

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2015**

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dawn DePriest, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Toni Halloran, Dr. Chandler Hill, Kelly Jennings, Mike Lopez, Jerry Lueck, Dr. Nolan McMullin, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Bob Notske, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand, Steve Tevlin, Robbie Thorn

Guests:

Shaun Pitts (INHS), Samantha Roberts (INHS), Ben Sabori (SCC), Jeff Powell (SVFD)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

It was M/S/P to approve the April 2015 minutes.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

- EMS Awards: The EMS Council Executive Committee recently met to review the record-breaking nominations that were submitted and decided on the awards recipients. There will also be two new awards this year. The meeting order and times for the June 9 meetings will be modified so the EMS Awards presentation can begin at 10:00 a.m. The QI meeting will run from 0800-0915, short break from 0915-0930 and the Council meeting will run from 0930-1000.  
**Action:** Cindy will send out several reminders about the meeting time change for this meeting only.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jim Schaffer not present today so no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ambulance Diversion Update: Robbie Thorn & Adam Richards  
A group including ER directors from all four hospitals and Travis Nichols (WATRAC) met recently to discuss this issue and begin work on a plan. Caps will be set for each facility. When the cap is met for all four facilities, the last facility to cap will notify all hospitals and prehospital on the HEAR system that all facilities are capped and start the cap process over for the next hour. AMR will still follow cardiac, stroke, and trauma destination criteria and this policy will not apply to outlying agencies (i.e. Lincoln County, etc.).

The hospitals need the involvement of AMR to track numbers of patients to each facility. Patrick Ramsey said AMR dispatchers can track numbers to some extent but may not be accurate because if the hospitals are that busy, AMR dispatchers will be busy as well.

Adam and Robbie noted that hospital administrations want their own individual diversion policies, they don't want outside agencies telling them how to do that.

**Action:** Adam said the hospitals can't go forward without AMR's help with logistics. Continue on June agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **“Autism in the WILD”:** Holly Lytle, The Isaac Foundation  
This organization has been working on creating a program for first responders who may have to deal with autistic children and the challenges involved. Holly said she has been working with fire dept to make this part of their regular training and FAFB will also be utilizing this program. Training will include explaining about low and high functioning autistic individuals and how to interact with and potentially physically restrain these individuals if necessary. She has also been working with the CCC to register homes with the 911 system where there are autistic persons (under age 23) living.  
**Action:** Agencies interested in getting this training should contact Holly. Cindy will post her contact info on the EMS website.
  
- **OTEP Application for EMSConnect:** Dr. Dierks  
**Action:** Approved.
- **EMS Evaluator Application:** Kayla D. Franck  
**Action:** Approved.
- **EMS Course Applications:** INHS/Samantha Roberts
  - Start date: 6/17/15 EMT-SGA
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- **EMS Course Completion Verification:** INHS/Samantha Roberts
  - Completion date: 12/17/14 Advanced EMT (I1432018)
  - Completion date: 4/25/15 EMT (I1532002)
  - Completion date: 3/29/15 Paramedic (I1432013)**Action:** Reviewed.
- **EMS Course Completion Verification:** SCC/Donna Phinney
  - Completion date: 3/19/15 EMT (I1532006)**Action:** Reviewed.
- **EMS Course Application:** SCC  
**Action:** Approved.

## **REPORTS:**

- **Inland Empire Fire Chiefs:** Kelly Jennings  
Nothing to report.
- **East Region EMS & TCC:** Adam Richards  
No report.
  - **Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee:** Mike Lopez  
The Governor signed the legislation two weeks ago. A work group was formed to include home health, WSNA, EMS representatives, physicians, MPDs, and behavioral health. They will work together to create how this program will look and function. The next meeting should be in June and then they will take a hiatus over the summer.

- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Samantha Roberts  
There are 19 students in the current PM class. They are using E-records during the class to help with tracking. Reminder: there is an open house next week at Northern Quest to celebrate the CAAHEP accreditation. First graduation for 2014 class PM class is coming up as well.
- Fairchild AFB: Don “DB” Ballard/Dawn DePriest  
No report.
- QI: Dr. Nania
  - WACARES Action Report: This was reviewed at last month’s QI meeting. The group agreed that use of PulsePoint app should be encouraged more and perhaps in residential neighborhoods. Brian Foster-Dow said potential use in residential areas is being trialed in Oregon currently. Samantha Roberts added that she sent info out to her contacts recently about PulsePoint and encouraging its use. Dispatchers should be encouraged to ask the callers to 911 if there is an AED available close by.
  - JAWS report: Dr. Nania reviewed the report data.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- EMS Live@Nite: May 12, 2015 – Brian Rogge on Pediatric Airway Management (6:45 – 8:15 p.m.) at the MedStar hangar
- EMS BBQ at Deaconess: Adam said the BBQ would take place next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 & 20, 11:30 am – 3:00 pm, in the Deaconess Medical Building parking lot.
- June meeting schedule: EMS QI 0800-0915, break 0915-0930, Council 0930-1000 with EMS awards ceremony starting at 1000 followed by lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.