

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPT 9, 2014**

Dr. Metcalf call the meeting to order at 0900 and those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. James Nania, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Toni Halloran, Kelly Jennings, Jerry Lueck, Dr. Bob Notske, Gino Palomino, Patti Richards, Jim Schaffer, Cathy St. Amand, Carolyn Stovall, Steve Tevlin, Robbie Thorn, Rick Dobrow, Adam Richards,

Guests Present:

Ken Johnson, Cheney FD, Devan Johnson, COO, Deaconess Hospital; Maj. Dawn DePriest (FAFB), TSgt. Rebekah Boe (FAFB)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

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

**GUEST:**

Dr. Darryl Potyk, Asst. Regional Dean for WAAMI Medical Education Program at WSU-Spokane:

Dr. Potyk said the medical education staff would like to grow EMS exposure for medical students by having the students do ride-alongs with AMR and SFD/SVFD during their ER rotations. There are approximately 20 4<sup>th</sup>-year medical students that would participate, mostly to observe but possibly provide some BLS support. There would be 2 students every 6 weeks. The students are covered by the university for liability issues.

Dr. Joel Edminster suggested replacing an ER shift during each student's rotation with an EMS shift. Brian Foster-Dow said SVFD and SFD would be willing to participate. Cathy St. Amand said AMR already has some medical students doing ride-alongs and would be happy to work with Dr. Potyk on this.

**Action:** Those interested in working with Dr. Potyk should call Cindy for Dr. Potyk's contact info.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

- **EMS Office Update -**
  - Finance Report: The EMS Executive Committee met prior to this meeting. The YTD financial report was reviewed and the office is on budget for the year. The finance report will be shown and reviewed quarterly at the Council meeting.

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- Budget: Wade Scoles presented the final proposed budget for 2015. Brian Schaeffer gave kudos to the council for their work on this budget. **Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the 2015 budget.
- EMS Logo Contest Winner: Michelle Rodgers, SVFD, submitted the winning logo. Michelle will receive a \$100 check from EMS as the contest winner. The logo will be added to the EMS protocols, the EMS website, and office stationery.
- Bylaws change: Kelly Jennings read the proposed change to the bylaws for adding a Treasurer position. There will be one more reading at the October meeting and then vote taken for approval of the change. This will be an elected position.
- Web site update: Dr. Metcalf said the site is ready to go live in the next week or so. Cindy will send email to all EMS Officers when it is up and running.
- Change to Medical Advisor position for SFD/SVFD: Brian Foster-Dow said that after Dr. Danielle Wolff resigned, SFD and SVFD began discussing a combined medical advisor position to serve both departments. He said they are similar systems and it provides economy of scale. Part of the package is that Mike Lopez will work on QI/QA for both. This will be a partnership to improve both SFD and SVFD. Brian Schaeffer said the position has lots of potential for both departments.

Dr. Joel Edminster said he realized that when SFD and SVFD approached him about the idea he understood there would be concern about losing an important medical advisor participant on the Council and, therefore, less input. He hopes to address that concern by bringing more physicians in to be involved in EMS (i.e. teaching). He said he has his concerns as well about the time commitment for himself since he wants to continue working half-time in the ER at SHMC. The plan is to combine training for SFD and SVFD and Mike Lopez will be a big help also. .

Mike Lopez said he will support Dr. Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, and Brian Schaeffer. They will work to engage more physicians in teaching, which will hopefully make the council more robust.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Council rep: Dr. Metcalf introduced and welcomed SPD Asst. Chief Rick Dobrow as the new Council representative from Spokane Police Department.
- Training Course Applications/Course Completions:  
It was M/S/P to approve the following Training Course Applications:
  - EMS Training Course Application SCC EMT-IV/SGA (start date 9/23/14-12/11/14) – approved by email vote of Council members in August.
  - EMS Training Course Application SCFD 4 EMT/SGA (start date 11/3/14-2/27/15) – Gino PalominoIt was M/S/P to accept the following Course Completion Verifications:
  - EMS Course Completion Verification EMT/SGA (I1432016) – INHS – Carolyn Stovall
  - EMS Course Completion Verification EMT/SGA (I1432012) – INHS – Carolyn Stovall
  - EMS Course Completion Verification EMT/SGA (I1432014) – INHS – Carolyn Stovall

**Reports:**

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings reported that implementation of the new radio project has been moved to November. He also reported that Labor & Industries has made some unannounced inspections of fire stations recently.
- East Region Council: Adam Richards said they have approved the budget for the year and will focus on rural training and scholarships for EMS Connect. They sent out surveys asking for input on what folks want. Also, Empire Health has scholarships for the upcoming conference. Contact Adam for further info.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory: Carolyn Stovall reported that INHS Training went through a site visit for accreditation in July. The site visit went very well. There were two possible violations and both were corrected; one was an oversight on her part. The site visit team said they want to see more technology implemented into the program.
- FAFB: No report.

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### ➤ QI Committee:

- Sepsis Protocol: Dr. Nania reviewed the Sepsis protocol that was approved recently by the QI Committee. Kelly Jennings asked how hospital staff will respond to calls from EMS resulting from this protocol and Robbie Thorne (SHMC) said the ER's appreciate these protocols and that the protocols help them meet their core measures.

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the Sepsis protocol.

- Pyramid system: Dr. Nania said that about a month ago the system stopped getting the CCC EMS data. When he inquired about this, he said he was told that as they upgraded the system it was determined that it wasn't necessary to continue providing the EMS dispatch data and the EMS provider assessment data to the Pyramid system. Dr. Nania believes that although the surveillance capability of the Pyramid system has not been widely appreciated, it is a very valuable tool for monitoring the demand for EMS and gives us the capability of early detection of an unusual occurrence of disease. He would like to see support for reinstating Pyramid.

Brian Schaeffer agreed this is a powerful tool (i.e. could be used for the influenza currently in the mid-west). He said there are too many disparate systems though...hospitals are different from each other and fire districts are all different so it will be expensive and time consuming to make it work. Once the CAD system is up and running this could change as far as SFD data goes. The money from the original program has gone away. He thinks it is worthy of discussion though.

It was suggested that the cost to the council could be \$20,000 to get it up and running again. Dr. Metcalf asked Adam Richards and Robbie Thorn to look into the systems at their facilities in regards to Pyramid. Mike Lopez wondered if there might be any CDC grants available to get this fixed and agreed to look into this.

**Action:** Keep on the agenda for October Council meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- EMS Live at Night: Environmental Emergencies – 6:45 pm – 8:15, MedStar Hangar, Training Classroom
- NW EMS Conference: (in conjunction with MedStar) – Northern Quest – Sept. 27
- Oct. 2 – Phase 1 ER remodel at DMC will re-open:

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- PulsePoint App: Brian Schaeffer said he gave talk at GU to 400 students all of whom added the PulsePoint app to their phone. Remember to tell people about the app.
- Update on ambulance bid: Brian Schaeffer reviewed the story behind the story of the ambulance bid, may have to send out another RFP depending on what the City Council decided.
- Inservice today: Dr. Mroch is speaking on acute & chronic kidney injury today at 1:00 in the SFD Training Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.