

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2018, 0900-1000**

Council Chair, Mike Lopez, called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Rich Llewellyn, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Carolyn Cartwright (R9HCC), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Ken Isaacs (SHMC), Chris Mabbott (SHMC Trauma), Ed Palmer (AMR), Beth Perkins (SHMC), Sharon Rainer (Valley Trauma), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Steve Tevlin (NQC),

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the December 2017 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

Mike thanked Cathy St. Amand for her service as Council Chair the last two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Adam Richards

➤ Year-end Financial Report:

Adam Richards reviewed the Quick Books balance sheet and profit & loss statements. No issues were noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Handtevy® start-up costs:

Mike Lopez said he has heard from a number of agencies interested in moving forward with the purchase of Handtevy®. The high end of start-up fees will be \$3500 and the Council members present discussed whether the EMS Council could/should pay the start-up fee for the interested Spokane County agencies. Mike said that each agency would be responsible for their individual agency fees. Kasey Austin spoke highly of his experience using Handtevy in the field.

Action: It was M/S/P that the Handtevy® start-up fees would be paid out of Council funds and that each agency would be responsible for their individual agency fees after that.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vote for EMS Council Treasurer (Johnnie Sylvester (SCFD4) and Patrick Ramsey (AMR) are interested in the position):
Voting slips were handed out to voting members of the Council prior to the start of the meeting. A count of the votes showed a tie. It was agreed to settle the tie with a coin toss, which led to Patrick Ramsey being named the new Treasurer.
- Bylaws Committee:
Mike noted that the Council bylaws have not been reviewed or revised since Jan. 2015. There have been some issues noted with the bylaws that should be addressed (i.e. election of the Treasurer position). The issue was discussed.
Action: It was agreed that Cindy will send the current bylaws out to the voting members to review and request input on revising them, or if they even need revision at this time. The issue will be discussed again at the February meeting.
- Training Course Applications: INHS
 - Initial EMR Date: 2/12/18
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 2/9/18**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve these applications.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m., Fire Training Center, Conference Room B. DOH is still reviewing the protocols sent to them recently.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike is participating on this workgroup as are some other EMS Council members and this will be a standing report in the future for this Council. The first WAC review meeting was in December. The ambulance vehicle standards (WAC 246-976-290) were discussed and the workgroup identified some suggested revisions to this WAC. Each section of the WAC will be reviewed by the workgroup, suggested revisions made and then the entire group of sections will be sent to the State Code Reviser's Office for review and approval. Any new, adopted revisions are projected to be implemented by the middle of Q2, 2020.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Greg Godfrey, SCFD8
Chief Godfrey is on vacation so no report at this time.
- 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach
Not present so no report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
Disaster Crisis Standards of Care Committee meeting tomorrow.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
 - The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting is Feb. 27.
 - INHS will start accepting applications for Oct. 2018 paramedic class next week.
 - The EMS Conference is scheduled for Sept. 28 & 29, 2018.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Dr. Nania said there is a policy group working on finding adequate funding for EMS. When there is a crafted proposal from the state, he encouraged EMS personnel to contact their representative about approving it.
 - Alternative standards committee is looking at drug shortages and IV fluid shortages. Dr. Dierks suggested agencies be judicious in their use of IV fluids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
Jan. 9, 2018, 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Topic is Patient Assessment & Differential Diagnosis.
- Adam Richards: Just in case you missed it....the flu is here. Hospital capacity in Spokane is near or at 100%. Numbers are higher than in the last 5 years.

MEETING ADJOURNED