

## CENTRAL REGION EMS AND TRAUMA COUNCIL

### Minutes for September 14, 2022, 2:30pm-4pm

#### **Attendees:**

Mark Taylor  
Matt Gau  
Barb Jensen  
Karen Kettner  
Brant Butte  
Celeste Etherington  
Traci Stockwell  
Mark Blaney  
John Herbert  
Jenna Hannity  
James Richardson  
Michael Pirril

Greg Brown  
Tim Fredrickson  
Jennfer Brenes  
Cheryl Stromberg  
Trixie Anderson  
Joe Zydel  
Candace Murdock  
Rachel Weber  
Travis Omura  
Alan Abe  
Dawn Feldt  
Emily Agudo

Steve Pettit  
Chantel Arnone  
Tom Rea  
Vonnie Mayer  
Onora Lien  
Kara Welchel  
Cameron Buck  
Jeanne Schuppe  
Nick Gibbons  
Randi Riesenber

1. Call to Order - Mark Taylor, Chair
2. Review of Minutes from 5.11.22 - *Karen motioned, Barb seconded*
3. Fiscal Year '23 Small Grant Awards - *Shared an overview summary of 14 applicants. After some discussion, one was withdrawn. The Board presented 4 options to address the funding of these projects. Using a Zoom poll vote, it was decided to fund all requests at their full amount by using the Council's savings/reserves.*  
*Further discussion included other grant sources some of these entities could look toward, such as FEMA, and Homeland Security.*
4. Financial Report – Brant Butte, Treasurer - *Provided a brief overview of current financial position including current balance of \$208k and project end of year balance of about \$175k*
  - a. Approval of FY23 Budget - *The Council unanimously approved, by Zoom Poll vote, the Draft Budget as presented with the use of funds from savings carried over from years' past.*
5. Board of Trustee Appointments - *In regards to the Bylaws state below - we sought to reappoint Board members: Celeste Etherington, Karen Kettner, Barb Jensen. Dr. Pirri motioned, Matt Gau seconded. All in favor. September marks the Council's annual meeting, this will continue year after year with alternating Board members up for reappointment in alignment with the Bylaws.*

- a. Bylaws 3.5 - Each Trustee will serve for a term of two (2) years, with approximately one half of the Trustees being elected each year. Trustees may serve up to, but no longer than, three consecutive terms. Term limits for Board members may be extended on a case by case basis which shall be presented to the full Council for consideration and vote. Terms of office shall commence with the Corporation's fiscal year, which commences July 1 of the current calendar year.

## 6. Reports and Updates

- a. NWHRN & WATrac - *Onora Lien provided a high-level update of Northwest Healthcare Response Network. There continues to be ongoing high census and capacity issues, internally the Network is 'demobilizing' and reprioritizing. Work continues with moving patients, particularly in rural areas . Have launched a work group to advocate and address barriers around these topics. Kara Welchel shared more about WATrac, there was recently an Advisory Committee meeting and some updates that will be rolled out at the end of October or November. Working on diversion statuses. Working on improving and expanding what information is sent out via SMS Text to make it more similar to email notifications. Question around 'Diversion Comments' and suggestion that that field be just 'Comments' and create a standardization for how to use it.*
- b. DOH - *No Report. Alan Abe has been with the DOH part time and will be retiring.*
- c. KC EMS - *Dr. Rea presented a QI report "EMS Response to Firearm Injuries in King County"*
- d. Washington Medical Coordination Center (WMCC) - *Mark shared with the group what the WMCC has been tasked with around load balancing within hospitals. There remains high census and speciality needs across the state. 5,200 calls have been taken to support specialty and acute care needs.*

## 7. High Patient Census

- a. Wall Times - *Dr. Rea updated the group on the progress and discussions that have occurred in the 3 meetings of the subgroup focused on this issue. Work to summarize the problem continues, thanks to all partners for capturing and sharing data. The group has also been working on sharing best practices within hospitals.*

*Encourage hospital leadership to have awareness of this issue. An example was cited of Harborview's recent period of BLS divert being a decision made by the CMO. Notes from the last subgroup meeting have been shared.*

- b. ED Psych Divert -
- 8. Good of the Order & Adjourn

Next meeting scheduled for **November 9, 2022** at 2:30 pm