

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2014

Introductions:

All those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Scott Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Greg Godfrey, Toni Halloran, Kelly Jennings, Jerry Lueck, Dr. Jim Nania, Patty Richards, Brian Schaeffer, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand, Steve Tevlin, Lori Markham, Jim Schaffer, Robin Dudley, Paul Kimball

Guests Present:

Carolyn Stovall, Adam Richards, Rob Walker

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

VICE-CHAIR REMARKS: Jerry Lueck

Finances: An account has been set up acct at STCU with three signers (Dr. Metcalf, Jerry Lueck, and Cindy Pavlischak). The COS will be sending a check in the near future for about \$90,000 in EMS funds. The balance of the funds in the city EMS account will be sent to EMS once COS Accounting has ensured all outstanding payments have cleared. CPA, David Green, has been hired to handle accounting and payroll services.

EMS Budget:

Wade Scoles said he will be re-working the budget.

Office hours:

Cindy will be in the EMS office Mon-Thurs 8 am to 4 pm.

EMS web page:

Cindy has a meeting scheduled with Laura Smith-Johnson from WAASI for the first week of April. Laura is local but has been out of town for several weeks. WAASI is the company updating the Fire 8 website.

Revision of Mission Statement:

Please send any ideas to Cindy so the Executive Committee can review them.

EMS Awards:

Another reminder, please send nominations to Cindy in the EMS office. There is only one so far.

Ray's retirement gift:

A \$100 gift card to Luna's Restaurant and the signed fire helmet will be mailed to Ray.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMS Course Completion Verification-EMT Supraglottic Airway:

Carolyn Stovall said this was the first on-line class, all 7 passed. It was M/S/P to approve the course completion.

Adding representatives from all hospitals:

The issue was discussed. It was noted that if additional reps were approved, it would require a change in the bylaws.

Following discussion, Brian Schaeffer made a motion to add 2 additional hospital representatives to the Council and QI Committee for a total of three voting members, one each from Deaconess/CHS, Providence, and VA Medical Center, to Council & QI.

Action: The motion carried. Kelly Jennings will work on the amendment to the bylaws to present at next month's meeting.

Letter from Dr. Byrd:

The letter from Dr. Byrd was reviewed. Dr. Nania said this is an old issue; physicians want to see their own patients. The Triage Tools are in place to see that the right patient is taken to the right place and this effects patient outcomes. HFH is already Level II stroke center so this issue referred to in the letter is no longer a problem.

Action: Dr. Nania and Dr. Metcalf will draft a response letter to Dr. Byrd and include copies of the Triage Tools.

GUEST:

Physio Control – Rob Walker:

Mr. Walker gave an overview of the two projects underway in collaboration with AMR to collect and analyze data from ALS monitors. This now also includes the fire departments.

1. Cardiac arrest / CPR process (collect data from monitors and transmit raw data to Rob to annotate then send data back to AMR). Could be expanded out to all of AMR's operations.
 1. Chest compression rate = median 94% (metronome helps). This is very good.
 2. Vent rate = occasionally high during CPR, frequently high after ROSC
 3. Re-arrests = only 3 so far so difficult to analyze due to low numbers
2. Advanced Airway Management (improve documentation, enhance QI process)
 1. Take data from patient care report and superimpose on data from Life Pak and use to show more complete picture of what was done to patient. Hopefully will help improve documentation and QI process. Looking at follow-up hospital data on these pts.

Action: Initiate use of CO2 monitoring equipment right away to capture better data.

REPORTS:

Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings

Discussed where EMS may be going, community paramedicine. There is a meeting the end of summer to discuss where managed care is going and how that may affect EMS. The meeting is at SeaTac Nov. 4.

East Region: Adam Richards

The committee meets tomorrow. More local reps are needed on the committee.

Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory: Carolyn Stovall

July 23 -24 is the accreditation site visit. The reviewers will look at clinical and internship sites as well and the sites will need to have their representatives available to meet with the reviewers.

EMS Live @ Night will be at MedStar. May enter thru East door starting at 6:45 p.m. Orthopedic emergencies is the topic.

QI: Dr. Nania

EPCR - Brian Schaeffer will cover this at QI meeting.

Protocols – Brian Schaeffer will cover this at QI meeting.

Eye protection – remember to wear goggles

FAFB: No representative currently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Adam Richards – The remodel of the Deaconess ER will begin on April 1. This will be a major remodel and may affect throughput. Adam will keep Cindy advised to let EMS folks know of any issues as remodeling moves forward.
- Mar. 22 – Resuscitation conference
- Apr. 21 INW Trauma Conference
- Apr. 24-26 – CDA Summit Conference
- Jerry Lueck – AMR recently achieved national accreditation of the Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). There will be an open house on March 31 from 1-3 pm to acknowledge this achievement.

Adjourned 10:20 a.m.