

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017, 0900-1000**

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Toni Halloran, Bruce Holloway, Rich Llewellyn, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Elena Mierau, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, Vince Speziale, Cathy St. Amand, Ben Suttlemyre

Guests Present:

Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Tim Loncon (SFD), Craig Bakker (Deaconess), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the December 2016 minutes.

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

- Council Treasurer Position:  
Adam Richards has accepted the position following the resignation of Jim Schaffer.
- Suspending Spokane County EMS Diversion Reports:  
Following receipt of an email in late December from the Region 9 HCC regarding departure of one of their staff members and transitioning of her responsibilities (one of which was providing the hospital diversion report), the EMS Council Executive Committee agreed that routine diversion reports could cease for the time being; to be resumed if/when deemed necessary.
- EMS Awards Nominations for 2016:  
Cindy has emailed the form out to the Council and EMS agencies. Please submit nominations; the deadline is March 31.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- 2016 Financial Report:  
The reports were emailed out to the Council prior to the January and February Council meetings for review.  
**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the year-end financial reports.
- 2017 EMS Office Share Fee Invoices:  
Adam said there are about 5 agencies with fees still outstanding. All but one of those has been in touch with Cindy and the checks are being processed.  
**Action:** None needed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Update from Deaconess on Level I Stroke Certification – Dr. Madeleine Geraghty  
Dr. Geraghty thanked the EMS community for helping to build and improve the quality of stroke care in Spokane. Deaconess put in place endovascular capability, then applied for and received Level I Stroke Certification. An email regarding this certification will be sent out to the EMS agencies tomorrow.
- ESSO Application – US Marshals Service:  
**Action:** M/S/P to approve the application.
- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS:
  - ESE Initial            Start date: 3/3/17
  - EMT-SGA            Start Date: 3/17/17**Action:** M/S/P to approve these applications.
- Protocol Committee – Tom Chavez  
Protocol updates to be approved by the Council were presented by Tom. The next Protocol Committee meeting is tomorrow at 10 a.m. The Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month. Tom extended invitation to all interested parties to attend the meetings.  
**Action:** M/S/P to approve the changes presented.
- Ambulance personnel being held by ER’s waiting for patient beds:  
AMR representatives said that some facilities are keeping EMS personnel tied up at the hospital waiting for an ER bed for their patient when they need to get back in service as soon as possible. Adam Richards asked that he be contacted directly if this is happening in one of the Providence hospitals so he can address the issues when they are happening. This was felt to be an issue that was the result of reducing divert, as this occurs when hospitals are not on divert or trying to stay off divert.  
Dr. Geraghty also noted that the state is asking regional councils whether they would support a statewide “no divert” policy. She said it would be helpful to her if any Diversion sub-committee meeting could take place prior to March 15 so this issue could also be discussed.  
**Action:** The Council agreed that the Diversion sub-committee would look into the issue of ambulance off-loading and make sure it’s not a frequent occurrence and perhaps come up with suggestions to deal with off-loading of ambulance patients. The sub-committee will also discuss statewide ED “no divert”.

**REPORTS:**

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Greg Godfrey, SCFD8  
The FOG PDF has been updated. If you are interested in getting this, please email Chief Godfrey. Tentative dates for an MCI drill are Mar. 28-31 or April 5-7. More updates to come later.
- 911 Board: Bruce Holloway, SCFD3  
Levy swap being proposed taking funding options away from FD’s.

- East Region: Adam Richards  
The East Region is almost ready to submit their strategic plan. If anyone has changes to the min-max numbers for Spokane County that haven't yet been submitted, please contact Adam.
- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Michelle Ensminger  
The 2017 Paramedic class begins Oct. 23. INHS is now accepting applications; the deadline date is June 2017. The next Paramedic Advisory meeting is Feb. 22.
- Fairchild: Jason Satcher  
No report.
- QI: Dr. Nania
  - NAEMSP Meeting Update:  
Dr. Nania reviewed some highlights from the meeting.
  - Hospital Alerts Procedure:  
This will be discussed at tomorrow's Protocol Committee meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- EMS Live@Nite:  
Feb. 14, 2017, 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Topic: Stroke

**ADJOURN:**