

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2014**

Introductions:

All those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Scott Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Kelly Jennings, Jerry Lueck, Dave Leavenworth, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Nolan McMullin, Dr. Jim Nania, Wade Scoles, Steve Tevlin, Dr. Danielle Wolff,

Guests Present:

Carolyn Stovall, Adam Richards, Robin Dudley, Todd Stewart, Broderick Hilar (Whitworth student shadowing Dr. Metcalf)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on March 11, 2014.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

- Budget Committee - Will begin work on the 2015 budget. Committee members will include: Wade Scoles, Jerry Lueck, and Dr. Metcalf. Anyone else interested in working on the budget should let Dr. Metcalf know.
- Finances - There was more money in the city account than previously thought. Finances look good. Working on the MOU with the City for IT support.
- Web page - Form committee to work on this. Those interested are: Dr. Metcalf, Cindy, Adam Richards, Brian Foster-Dow, and Jerry Lueck.
- Ray's thank-you - Cindy delivered the signed fire helmet and Luna gift certificate to Ray. Ray was very grateful for both and asked Cindy to pass along his heartfelt "thank you" to the council.
- Mission statement - Will work on this along with the web page.
- Purchase of medications - This will be a big problem for the agencies with a definite financial impact. The law has existed for some time but wasn't enforced. Kelly Jennings spoke with Mike Lopez about this and there are statements in the law to deal with shortages. Dr. Edminster at City Fire said he will need a DEA for each station that stores drugs. Dr. Metcalf will contact DEA for clarification on this rule. Dr. Nania said they should work on ways to preserve IV fluids. Address use of heparin or saline locks. Create alternative drug reference list to use in case of shortage for fluids or medications. Training will be involved for new medications.

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- EMS awards – Reminder given to **please** send these in. Only 2 so far. It was agreed to give out the EMS Awards at the June meeting so there is an extra month to get the nominations in.
- Local EMS position emails sent to the EMS Office – Dr. Metcalf asked if EMS Officers wanted to get this type of info to post. It was agreed that it's better to forward then the recipient can delete if they choose to do so.

### **Old Business:**

- Bylaws change – The proposed change to address adding representatives from all hospitals (adding to: Related Vocations Directors) has to go before the council twice and then is voted on at the third meeting (i.e. present at April and May meetings and then vote in June). This proposed change was emailed to all Council members prior to this meeting. No comments at this time.

### **New Business:**

- EMS Course Completion Verification SCFD3 EMR Course Approval (I1432006, completion date 3/16/14) – Reviewed and approved
- Renewal Application for Senior EMS Instructor Carolyn Stovall – Reviewed and approved
- EMS Course Completion Verification SCC EMT Course Approval (ES60439286-EMT, completion date 3/20/14) – Reviewed and approved
- EMS Training Course Application: EMT-SGA (start date 5/6/14) – Reviewed and approved
- EMS Training Course Application: Paramedic (start date 6/9/14)– Reviewed and approved

### **Reports:**

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs – Kelly discussed community paramedics and what DOH might do regarding this as well as concerns about the possible ramifications. There is speculation that this could erode public sector funding. Doctors and nurses going to patient's homes are already being paid by insurers. There is money in getting patients not to go to ERs.
- East Region – Adam said the meeting is tomorrow. The East Region director resigned and is going to MedStar so they are looking for a new director.
- Curriculum – Carolyn provided an update on current training. They are interviewing candidates for June paramedic class.
- QI – Dr. Nania said the newly updated protocols will be sent to Brian Schaefer to be updated on the City Fire Protocol PDF and then sent out to all EMS Officers and Physician Advisors for distribution to all EMS providers.

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- Will be looking at ACS and stroke data today at the QI meeting
- Will review CPA data at today's QI meeting (will also discuss the data at the May Council meeting)
- Will look at trauma data next month
- Protocol committee - will be looking at spinal immobilization at today's QI meeting and at a sepsis protocol in the future

**Announcements:**

EMS Live@Nite is tonight at 7 p.m. Topic is Geriatric Emergencies. MedStar is hosting for the next few months. Doors will open at 6:45 pm (east door of MedStar building).

Deaconess ER Remodel - Adam Richards said they are knee deep in remodeling and the ER is now about 50% smaller during the remodeling. Ambulances are using the main south entrance. The new ER will have 22 private beds and there will be 10 fast track beds upstairs on 4. Adam introduced Todd Stewart, who will help with stroke data collection. Deaconess is hosting a neuroscience conference on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Fliers will be sent out to EMS Officers and Physician Advisors.

Kelly Jennings said Fairchild is planning Skyfest again May 31 to June 1. They are expecting attendance to be about 200,000 people per day. There are concerns about being a potential target.

Adjourn 9:50 a.m.