

**Northwest Community EMS System
Research and Development Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
Call to Order	<p>The meeting is being held in a hybrid fashion, with an in-person option available at the 901 Building and an online option for those unable to attend in-person.</p> <p>Meeting called to order at 1030 hours by Scott.</p>	
New Members & Guests	<p>Representatives from Boundtree introduced to demo the BD IO.</p>	
Minutes & Agenda	<p>Motion to approve November minutes made by T. Hayes, second by E. Johnson. All in favor. Motion granted; minutes approved. No changes or additions to agenda.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p> <p>a. OneDose (C. Mattera, NCH)</p> <p>b. Pelvic Sling (K. Chesney, NCH)</p> <p>c. Ultrasound (B. Bosco, PFD)</p> <p>d. Physio LifePak35 (S. Renshaw, BGF D)</p> <p>c. EMS World Expo Sept 9-13, 2025 (M. Jordan, NCH)</p>	<p>a. OneDose: OneDose was unanimously approved by all agencies in the system. Kourtney, Bill and Scott will work with OneDose reps to begin buildout process and establish a timeline for implementation.</p> <p>b. Pelvic Sling: Committee reviewed the DMS Hippy Hold, Faretec Responder and Arrow TPOD pelvic slings. Samples were obtained for each device. After discussion, the committee voted to adopt the Hippy Hold.</p> <p>c. Ultrasound: Discussion tabled to March meeting</p> <p>d. Physio LifePak35: Nothing additional, approved & added to D&S list in November, 24</p> <p>c. EMS World Expo: Matt Siegler – reporting on EMS conference in Las Vegas. Many interesting products. A few ultrasounds that may be worthwhile to use in our system (Exo and Kosmos) specifically that have AI embedded. Shared general info about other interesting classes – many related to sepsis and the use of antibiotics in the field. A few moulage classes, a cadaver lab. His general take-away is that we are relatively ahead of the curve in terms of our care compared to other areas of the country.</p> <p>Oct 2025 – next year’s EMS conference will be held in Indianapolis.</p>	<p>a. OneDose: Kourtney, Bill and Scott will work on implimentation</p> <p>b. Pelvic Sling: Committee voted to adopt the Hippy Hold. Motion made by N. Junge, second by E. Johnson. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>c. Ultrasound: Tabled to March</p> <p>d. Physio LifePak35: Nothing additional</p>

<p>New Business</p> <p>a. BD IO *Vendor Demo* (S. Renshaw, BGFD)</p> <p>b. Glucometer (M. Jordan, NCH)</p> <p>c. EMS World Expo Oct 20-24, 2025 (S. Renshaw, BGFD)</p> <p>d. R&D Secretary Opening (S. Renshaw, BGFD)</p> <p>e. Alternate R&D Rep to Advisory Board (S. Renshaw, BGFD)</p> <p>f. 2025 Charter (S. Renshaw, BGFD)</p>	<p>a. BD IO Vendor Demo: Representatives from Boundtree presented the BD IO device to the committee. The driver is rechargeable and has a battery life indicator. The needles come in additional sizes and have a safety feature to help avoid needle sticks. Boundtree is offering a free exchange, one BD IO driver for one EZ-IO driver during the first quarter of 2025. Discussion on pricing and features, that the costs were not worth the added features in addition to the amount of time/expense to train the system on a new IO device. The committee declined to make a motion to adopt the BD IO.</p> <p>b. Glucometer: It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Microdot Xtra, the current glucometer for the system, has been discontinued. Dr. Jordan asked the Committee to review options to make sure that we continued to have the best glucometer available. Committee reviewed the Microdot Pro and the Fora GD20. Comparison data between the two was reviewed. After discussion, the Committee voted to adopt the Microdot Pro.</p> <p>c. EMS World Expo: Dates for the EMS World Expo in 2025 have been released. The conference will be Oct 20-24 in Indianapolis. Discussion about sending multiple representatives this year due to the close proximity and not having to purchase airfare. Scott asked members to keep dates in mind and to check their availability. Tabled until fees are released and registration is open.</p> <p>d. R&D Secretary: Z. Way resigned from the Committee and there is now an opening for the secretary position. No motion was made to nominate a new secretary. This position will remain open and will be added to future agendas for reconsideration.</p> <p>e. Alternate R&D Rep to Advisory Board: The Advisory board notified the R&D Committee that there is an open alternate position available. Discussion on responsibilities of the position and length of term. E. Johnson volunteered to fill the open position.</p> <p>f. 2025 Charter: Committee reviewed the draft charter for 2025. After discussion, the Committee voted to adopt the 2025 Charter.</p>	<p>a. BD IO: Not approved</p> <p>b. Glucometer: Committee voted to adopt the Microdot Pro as the next glucometer for the system. Motion made by J. Marrese, second by M. Sigler. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>c. EMS World Expo: Tabled until fees are release and registration is open.</p> <p>d. R&D Secretary: No motion made to nominate a new secretary. Will remain on agenda until filled.</p> <p>e. Alternate R&D Rep to Advisory Board: E. Johnson volunteered to fill the open position.</p> <p>f. 2025 Charter: Committee voted to adopt the 2025 Charter. Motion made by E. Johnson, second by S. McCrory. Approved unanimously.</p>
<p>Open Session</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting made by T. Hayes, second by E. Johnson. All in favor. Motion granted; meeting adjourned at 11:45</p> <p>Minutes respectfully submitted by: S. Renshaw</p>	