

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

Cathy St. Amand, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Greg Godfrey, Dr. Chandler Hill, Mike Lopez, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Brian Schaeffer, Jim Schaffer, Rachel Zamora, Cathy St. Amand, Randy Olson,

Guests Present:

Matt Albright (INHS-MedStar), Gary Beers (MedicWorks), Samantha Roberts (INHS), David Baird (SVFD), Karl Cantrell (SVFD), Paul Priest (AMR), Matt Jorgensen (SVFD), Greg Bennett (SVFD)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was MSP to approve the October 2015 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Cathy St. Amand

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Schaffer

2016 budget and increase in MPD fees was recently approved at the October Council meeting. Cindy is sending out personnel lists to agencies to verify members and then will be sending out the MPD fee statements.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hospital diversion update:
Adam Richards said the hospitals are still diverting and there is nothing new to report at this time.
- Deaconess/Rockwood Health Systems free-standing ER:
Dr. Nania said he met recently with Devan Johnson, Deaconess COO, regarding this issue. Their hope is to accept all patients. Mike Lopez reviewed the DOH interpretive statement on Applicability of Emergency Cardiac & Stroke Care System Law to Freestanding Emergency Departments and the background leading up to the policy.
Action: Mike Lopez agreed to try to gather protocols from other areas of the state that deal with destinations other than hospitals (i.e. King County and Snohomish County). The Protocol Committee will review these policies and look at drafting a protocol for Spokane County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Renewal for Senior EMS Instructor – Steve Tevlin
It was MSP to approve this renewal.
- Regional EMS & TCC Renewal Application – Kim VanHout
It was MSP to approve this renewal.
- EMS Course Completion Verification – SCC (EMT-SGA Course #I1532013)
Reviewed. MPD will sign.
- EMS Training Program Application – MedicWorks, Gary Beers
Gary reviewed his program and application. The group discussed the application including what type of organization applied to MedicWorks. Gary said he is working on getting his Vocational Education license but has not submitted the paperwork as yet.
Action: The Council recommended that MedicWorks confirm with the DOH and the State Workforce Training Board the appropriate “organization type”. If the appropriate organization type is a Vocational Education Program, a copy of the current Vocational License should be provided to the Council with a completed program application form for review and approval of the Council.
EMS Training Course Application – MedicWorks, EMT-SGA, start date 11/30/15
Action: The Council is unable to recommend approval of this course at this time since MedicWorks does not have a current training program certification.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs
Brian Schaeffer said Fire Ops is working to get reliable EMS communication from the patient’s side to the ER’s. Cell phones are currently being used but it’s not unusual to get busy signals when calling the hospitals. SREC has been asked to build dedicated encrypted talk groups from EMS to the hospitals within Spokane County to have communication between EMS and ER’s. The biggest costs would be to the ER’s. HEAR system will still be used for counties outside Spokane.
Action: Brian requested a letter from the EMS Council in support of moving forward with this new technology.
- East Region EMS & TC Council:
Adam Richards had no updates. The next meeting is in December.
 - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee
Mike Lopez said the state committee met with nursing representatives last Friday. Educational requirements were discussed and still need to look at legislative policy. The next meeting is Dec. 4 in Lacey, WA.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Samantha Roberts
Paramedic Advisory Committee met recently with good attendance and discussion.
- Fairchild: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI: Dr. Nania
 - Protocol changes recently approved by the QI Committee – reviewed & approved
These changes have been sent to DOH for review. Then will be sent to protocol PDF writer for inclusion in the protocols.
 - Summary of ACS KPI’s for 2014 - reviewed
 - Tactical EMS – group meeting today at 11:00 following QI Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- EMS Live@Nite Topic: Keep the Beat: 2015 AHA Guidelines, via telehealth and go to mtg
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. –

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