

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2016**

Council Chair, Cathy St. Amand, called the meeting to order at 0900 and introductions were made.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Kelly Jennings, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Sami Nihad, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Jim Schaffer, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Samantha Roberts (INHS), Richard Ferraro (Valley Hospital ER Director), Travis Nichols (Region 9 Healthcare Coalition), Devan Johnson (COO Deaconess), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Travis Richardson (SVFD), Dr. Blake Powell (Rockwood Urgent Cares), Craig Warzon (SVFD), Roy Varney (Deer Park Amb)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the February 2016 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Cathy St. Amand

- EMS Awards nominations due by Mar. 31:
Only 5 or 6 nominations received so far. Please remember to send these in as soon as possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Schaffer

- Share Fees Update:
Agencies reminded to send in their checks as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL DIVERSION REPORT FOR FEB. 2016: Travis Nichols, Region 9 Healthcare Coalition Coordinator

Travis reviewed the Power Point WATrac county diversion report looking at 2014, 2015, and early 2016.

Group discussed possible additions to the report for the future:

- Show reasons for divert. (Dr. Edminster and Adam thought this might be difficult data to track as sometimes one issue causes divert and sometime multiple issues combine to cause divert.)
- Ambulance volume along with diversion numbers. (Dr. Nania's request.)

Action: Continue to monitor and report at the Council meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hospital Diversion Sub-Committee update: Adam Richards/Mike Lopez
See above report. The next meeting is Mon., Apr. 11, 0930, at the Fire Training Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rockwood Urgent Care: Dr. Blake Powell, Section Head
Dr. Powell introduced himself and said he will be attending the EMS Council meetings in the future. He said he wants to be involved since they use EMS to transport urgent care patients to other facilities.
- Triage of vascular emergencies/discussion with hospitals:
Dr. Nania reviewed his thoughts on the issue. Alex Jackson for SHMC and HFH sent a letter voicing approval for triage of vascular emergencies as long as QI is done on the cases that bypass one hospital for another. Devan Johnson said Deaconess would also be sending a similar letter of support.
Action: The Protocol Committee will work on a draft protocol/COP to address this issue.
- Red Cross Update: Valeta Biggs and John Jonkers
Valeta and John reviewed a Power Point presentation covering the mission and activities of the Red Cross.
- EMS Training Course Application – SCC
 - Start date: 4/5/16 EMT-SGA
Action: Reviewed and M/S/P to approve this application.
- EMS Course Completion Verification – SCFD4
 - Completion date: 2/3/16 EMT-SGA (I1632002)
Action: Reviewed and Cindy will process to DOH.
- EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS
 - Completion date: 2/22/16 Paramedic (I1532008)
Action: Reviewed and Cindy will process to DOH.
- EMS Evaluator Applications: Bonita Cobb (SCFD5), Ben James (SVFD), Ben Walters (Cheney FD), Chris Munoz (Cheney FD), Bill Dennstaedt (Cheney FD), Jaclyn Numata (NW MedStar)
Action: M/S/P to approve these applications.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings
There are still issues with the pagers. AMR will be placing a dispatcher in the CCC to improve communications between the various services.
- East Region: Adam Richards
Agencies should consider their min-max numbers and let Adam or Mike Lopez of East Region Council know if increases are needed in certain areas.
 - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee: Mike Lopez
No report.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Samantha Roberts
Paramedic Program starts Monday and they are interviewing candidates now.
- Fairchild: Jason Satcher
No one present to report.

- QI: Dr. Nania
Next month will look at CPA numbers. QI today: will look at airway management in Spokane County. QI Committee will also look at local EMR providers using IN Naloxone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite Topic for Mar. 8, 2016:
Presenter is Dr. Nania and the topic is: Take Charge of the Heart: Heart Attack.
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
- Jim Schaeffer mentioned there will be joint training this last week for pit crew CPR for AMR, SVFD, and SFD.

ADJOURNED.