

**Skagit County EMS 2019-2024 Levy Cycle Budget Planning - Session Two**  
June 12, 2018, 2-4pm, EMS Training Room

**Welcome**

**Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt, Chair**  
2pm

**Initiatives for 2019-2024 Levy Cycle**

**Facilitated discussion by Jeff Sargent**  
2:05-3:30pm

Discussion items for each Initiative:

- What questions do you have?
- What hurdles do you see?
- Next steps?

**New Initiatives Discussion**

**Facilitated discussion by Jeff Sargent**  
3:30-3:55pm

**Meeting Adjourned**

4pm

## 2019-2024 EMS Levy Cycle Initiatives

The following Initiatives are being proposed for the 2019-2024 EMS Levy Cycle:

### 1. BLS Integration

- a. The process in which the county uses the EMTs in the system to treat and transport less critical patients keeping the paramedics available to more timely responses to severe injuries or illness.
- b. Development of specific inclusion criteria for ems providers to participate in this program.
  - i. must be 24 hour staffed
  - ii. must be a “system resource” asset
    1. available to respond or move to anywhere the they are dispatched to
    2. must have MDC (Mobile Data Console)
- c. Development of an equitable financial compensation plan for the providers services.

### 2. Closest Unit Dispatch

- a. The process in which closest most appropriate “county” asset is sent a call regardless of unit ownership or service area.

### 3. Capital Disbursement System

- a. Skagit County to act as the conduit for purchase of capital equipment to promote standardization and bulk discounts for our contractors use.
- b. Skagit County to monitor the care and maintenance of these assets while used by contractors.

### 4. System Design

- a. Skagit County supports the current delivery model with multiple ALS and BLS providers delivering similar services to all areas of the county.
- b. Skagit County supports incremental growth and development of efficiencies within and between providers as long as contractual requirements are met with the County.
- c. Skagit County encourages providers to explore different or joint staffing models that ensure contractual compliance is met and all call are responded to efficiently under the criteria based dispatch system.

### 5. Levy maintenance funding

- a. Skagit County will maintain a sufficient operation fund balance to ensure system operation in economic crisis or levy failure.
- b. Skagit County will maintain a sufficient capital fund balance to ensure purchase of required capital to fulfill contractual requirements with ems contractors.

**6. Criteria-based dispatch**

- a. The process in which dispatch send the most appropriate unit for the call type which could include not sending a transport capable unit.

**7. County-wide deployment plan development**

- a. The process in which units are initially placed and moved to meet demand unit availability levels and geography to include when to include out of county and private assents.

**8. Equitable financial compensation plan development**

- a. The process in which the County looks at all providers by type and creates a compensation plan for services provided that has equality. Not just looking at number of units or transports but a comprehensive plan that looks at geography with call volume, unit availability and flexibility, current provider structure with an eye towards future provider developments and the systems performance on providing patient care.