

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2016**

Council Chair, Cathy St. Amand, called the meeting to order at 0900 and those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Sharon Colby, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Greg Godfrey, Toni Halloran, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Bob Notske, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Chris Mabbott (SHMC Trauma), Travis Nichols (Region 9 HCC), Samantha Roberts (INHS Training), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty and Janet Worley (Deaconess), Dominic Pomponio (Life Flight Regional Director of Region 3- includes Spokane County) and Veronica Mitchell-Jones (Life Flight Base Manager-CDA and Sandpoint)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Cathy St. Amand

➤ EMS Awards for 2015:

The EMS Executive Committee met on April 7 to review the nominations and choose the winners. The awards presentation will take place at the May 10 EMS Council meeting. The Council and QI meetings that day will be switched. The QI meeting will be first from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The Council meeting will start at 10:00 with a brief meeting to cover necessary agenda items then the awards presentation will take place with refreshments to follow.

➤ June Council/QI meeting location change: The June 14 Council/QI meetings will be at the SVFD Administration Building at 2120 N. Wilbur Road, Spokane Valley. The reason for the move is that the Army has leased the entire Fire Training Center grounds that week.

➤ Council Resignation:

Jerry Lueck sent an email recently resigning from his position as EMS Council Alternate Consumer Representative. This leaves an open alternate position. If anyone is interested, contact the EMS office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Schaffer

➤ Share Fees Update:

Three agencies have not paid the 2016 share fees. One agency has responded that they had no income for the last 4 years and, therefore, no ability to pay the share fees. One

agency is in the process of arranging to pay their fees due to transition in ownership and one agency is not responding to emails or phone calls. Also, billing invoices in 2017 will be changed to state “EMS Council Share Fee” rather than “MPD Share Fee”.

- 1st Qtr 2016 Financial Reports:
Jim Schaffer reviewed these reports.

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

Travis presented March aggregate diversion data from WATrac. Numbers are improved YTD over 2014, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hospital Diversion Sub-Committee update: Adam Richards/Mike Lopez
Group met yesterday and reviewed the above-noted reports from WATrac. No date set for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- MedStar/Life Flight update – Wade Scoles:
Wade introduced the Region 3 Director, Dominic Pomponio, and CDA-Sandpoint Base Manager, Veronica Mitchell-Jones. Restructuring is currently underway. There will be a mix of helicopters for the time being and after Jan. 1 some of the older helicopters will be phased out. Logos on aircraft will be changing over as will uniforms. The current activation app will continue through the first of the year. Calls for service will receive the closest aircraft.
- Senior EMS Instructor Applications for Jack Busch & Shaun Pitts:
Action: Reviewed. It was M/S/P to approve both applications.
- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS:
 - Start Date: 5/16/16 IV Therapy
 - Start Date: 5/10/16 EMT-SGA
 - Start Date: 6/9/16 EMT-SGA (online)**Action:** Reviewed. It was M/S/P to approve all applications.
- EMS Training Course Application – SCFD9:
 - Start date: 5/9/16 EMT-SGA**Action:** Reviewed. It was M/S/P to approve.
- EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS:
 - Completion Date: April 2016 Paramedic (I1532008)
 - Completion Date: 3/16/16 EMT-SGA (I1632003)
 - Completion Date: 3/12/16 EMT-SGA (I1632009)**Action:** Reviewed.
- EMS Course Completion Verification – SCFD3:
 - Completion Date: 3/12/16 EMR (I1632001)**Action:** Reviewed.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings
The group was interested to hear about diversion discussions and new Deaconess emergency center. There was also discussion on structure and scope and when to activate Disaster Medical Control.
- East Region: Adam Richards
Adam encouraged agencies to review their min-max numbers for their areas and let him know if changes are needed. The next meeting is tomorrow.
 - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee: Mike Lopez
Mike said there was nothing new to report at this time since a couple of meetings had been cancelled due to committee member illnesses.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Samantha Roberts
The paramedic class was postponed due to there being only 9 applicants (about 14 are needed). She spoke with the agencies to assess community needs. There will hopefully be a class in October.
- Fairchild: Jason Satcher
No one present to give report.
- QI: Dr. Nania
 - Funding is needed for state cardiac & stroke system (encourage use of “pot” money for this).
 - WACares 2015 data was reviewed.
 - Today the QI Committee will look at a vascular triage protocol draft; the physician review of Deer Park Ambulance transports in/out of Deaconess North Emergency Center; and BLS protocols.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite Topic for Apr. 12, 2016:
Molly, Meth, and Other Amphetamines
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
- Crisis Standards of Care program:
Patti Richards mentioned this upcoming conference on Apr. 28 and provided copies of the flyer. The conference info is also posted on the EMS Office website (www.emsoffice.com). Patti also said that a new state committee, Disaster Medical Care Standards, is looking for a representative and a medical director representative from the East side of the state.
- EMS lab draws:
Adam Richards said that Providence Spokane hospitals will stop taking EMS field-drawn blood specimens on April 18 and that Valley Hospital had already stopped taking them. He was not sure what Deaconess was doing about the blood specimens at their facility.
Action: Dr. Nania wants a letter from the hospitals to EMS Council explaining the background of this decision. Kelly Jennings suggested discussing this issue further at the QI meeting at 10:00.

➤ Stroke awareness events:

Dr. Geraghty said there will be a stroke awareness event on May 27 at Downriver Golf Course. She said there will also be an open house at Deaconess Interventional Lab on May 17-19. She will send more info to the EMS Office.

➤ Viavalve rep:

Jim Schaffer said the rep will be available to answer questions and demonstrate Viavalve IV catheter. The rep will be here 10:00 a.m. - noon on Apr. 20 at the Fire Training Center, Classroom B.

ADJOURN: