



**Emergency Medical Services
Technical Advisory Board**
800 Chestnut Street
Online Meeting
July 6, 2022
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Minutes

TAB Members:

David Pethick, *BFD*
Scott Ryckman, *BFD*
Jerry DeBruin, *WCEMS&TC*
Marvin Wayne, *WCEMS, MPD*
Ben Boyko *FD7*

Mike Hilley, *WCEMS*
Micah Quintrall, *BFD*
Dan McDermott, *BFD*
Susie Johnson, *PeaceHealth*
Hank Maleng, *WC Fire Chiefs Assoc.*

Also Present:

Jeremy Morton, *WCEMS*
Steve Cohen, *WCEMS*
Ralph Weiche, *WCEMS, MPD*

1. Welcome & Confirmation of May 4, 2022 Minutes
 - a. After small changes to the TAB website member listing and a confirmation that the May 4th meeting included a motion to have a TAB co-chair discuss the meeting minutes were approved. The TAB May 4th, 2022 minutes motion for co-chair will be edited for the exact wording. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
2. BLS Allocation /PowerLoad Update (Hilley)
 - a. The 12 different BLS allocation/PowerLoad Update contract drafts are written and the budget has been approved for both items. The PowerLoad contracts (reimbursement, purchase of 10 PowerLoads, and installation piece) need to be reviewed by legal and finance and then pushed through council and the executive most likely in September. The BLS Allocation contracts will be processed after the PowerLoad piece. This wait is due to the Levy ordinance being pushed through Council in August.
3. Levy Update (Hilley)
 - a. Amendments to Plan (Motion by Council)
 - A motion was made at the previous County Council meeting to postpone the introduction of the Levy Ordinance that night due to the addition of the two amendments. The first amendment introduced in the motion was to add the “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion”

section to the Levy Plan. The second amendment reduces the Levy rate from \$0.29 to \$0.19/\$1,000 AV. This ordinance will be reintroduced with discussion on July 12th.

- The second amendment that features a changed Levy rate has been analyzed by the Finance group and the results are not favorable for EMS system functions. A plan for keeping the collection at \$0.29, but leaving room for lowering the collection rate if reserves allows has been suggested and could be suggested to County Council. The TAB group discussed the impacts of a potentially lowered Levy rate. Discussion about timelines in the case of Levy failure was also included.
 - The group talked about their commitment to improving DEI, their hiring processes, and their feelings about the topic. Hilley and Ryckman both talked about encouraging County Council and other elected officials to take the time to ride along with EMS teams to see the systems of which they vote on.
- b. Budget
- The ask for the TAB is to start considering things that would be priorities for Levy funding and things that would not be priorities in the case of Levy failure or lowered Levy collection rate.

4. Paramedic School (Quintrall/Stevenson)

- a. Quintrall presented the current status of where the Paramedic students were at in their education, the sections they were working on, and the timeline of the group's clinicals, capstone, and graduation.

5. TAB Co-Chair Discussion

- a. Tabled for next TAB meeting.

6. Good of the Order