

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 10, 2015**

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Sharon Colby, Dawn DePriest, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Greg Godfrey, Toni Halloran, Dr. Chandler Hill, Kelly Jennings, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Nolan McMullin, Dr. Jim Nania, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Samantha Roberts, Shane Sanford, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand, Steve Tevlin, Robbie Thorn

Guests Present:

Shaun Pitts, Tom Chavez, Kim VanHout (DMC), Dave Byrnes (MRC)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on Jan. 21, 2015.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

- EMS Awards: It's time to send in nominations for service in 2014. It was agreed to add a Safety Award.  
**Action:** Cindy will modify the nomination form and email it out as well as post the form on the website.
- MPD Share Fees: Most agencies have paid their fees but there are still a few that remain due.  
**Action:** Cindy will send out reminder emails to agencies that haven't yet paid.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Covered in Chair's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dave Byrnes, MRC: QPR Gatekeeper Instructor Course  
The MRC of Eastern Washington is going to send five Behavioral Health Professionals to be trained as QPR Gatekeeper Instructors. These five will then be available to go out in the community and train First Responders and other health professionals to be QPR Gatekeepers. One of these Instructors could provide training here at our EMS meeting if desired.  
**Action:** It was M/S/P to schedule QPR Gatekeeper training for the March or April Council meeting. Cindy will work with Dave Byrnes to coordinate this.

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- Course Completion Verifications – INHS:
  - Completion date: 12/17/14      Advanced EMT (I-1432018)
  - Completion date: 1/30/15      EMT SGA (I1532004)
  - Completion date: 12/2014      Paramedic (I1332015)

**Action:** Reviewed. MPD will sign.
- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS:
  - Course dates: 3/26/15-4/4/15      Online EMT SGA
  - Course dates: 4/27/15–11/2/15      Paramedic
  - Course dates: 3/2/15-6/3/15      Advanced EMT

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve these course applications.
- Renewal Application Senior EMS Instructors – Matthew VonSteuben:

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve this application.
- OTEP Application for Medical Lake FD:

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve this application.

## REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs – Kelly Jennings:

New radio system working well. The committee will be reviewing the FOG again. Disaster Committee now called the IEFCA Fire Operations Planning Group.
- East Region Council – Adam Richards:

The meeting is tomorrow at 11:00. Adam said there are 4 MD positions open. Dr. Geraghty may apply for the opening on the Stroke Committee.
- Community Paramedicine - Mike Lopez:

Variety of paramedicine-related bills being dropped. HB2044 combines a number of the provisions of the multiple bills into one bill. There is a hearing Feb. 13 on this and we will be monitoring the hearing. This bill deals with “defend and hold harmless” concerns more effectively than other proposed bills. We will continue to monitor all of the bills’ status closely. Hopefully, we will be successful in passing legislation that will enable community-based paramedicine.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee:

See New Business Course Applications and Course Completions.
- FAFB – Dawn DePriest:

No report.
- QI – Dr. Nania:
  - Spinal Injury Flow Sheet – Dr. Nania reviewed the flow chart. Dr. Joel Edminster will be giving classes several dates in February on this protocol here at the Training Center. He will work with Dean to record this class to make it available on the EMS website.

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- Cardiac & Stroke system – Dr. Nania said nothing was done this session to address funding of the Cardiac and Stroke system.
- NAEMSP meeting – PhysioControl did a great presentation at the meeting. Kelly Jennings noted that the feedback from the PhysioControl folks has been good and very quick. He had already gotten feedback from a case on Friday.
- Stroke designation change: Holy Family has supposedly dropped designation for stroke from level 2 to 3. The destination procedure will need to be changed to transport patients downtown to SHMC or Deaconess. Brian Schaeffer asked about having dispatch do expanded query on these calls to better establish severity of patient's symptoms. CCC board meets in the next few months and can look at this. Also need to talk about all hospitals going on divert at the same time.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- EMS Live @ Nite: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Chili cook-off at AMR on Friday, Feb. 27.
- Brian Schaeffer said 3 new ALS units have been added to SFD. SFD is moving toward 100% ALS units.
- Medical students will be doing ride-along with EMS units as part of their ER rotations.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**