

# Washington County EMS Alliance



**Washington County EMS Alliance  
Governing Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2024**

**Attendance:**

Member/Delegate			Back-Up Delegate	
Present	Name	Jurisdiction	Present	Name
	David Downey (Chair)	City of Hillsboro	X	Greg Espinosa
X	Jim Geering (Vice Chair)	City of Forest Grove and City of Cornelius	X	Patrick Wineman
X	Marni Kuyl	Washington County	X	Mjere Simantel
	Rodney Linz	Banks Fire District	X	Andrew Cooper
X	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue		Kenny Frentress
Affiliate Member Representative			Backup Representative	
X	Jennifer Romero	American Medical Response	X	Rob McDonald
X	Larry Boxman	Metro West Ambulance		Shawn Baird
	Mark Buchholz	WCCCA	X	Jennifer Reese

Other Interested Parties/Staff:

Adrienne Donner (WCEMS), Tim Case (WCEMS), Gaby Rodriguez (WCEMS), Jack Nuttall (WCEMS), Alyssa Mooney (WCEMS) Marie Boman-Davis (WCPH), Jennifer Romero (AMR), Zach Hall (AMR), Jason Jensen (AMR), Rob McDonald (AMR), Ben Sorenson (TVFR), Tia Ho (Ride Connection), Shawn Wood (MWA), James Smario (TVFR), Terra Anderson (AMR), Aaron Monnig (MCEMS) Nick Mattheisen, Cathy Kirby, Dr. Mohamud Daya (MD TVFR),

**Summary of Actions and Decisions**

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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2. Review and approve September meeting minutes.
3. Workgroup Updates
4. EMS Updates
5. Good of the Order (Public Comment)

### **Opening Comments**

Chief Geering opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Chief Geering asked the governing board members for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, Capt. Andrew Cooper made a motion to approve, and Chief Weiss seconded. The agenda was adopted with no changes.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

Chief Geering asked the board members if everyone had a chance to review the July meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Chief Weiss made a motion to approve; Capt. Andrew Cooper seconded; the meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

### **Public Comment**

Chief Geering welcomed public comment. No public comment.

### **Strategic Planning**

- **System Stewardship**
  - Review of charter draft there were no significant changes to the draft just seeking acceptance to the group.
  - Forest Grove and Cornelius has capacity limitations. They are in support of the idea of having representation from field clinicians.
  - Tim suggested having representation from field clinicians.
  - Chief Smario is the workgroup chair.
  - Chief Weiss agrees having representation from field clinicians is beneficial.
  - Big thanks to Andrew from Banks Fire who has been pursuing this steadily.
  - Tim will reach out to the agencies to see if they have someone who would like to be the representation to this group.
  
- **Data Reporting System Wide:**
  - Tim Case presented regular updates for systemwide data.
  - Chief Geering finds a lot of value in seeing the combined information as well as individual agency response.
  - Chief Weiss would like to see the data displayed overtime.

### **EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates:**

- **System Stewardship**
  - Still looking for membership and will include field clinicians.
  
- **Resource Management**
  - Still looking for membership to the group
  
- **Regulatory Documents**

- No new updates
- **Data workgroup**
  - Progress of data use agreement, proposed draft is being reviewed by WCCCA and then it will be sent back to county council for approval after that it can be shared with this group.
  - Next meeting is Oct 16 so Jack Nuttall will bring an update to the next meeting.

**EMS Staff update:**

- Nurse navigator update meeting mid-October that will move things forward a little more.
- We are learning from Clackamas County since they have already rolled out Nurse Navigator and getting some information on how they are doing their messaging and outreach.
- There is data review on the WCCCA side happening on ALS/BLS

**Agency Updates:**

- **TVFR**
  - No new updates
- **Forest Grove/Cornelius Fire**
  - Work capacity has changed, and Chief Geering is no longer able to support and take on the Resource Management workgroup.
  - After conversations with TVFR it was decided that they have the capacity on their end to take on this workgroup. Chief Smario and Chief Frentress with support from Chief Wineman will take on the task.
- **Banks Fire**
  - Questions from board of directors on system enhancements funds, is there a funding mechanism?
  - There has not been a standardized mechanism established yet at county.
- **Gaston Fire**
  - No new updates
- **Hillsboro Fire**
  - No new updates
- **Medical Directors**
  - No new updates
- **WCCCA**
  - No new updates
- **MWA**
  - Since taking over Lifeflight ground operations on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> there has been an increase of ALS ambulances in the system.
  - Transport totals - 1 transport every other day.

- **AMR**
  - 3 medics have gone to different agencies, but in the process of backfilling those positions.
  - 5 EMT's starting internship next month.
  - 9 more have started paramedic didactic this month.

**Good of the Order**

- November and December Alliance meetings discussion, as we get closer to the holidays, we will start calendar crunching to accommodate a combined meeting between the November and December regularly scheduled meetings.
- Chief Geering asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marni made a motion to adjourn, Andrew Cooper seconded.
- If you have any agenda items for the next meeting please send them to Adrienne, Chief Downey, Chief Geering, or Yera.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.**

**Next meeting: October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m., via Zoom**

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda