

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Cathy St. Amand called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Jay Atwood, Don Ballard, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Brian Foster-Dow, Mike Lopez, Lori Markham, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Bob Notske, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Jim Schaffer, Cathy St. Amand, Robbie Thorn,

Guests Present:

Shaun Pitts (INHS Training), Samantha Roberts (INHS Training), Paul Priest (AMR), Christi Nance (SHMC ER Manager), Janette Worley (Deaconess Stroke Program Coordinator)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Schaffer

➤ Proposed 2016 Budget:

Jim explained that the Council budget is currently showing a shortfall of about \$9000/year and this will eventually start eating into the savings account. He reviewed three options to increase fees and noted that the EMT fee hasn't changed in 20 years.

Action: The spreadsheet showing the three options will be sent to the Council and to the EMS Officers to review prior to discussion and vote at the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Hospital diversion update (Robbie Thorn, Adam Richards)

Adam said there is nothing firm to go forward with at this time. He is trying to stimulate further conversation on the issue. Mike Lopez noted that recently there were three high risk cardiac cases that needed Level I cardiac hospital but both were on divert at the time and the patients were taken to Level II facility.

Action: Continue on the agenda in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Evaluator Applications for:

- Kenneth Fisher (SCFD5), Richard Galtieri (SCFD10), Kenneth Witter (SVFD), Brett Anderson (SCFD10), Amanda Kasper (MedStar)

Action: All approved.

- EMS Course Completion Verification – SCFD9
 - Completion date: 8/1/15 EMR (I1532010)
 - Action:** Approved.
- EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS
 - Completion date: July 2015 Paramedic (I1432013)
 - Completion date: Aug. 15, 2015 EMT-SGA
 - Action:** Approved.
- EMS Training Course Application – INHS
 - Paramedic Bridge Course Start date 11/9/15
 - EMT-SGA Start date: 11/1/15
 - Action:** Approved.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs – Kelly Jennings: Kelly was not present so no report.
- East Region - Adam Richards:
 - Spokane County Raceway Super Oval request for EMS Agency Trauma Verification and Vehicle License Application
Adam reviewed the application and Mike Lopez elaborated on the process for review of the application.
Some questions were addressed to Lisa Hoyt as representative for Spokane County Raceway Super Oval. Lisa said they have an aid vehicle and there are 8 responders currently operating as First Aid only until the application is approved. (It was noted that the 8 responders all currently work for other agencies as their primary agency.) Lisa stated that DOH told her to apply as a trauma verified agency to function as EMT’s and she modeled her application after Evergreen oval track.
Action: Adam will write response to the DOH with the concerns he has including: specifying response area (Spokane County v. Raceway Oval); who has oversight liability for responders working there; what is minimum standard coverage for similar high risk events. Any questions or comments can be addressed to Adam Richards or Mike Lopez. It was the recommendation of the Council to inquire about non-trauma designated ESSO status or other affiliate status in order to allow the raceway to have coverage for events.
 - Regional EMS & TCC Membership Application for Sharon Rainer
Action: Reviewed and approved.
 - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee - Mike Lopez:
Mike said the statewide work group is ramping back up after summer break. The next meeting is the end of this month then monthly thereafter. He is serving on a national committee that is developing a community paramedicine certification exam. The Beta test should be released next month.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training- Samantha Roberts
Paramedic class mid-terms took place recently with average class score of 89%. There is an upcoming CME program at Northern Quest on October 3.
- Fairchild - Don “DB” Ballard: No report.

- QI: Dr. Nania
Dr. Nania reviewed his summary of the EMS and hospital stroke KPI data that was submitted. He also noted that there would be a WEMSYS presentation at the QI meeting to follow the Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite: Topic tonight is Child in Distress-Pediatric Medical Assessment 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
- Deaconess Hospital is hosting a BBQ for Emergency Services Personnel on Friday, September 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot across from the ER.
- Janette Worley reminded the group and the Cardiac & Stroke walk is Saturday, Sept. 12.
- Robbie Thorn said the ER at Holy Family will soon be a locked-down unit similar to SHMC ER.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.