

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

Chair, Cathy St. Amand, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and introductions were made.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Brian Foster-Dow, Greg Godfrey, Toni Halloran, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Robert Notske, Randy Olson, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Brian Schaeffer, Jim Schaffer, Bruce Holloway, Elena Mierau, Cathy St. Amand

Guests:

Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Chris Mabbott (Providence Trauma), Samantha Roberts (INHS Training), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Jason Norris (DOH), Janette Worley (Deaconess), Kim Kelley (DOH)

EMS Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Cathy St. Amand, Chair

No remarks.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Schaffer – 1<sup>st</sup> half 2016 finance report

The change in fees is helping. One agency hasn't paid and both Cindy and Jim Schaffer have been unsuccessful in getting a response to emails and phone messages.

**HOSPITAL DIVERSION REPORT FOR June 2016:** Cathy St. Amand, Chair

(Report provided by Ryan Traylor, Region 9 Healthcare Coalition)

Cathy reviewed report, which shows a significant reduction in diversions year over year. Dr. Edminster, SHMC, said this process has been very difficult for their ER. He asked transport agencies to try to disperse patients better when they know that one facility is getting slammed. He said they continue to have to board patients in the ER waiting for admission. This includes holding patients with psychiatric diagnoses in the ER due to lack of inpatient resources. Brian Schaeffer, SFD, said these patients are impacting the prehospital care folks as well. Jason Norris from DOH said a bill was recently passed allowing psych patients to be transported to facilities other than hospitals, but those facilities still have to be willing to accept the patient. Adam Richards said the new Providence psychiatric facility is still a long way off. He said Providence has added back the psych residency, which will help increase beds for psychiatric patients and physicians to see those patients.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kim Kelley, DOH Stroke Program Coordinator re: Coverdell Stroke Program  
Kim reviewed the program. She said they hope to get the data from what is being added already to NEMSIS. DOH would like all agencies to upgrade to NEMSIS v3 and then submit stroke data to WEMSIS. The access to funding is through DOH for one-time set up costs. Kim wants to contract with the East Region rather than individual small agencies to gather this data.
- Jason Norris, new DOH Prehospital EMS Liaison: Introduction  
Jason is replacing Mike Routley at DOH as the Prehospital EMS Liaison. He said Dawn Felts is

replacing Dane Kessler in Education. Jason shared that stroke triage tool is in the final stages of being completed. New procedure and skill sheets for prehospital personnel are finished and will be on the DOH web site within the next month.

- EMS Training Course Application – INHS:
  - Start date: 8/30/16 EMT SGA**Action:** M/S/P to approve the application.
- EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS:
  - Completion date: 6/30/16 EMT (I1632014)**Action:** Reviewed.
- OTEP Application – SCSO**Action:** Reviewed and signed by Dr. Nania.
- Regional EMS & TCC Membership Application: Michelle Zicha**Action:** Reviewed and M/S/P to approve.

## REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Greg Godfrey, SCFD8  
800 radios are being reprogrammed to include hospitals. Brian Schaeffer said it can be expanded eventually for inter-hospital use, mass casualty, etc. All conversations will be recorded.
- East Region: Adam Richards  
Adam said he and Mike Lopez have been dealing with staffing issues at three agencies within the East Region. These issues will impact Spokane County since there may be requests for help with staffing and having AMR help with transports. EMS Officers with small, volunteer agencies noted there is a lack of interest in taking the class (cost and access – is there grant money for this), and volunteering (time away from families, etc.). There was discussion regarding need for intercounty MPD and mutual aid agreements between Spokane and Pend O’Oreille counties to be able to help out. Dr. Nania asked if the DOH has a template for this. Mike Lopez told Jason Norris there is a template in his old files at DOH. Jason will look into this.  
**Action:** Cindy will follow-up with Jason Norris, DOH, regarding the mutual aid agreement template.
  - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee: Mike Lopez  
Nothing new to report.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Samantha Roberts  
Applications for the next paramedic class are being accepted through Oct. 1 and the class will start Oct. 26. There may be scholarships available for the paramedic class. Contact INHS if interested.
- Fairchild: Jason Satcher  
Not present. No report.
- QI: Dr. Nania – stroke protocol at QI
  - Tom Chavez reviewed new i-Gel protocol (to replace King Airway) and changes to other protocols recommended by Protocol Committee and EMS QI Committee at the June meeting.
  - 1. Removing 4 sections of the protocols due to them being on respective websites
    - a. EMS - no CPR
    - b. BLS/ALS education requirements
    - c. Certification made easy
    - d. EMS links
  - 2. Medication proposed changes
    - a. Magnesium Sulfate and Asthma: ADD Severe Asthma with medical control
    - b. Diltiazem: Remove the need to contact medical control
    - c. Atropine: Remove indication 3

- d. Mark I and Diazepam: ADD call AMR dispatch number
- e. Dopamine: ADD max dose (20 mcg/kg/m)
- f. Succinylcholine: Remove atropine for head injury
- g. Fentanyl: ADD ET/CO2 monitoring
- h. Epi (adult/peds): ADD "a" and "b" to moderate/severe indications respectively to match dosages

3. I-Gel protocol

Dr. Edminster is working on a training program for i-gel. Some EMS personnel will start using the i-gel after training this month and use will be county-wide by Jan. 1, 2017.

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the changes presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chris Mabbott, Providence Trauma Services, said EMS personnel are welcome to call the Trauma Office at 474-3343 or her at 474-7715 to ask for patient updates.
- Brian Schaeffer said that the second annual Team conference is coming up July 26-27 in Spokane. The conference will include experts in law enforcement, fire service, mental health, and physical health and the cost is reasonable at \$100 for the 2-day conference. More information and link to registration is on the EMS website at [www.emsoffice.com](http://www.emsoffice.com), under Training Opportunities.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 10:00 a.m.