

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2015**

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

D.B. Ballard, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dawn DePriest, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Greg Godfrey, Toni Halloran, Kelly Jennings, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Bob Notske, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Brian Schaeffer, Jim Schaffer, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand, Steve Tevlin,

Guests Present:

Samantha Roberts (INHS), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty, Kim VanHout (Deaconess), Bob Ladd (SCFD10), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Janet Worley (Deaconess)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on March 10, 2015.

CHAIR REMARKS:

- EMS Awards: Reminder to all to turn in nominations by Apr. 30. The awards presentation will be at the June Council meeting.
- “Autism in the WILD”: Don Ballard, FAFB, said Holly Lytle of The Isaac Foundation gives presentations to Fire/EMS responders on how to respond and react to children with autism. She would like to give a brief presentation at an upcoming Council meeting outlining the program and then agencies could contact her to schedule a class for their personnel if they are interested.
Action: Cindy will work with Don and Holly to coordinate this for the May meeting.
- Letter supporting grant application: A letter from this Council was sent in support of Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Prevention grant application being made by the Office of Community Health Systems within the Washington State Department of Health. Email vote by the Council was taken to meet the deadline for the grant application (15 voted to approve). Dr. Nania explained how the grant would help.
- Request from SCFD4: The Northeast BLS Council member (Gino Palomino-SCFD4) and alternate (Toni Halloran-SCFD13) are requesting to trade their positions due to changes in Gino’s job responsibilities. Kelly Jennings said that, per the bylaws, this is a decision that can be made between agencies of the quadrant.
Action: Cindy will make the necessary changes to the website to update these changes.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jim Schaffer said that two agencies still have unpaid share fees for 2015 and Cindy is working with them to get these paid. Jim reviewed the financial report, which Council members received by email with the agenda prior to the meeting. No problems or concerns noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS Skills Evaluator Workshop Roster – Completion date: 2/26/15
Action: Approved
- EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS/Samantha Roberts & Shaun Pitts
 - Completion date: Feb. 2015 Paramedic (I1332015)
 - Completion date: 4/4/15 EMT (I1532007)
 - Completion date: 12/17/14 AEMT (I1432018)
 - Completion date: Mar. 2015 Paramedic (I1332006)
- EMS Course Completion Verification – SCFD3
 - Completion date: 3/14/15 EMR (I1532001)
- EMS Course Completion Verification – SCFD4
 - Completion date: 2/27/15 EMT (I1432020)**Action:** All Verifications reviewed.
- EMS Training Course Application – SCFD9
 - Start date: 5/4/15 EMT**Action:** Approved
- EMS Training Course Application – INHS
 - Start date: 5/19/15 EMT-SGA
 - Start date: 6/17/15 Online EMT-SGA**Action:** Approved
- ESSO Application – U.S. Marshalls Service
Action: Approved
- OTEP Application – Northern Quest
Action: Approved

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs - Kelly Jennings
New communication system seems to be working well. Kelly was unable to attend the last IEFM meeting so no further report.
- East Region EMS & TC Council - Adam Richards
The Training & Education and Prehospital & Transportation Committees have been combined into one committee. The East Region EMS&TC Council is always looking for new members. Contact Adam if you are interested in serving on the Council. Adam also announced that Dr. Madeleine Geraghty was recently named to fill the Emergency Cardiac & Stroke position on the Washington State EMS & Trauma Care Committee.
 - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee - Mike Lopez
SSB5591 was passed by the Legislature on Friday afternoon and now goes to the Governor to sign. If passed, the next step will be to plan and do education. A multidisciplinary advisory committee will decide how to implement and integrate this into the healthcare system.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training - Samantha Roberts
The INHS Health Training Paramedic Program has received official accreditation

through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). They are now accredited through March 2020. The next paramedic training program will start the end of this month.

➤ FAFB - Don “DB” Ballard

No report other than request earlier in this meeting regarding “Autism in the Wild” training opportunity.

➤ QI - Dr. Nania

- WACARES 2014 Summary

Dr. Nania presented the data. Time to first defibrillation is 9 min 5 sec in Spokane County. This is the biggest obstacle to survival. Today the QI Committee will be discussing the data and how to use the information to improve further. Dr. Nania is applying again for an EHS grant to pay for 15 more AEDs to be placed in SPD patrol vehicles. To date, SPD has not used the AEDs they currently have although they have performed CPR. He said that he has heard nothing more from Avista either, although they do carry AED’s on their vehicles for their employee safety. QI Committee will also be looking at Trauma KPI’s today as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

➤ EMS Live@Nite: April 14, 2015 (6:45 – 8:15 p.m.) Topic is Traumatic Brain Injury

➤ E-cards for AHA – Samantha Roberts (INHS Health Training), said that the American Heart Association (AHA) now has both paper cards and Electronic Cards (e-cards). These are for all provider disciplines but not for instructor cards at this time. Students may start to present these cards to agencies and they are valid AHA cards. Further questions can be directed to the local AHA Training Center.

➤ AMR World CPR Challenge – This will be May 20. If your agency is interested in participating, let Cathy St. Amand know.

➤ AMA/ASA “Heart & Stroke Walk” – Dr. Geraghty said that she and Janette Worley are co-chairing this event scheduled for Saturday, September 12. She is hoping that the various fire districts will form teams to compete in the event. More info will be made available in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.