency Management Advisory Committee. Advises the OEM on regional planning and policy. Meets 2nd Wednesday of even months in person, and during odd months in a virtual format. Nick added that the group covers a lot of grants.*
8. *Small Grants - Motion to approve by Nick, second by Emily, no opposition, motion carries.*
9. *Psych Patient Task Force, next meeting Oct 11, 2023*
- Celeste provided an update on the work that has occurred during the summer. Meetings have taken place amongst south end hospitals to bring forward data, concerns, and expectations. Working to form a Zone 3 workgroup. Discussion of the challenges created by divert, particularly Psych Divert. Randi & Celeste attended WATrac meeting talking about creating a separate category of Psych Saturation. That group liked the term Psych Saturation, despite the First Hill hospitals also using it. That User Group approved the use of Psych Saturation but we need to provide specific definitions for what this designation means.*
- a. *Behavioral Health Catchment area maps - Randi reviewed the work planned around this topic, led by Brant & Matt. Nick (OEM) offered to help.*

10. High Patient Census & wall times - *Report will be sent to the email distribution list.*

11. Good of the Order

12. Adjourn

Next meeting scheduled for **November 8, 2023** at 2:30 pm