

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2014**

Introductions:

All those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Scott Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Toni Halloran, Kelly Jennings, Jerry Lueck, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Bob Notske, Gino Palomino, Patti Richards, Brian Schaeffer, Wade Scoles, Ryan Schlining, Cathy St. Amand, Steve Tevlin, Danielle Wolff, Sharon Colby

Guests Present:

Carolyn Stovall (INHS), Adam Richards (Deaconess), Kim VanHout (Deaconess), Chris Mabbott (PSHMC)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on April 8, 2014.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

- Finances – A check for the balance of the funds still with the City (\$45, 988.04) will be mailed this week to the EMS office. The MOU with the City for IT support is signed and in place. The EMS Executive Committee met recently to work on the 2015 budget and Wade Scoles will present it at the July Council meeting.
- EMS Web page – Brian Foster-Dow said the web site committee met with the web site developer and discussed the options for revamping the site. **Action:** The Council was asked to approve a budget of \$2500 to re-build the web site. It was M/S/P to approve this request.
- Mission statement – Mike will look at this and see if any changes are necessary.
- State's change in purchasing of meds - Jim Schaffer said he researched the RCW regarding EMS purchasing of medications and it does not apply to local EMS and their physician advisors. Legal at SFD feels it is appropriate to continue purchasing medications in bulk from the hospitals.
- EMS Awards – Thanks to those who submitted nominations for the EMS awards. There were quite a few and the EMS Executive Committee met today and will meet again next week to decide the winners of each category. The awards will be given out at the June 10 Council meeting.
- New position for Mike Lopez – Please welcome Mike as the SFD Assistant Director of Integrated Medical Services.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bylaws change – This is the second review of the proposed bylaws change to address adding representatives from all hospitals (adding to: Related Vocations Directors). This 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:**

- New appointee needed from Council to MRC – Dave Byrnes from MRC said the new primary appointee would replace Ray Tansy. Dr. Nania is the alternate. Dr. Metcalf volunteered to accept this appointment to the MRC. **Action:** Cindy will send the appropriate letter to the MRC.
- EMS Skills Evaluator Course Completion 4/4/14 – reviewed and approved.
- EMS Course Completion Verification (EMT-SGA Course #I1432005, completion date 4/5/14) – reviewed and approved.
- Applications for East Region EMS & Trauma Council – Adam Richards presented applications for Toni Halloran and Deanna Jones. Both were approved.

**REPORTS:**

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs – Kelly Jennings reminded the Council that Skyfest is coming up (200, 000 folks expected to attend) weekend of May 30.
- East Region – Adam said the East Region will be meeting tomorrow.
- Curriculum – Carolyn Stovall gave a reminder that the accreditation site visit is July 23 & 24. The reviewers will look at clinical and internship sites as well and many of those on the Council will be needed to meet with the reviewers. Carolyn will be sending emails with more info. June 2014 paramedic class has 14 students signed up.
- Fairchild – No report, no representative present.
- QI –
  1. Dr. Nania reviewed the recent protocol changes (Infectious Disease Precautions, Pediatric Dosing for Hydroxocobalamin (Cyanokit), Post-ROSC Checklist). Jim Schiffer said he had recently spoken with the Medical Examiner's office and she had some questions about the post-ROSC protocol.  
**Action:** Protocol changes were approved by the Council. Dr. Metcalf will write a letter to Sally Aiken and include a copy of the post-ROSC protocol.

2. WACARE data reviewed.
  - Telecommunicator/Dispatch CPR is an important part of improving the numbers. This can most probably be tracked with internal QI/QA process (maybe use WACARES module). Brian Schaeffer said he will make Division Chief Jay Atwood aware of the recommendation to improve this, but it is not a priority for SFD currently.  
**Action:** Dr. Nania asked that Jay Atwood be invited to discuss this issue at the June QI meeting.
  - High Performance CPR: Reminder to agencies to send data to PhysioControl for analysis.  
**Action:** Get update next month whether data is being submitted.
  - Additional considerations:
    1. Try to capture time to first defib
    2. Law Enforcement AED use (submitted grant for 14 more units to Empire Health Foundation last week). Let EMS office know of any grant opportunities for AEDs.
    3. Pulse Point – encourage use in public areas, still being trialed in private homes, etc.
    4. Citizen CPR
    5. Different areas will have to have different focus – rural v. urban

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- EMS Live@Nite – Kinematics / ATV Accidents & More. 6:45 p.m.
- May 21 Public Health table top on Pandemic
- EMS Conference with MedStar at Northern Quest
- Adam announced that Deaconess will be hosting their annual EMS Week BBQ next week on Thursday & Friday in the parking lot at the Deaconess Medical Bldg across 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the ER.
- Reminder about Deaconess ER groundbreaking ceremony on May 22 at 0745.
- Reminder of Deaconess Neuroscience Conference on May 30.
- Reminder of Basic Disaster Life Support Training Course on Sat, May 17, 8-4:30 at the Fire Training Center.

**PRESENTATION TO DR. SCOTT EDMINSTER:**

Dr. Edminster is retiring from his position as Medical Advisor to Spokane Fire Department. Dr. Metcalf presented him with a plaque and thanks for his many years

of service to the EMS community in Spokane. Brian Schaeffer said that Dr. Joel Edminster will be taking over the position as Medical Advisor to SFD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.