



NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes: 11/15/2022

Present: Chief Beau Bakken, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Cooper, Fire Commissioners: Paul Severson, Brooke Quigley, Bob Miller, and Dan Kewish. Hospital Commissioners: Kay Massie, Herb Gerhardt, Peggy VanBuskirk, Patty Stone. Superintendent: Sandy Robertson.

Zoom: Fire Commissioner Kelley McIntosh and Hospital Commissioner Tommy Thombs.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Carl Ehresman and Chief Bakken opened the meeting with a personal thanks to the RFA Fire Commissioner and Mason Co Public Hospital District #2 Commissioners for their cooperation and willingness to support and fund the pioneering PA program. It is the first of its kind in Washington State; and especially noteworthy for a rural department. The steps to implement this program will be documented to serve as a model for other departments. It will also maintain data to measure benchmarks and successes. Chief Bakken noted that board cooperation from both agencies has been key to implementation. It demonstrates the commitment to progressive ideas and service to the community.

Commissioner Gerhardt asked if this program has been discussed with St Michael's/CHI Hospital. Chief Bakken stated that he has discussed this program with the CHI leadership. He stated that he talked about the impact on patient discharge and EMS responses. He noted that it is not a replacement for primary care, but a means to follow up after hospital release.

Commissioner Quigley moved to approve the Collaborative Service Agreement between North Mason Regional Fire Authority and Mason County Public Hospital District #2 for the implementation and adoption of the Community PA Medicine Program; Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Massie noted there is a new visiting nurse in the area.

Superintendent Robertson made supporting comments regarding the PA program.

Commissioner Van Buskirk moved to approve and adopt the Collaborative Service Agreement between North Mason Regional Fire Authority and Mason County Public Hospital District #2 for the implementation of the Community PA Medicine Program; Commissioner Thombs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Stone recused herself on the vote to avoid a conflict of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm

Authority Interim Secretary Beau Bakken

Commissioner Paul Severson

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

Commissioner Dan Kewish

Commissioner Bob Miller

Commissioner Brooke Quigley