

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

Council 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, Brian Foster-Dow, Greg Godfrey, Toni Halloran, Bruce Holloway, Mike Lopez, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Bob Notske, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Cathy St. Amand, Ben Suttlemyre

Guests Present:

Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Vince Speziale (SCFD4),

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Cathy St. Amand, Chair

None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Schaffer

None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Training Course Applications – SCFD9:

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the following course applications.

- Start date: Oct. 2016 SGA
- Start date: Nov. 2016 SGA
- Start date: Dec. 2016 SGA

➤ EMS Training Course Application – SCFD4:

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the following course application.

- Start date: Oct. 31, 2016 SGA

➤ EMS Course Completion Verification – SCC:

Action: The following verifications were reviewed.

- Completion date: 6/16/16 EMT-SGA
- Completion date: 8/25/16 EMT-SGA

➤ EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS:

Action: The following course verification was reviewed.

- Completion date: 5/14/16 AEMT

- Regional EMS & TCC Membership Application: Teresa Fuller, SPD

Action: It was M/S/P to approve this application.

- ALERT Pilot Project: Dr. Nania

The following information regarding the pilot project was provided by Jennifer Blackwood: *Using the Verified Responder platform from PulsePoint, the project proposes to equip qualified responders (off-duty professionals) with AEDs provided by Philips Healthcare for use in responding to out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in both public and private settings. The study would be confined to the PulsePoint geographic area in your community and would take place over an 18 month time period. Depending on interest and density of responders, the first measurable to evaluate is: Can we attach a defibrillator and/or apply a defibrillator shock prior to the arrival of the activated EMS system? Additionally, we propose density modeling to understand if there is a certain number of AEDs/square mile or geographic area that can lead to faster application and defibrillation. Further potential analysis: If there is robust enough interest, we will assess the distribution of characteristics between intervention and control cases. In evaluating outcomes, we will consider effectiveness and efficacy analyses. Effectiveness analyses will compare outcomes between the intervention and control for the entire study population. Efficacy analyses will evaluate outcomes for patients where the Lifesaver Responder arrived to the patient. Subgroup effectiveness and efficacy analyses will stratify the evaluation according to time of day (overnight versus awake hours), arrest location (private versus public, urban vs rural), presenting rhythm (shockable versus non-shockable), and other ideas we can determine at a later date.*

The first step of the proposal is to assess potential volunteer interest. The project staff has developed a simple, 3 minute survey for interested agencies. The EMS Council would need to identify groups with medical or public safety background willing to participate in this pilot project (i.e. Medical Reserve Corps, law enforcement, EMS agencies personnel, ski patrol, nurses, Neighborhood Councils, Meals on Wheels, SCOPE, private security). Mike Lopez suggested this be done as a partnership between Council and the Spokane Community. Vince Speziale suggested the project try to target areas where quick response to cardiac arrest would be most beneficial due to less EMS coverage.

Action: It was M/S/P to support participation in the ALERT project.

Some questions: are there guidelines established for responders? Are participants under any obligation to respond? Dr. Nania said he will do more research and the issue will be on the November Council agenda to discuss further.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Greg Godfrey, SCFD8
Greg said he didn't have anything new to report.
- 911 Board: Bruce Holloway, SCFD3
Bruce said the Fire Chiefs are taking their concerns regarding getting and keeping rural EMT's to the DOH.
- East Region Council: Adam Richards
Mike Lopez said the East Region meetings are tomorrow. Also, the Regional Council continues to monitor the staffing situation in the counties.

- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
There will be 24 paramedic students starting the next class on Oct. 24. Scholarships from Providence were awarded to 8 students.
- Fairchild: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI: Dr. Nania
 - Today the QI Committee will be reviewing 2015 ACS data and noxious stimuli (if time allows).
 - A proposal for Activations/Alerts was discussed at last month's QI Committee meeting. Dr. Nania reviewed his Power Point.

Action: It was M/S/P to further discuss this at the Protocol Committee meeting next week. Once this procedure is approved, it was agreed that paramedics should be trained to patch this way and it should become part of PM class teaching.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
Oct. 11, 6:45 p.m. – Diabetes Type 1 vs Type 2
- EMS Conference Oct. 15 at Northern Quest

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