

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 11, 2014**

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Jay Atwood, Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Toni Halloran, Kelly Jennings, Mike Lopez, Jerry Lueck, Lori Markham, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Adam Richards, Brian Schaeffer, Jim Schaffer, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand, Carolyn Stovall, Dawn DePriest, D.B. Ballard, Shane Sanford

Guests Present:

Chad Ziegenhagel (Valley ER), Susan Sjoberg (SRHD), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty, Nathaniel Cover (SFD), Doug Salmon (SVFD), Janette Worley (Deaconess)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the previous meeting in October 2014.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

- Finance Report: The QuickBook reports were reviewed.  
**Action:** Cindy will scan and email the reports to the Council members.
- Bylaws change: The first reading of the proposed change addressing FAFB representation on the Council and a verbiage change for QI committee representation addressing a shared physician was read by Kelly Jennings. The proposed changes will be read again at next two Council meetings followed by a vote on the proposed changes at the third reading.
- Vice-Chair Position: Dr. Metcalf said Cathy St. Amand has agreed to take over this position vacated by Jerry Lueck following his retirement.  
**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve Cathy as the Council Vice-Chair.
- Treasurer Position: Dr. Metcalf said Jim Schaffer has agreed to accept the newly created position as Council Treasurer.  
**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve Jim as the Council Treasurer. Cindy will work with Jim to orient him.

**AD HOC EBOLA COMMITTEE / PROTOCOL UPDATE:**

Mike Lopez reviewed the final protocol that includes the changes submitted to him since the original draft was done. He said that DOH approved the original draft. He reviewed with DOH the proposed changes made since the original draft and DOH said they were not substantive so they approved going forward with the revised protocol.

**AD HOC EBOLA COMMITTEE / PROTOCOL UPDATE Cont..**

Dr. Nania asked about two other issues not yet addressed:

- Identification of a single hospital to accept Ebola patients? Susan Sjoberg (SHRD) said all hospitals in Spokane currently are accepting these patients. Eventually SHMC will be identified as one of 7 hospitals in the state to accept these patients but they are still addressing compliance issues. A notification will be made as soon as all issues are addressed.
- Aerosolized decon fluid? Brian Schaeffer said they have plenty of fluid. AMR also uses the fluid every 6 months to decon their vehicles.

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the revised Ebola Protocol. Mike Lopez will send the protocol to be added to the Spokane County protocols and then Cindy will send it to the Protocol App Administrator to update.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Pyramid: Dr. Nania asked Brian Schaeffer for an update on reinstating the Pyramid system. Brian said that Tom Costello is the contact for SFD on this and he will check with him.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS classes:
  - 1/7/15 IV Therapy
  - 1/20/15 EMT-SGA
  - 1/26/15 PM
  - 1/27/15 EMT/SGA (RN to EMT Bridge)
- Action:** It was M/S/P to approve all class applications.
- EMS Training Course Application - SCFD 3:
  - 1/15/15 EMR
- Action:** It was M/S/P to approve this class.

Kelly Jennings addressed the question from INHS about presenting all classes for one year to the Council for approval. He said there has been a history of some issues with doing this, not with INHS, but issues nonetheless.

**Action:** The Council agreed to allow groups to submit classes 90 days in advance of the class start date.

**REPORTS:**

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings  
The Community Paramedicine conference was Nov. 4 & 5. There was good attendance from Spokane. It is clear that a one size program will not fit all counties. It will also be a slow process to change the regulatory side of things. Brian Schaeffer said there was a stakeholders meeting after the main meeting and there is no coordinated effort right now. He suggested that a leader is needed for this region, perhaps Mike Lopez.

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**Action:** Dr. Metcalf suggested an ad hoc committee of the Council be created with Mike Lopez as the Chair. Spokane should be part of crafting the message to the legislature. After further discussion, it was agreed to make this an ad hoc committee of the Regional Prehospital Committee with Mike Lopez as Chair.

**Action:** Continue on future agendas for updates.

- East Region Council: Adam Richards said they are meeting tomorrow. They are still looking at mid-max numbers so let him know if there are changes.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee: Carolyn Stovall said the next PM class is Jan. 26 and INHS is accepting applications now.
- FAFB: Dr. Metcalf welcomed Dawn DePriest and D.B. Ballard to the committee.
- QI: Dr. Nania
  - EMT Naloxone: This is a change in scope of practice for EMTs. Kelly Jennings asked that it be considered for EMR use also.  
**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve this change. The county has to use the State's protocol. Brian Schaeffer said it is not indicated for pulseless patient and that can be addressed when the protocol is put into our current Spokane County format.
  - Peds EZ-IO: This is a minor change adding an additional IO site for pediatric patients and doesn't require Council approval.
  - Neonatal Resuscitation Reference: This was some updating of a current reference and doesn't require Council approval.
  - WEMSYS: Melissa has offered to come to Spokane to teach a class in February on running reports. Anyone interested should let the EMS office know.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live @ Nite – Topic is Sepsis
- ENLS class by Dr. Geraghty will be Dec. 5, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Space is limited to 40-50 students but can do another class if there is more interest.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.