

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2018, 9 AM – 10 AM**

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Travis Dierks, Tammie Drapeau, Dr. Joel Edminster, Rich Llewellyn, Marty Long, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Carolyn Cartwright (R9HCC), Darrell Core (SVFD), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Tim Loncon (SFD), Chris Mabbott (PSHMC Trauma), Karyn Manor (MultiCare Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Sharon Rainer (Multi-Care Valley Hospital), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest Casino),

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the February 2018 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

- Reminder - EMS Awards nominations for 2017 service: Please submit your nominations to Cindy. Deadline is March 31. Awards ceremony will take place at the May 8 EMS Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Feb. 2018 Financial Report: Patrick presented the balance sheet and profit & loss summary for Feb. 2018. No questions or concerns noted.
- Share Fees payment update: All agencies have paid their share fees.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bylaws Committee Update: Cathy St. Amand
Cathy reported that the committee met on March 5 and got about half way through reviewing the bylaws. She said some of the bylaws are confusing and/or unclear and it's hard to tell what the thoughts were behind how they are organized. Review of the bylaws also showed that the officer election process is ambiguous and doesn't fit with the actual practice for the last 20+ years of officers moving up (i.e. Vice Chair to Chair to Executive Chair). Cathy will be contacting Kelly Jennings to get some background from him. The next meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2-4 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Training Course Applications: INHS

- Initial Paramedic Course Dates: 5/24/18 – 5/22/19
Michelle Ensminger said that this is a new classroom/distributive learning paramedic course and only 10 students will be accepted for the class.
- Initial EMT-SGA Course Start date: 4/24/18

Action: It was M/S/P to approve these classes.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:

➤ Update from Tom Chavez

The DOH recently approved the newest and revised protocols and they are now with the medical writer who is adding them to the Protocol PDF. Hopefully he will return the updated PDF to Cindy this week and then it will go to the Protocol App provider to be updated on the app. The next Protocol Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

Mike said the WAC Review Committee met last week and finally finished going through the vehicle standards. The committee will start in next on the trauma verification WAC. As part of this they will be trying to reconcile advanced first aid v. EMR as there are no longer advanced first aid courses available. The rules created will still need to support rural areas using a non-medical person as a driver. The next WAC Review meeting is March 22.

➤ Prehospital TAC report including WEMSIS data workgroup: Mike Lopez

PHTAC is also looking at how to address the vehicle driver issue in rural areas. WEMSIS brought in an epidemiologist and an analyst to audit the WEMSIS data and they found that the accuracy and documentation is sub-standard. Ultimately, no conclusions can be drawn from the data due to missing or poorly documented elements. Mike asked the EMS Officers to encourage their personnel to be diligent in comprehensive patient care documentation and using dropdown menus where appropriate.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Marty Long, SCFD8

New dispatch codes should roll out in May.

➤ 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach

Work continues on future integrated center (i.e. governance, charter, voting, decision-making, etc.). He said there is a draft resolution charter out there that will be voted on.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards

Adam said there is no process as such for min-max numbers and he has talked with DOH about a possible pilot program involving Spokane County and East Region to develop an actual process. DOH has given their blessing to move forward with this.

➤ Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger

Michelle said the last meeting was on Feb. 27 and the new classroom/distributive learning paramedic class was discussed. Michelle also reported that the current paramedic students will be doing rotations at several Providence and MultiCare locations. There are already 5 or 6 applicants for next paramedic class.

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

No report.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - 2017 Airway KPI data summary
Vince Speziale reviewed the updated Airway KPI data collection spreadsheet he created and the corrections he made to the formulas and Dr. Nania reviewed the data submitted. Dr. Edminster suggested adding a “quality index” to the spreadsheet.
Action: Dr. Nania wants to discuss at the April QI meeting what can be done to improve airway care and if changes needed to be made to the Airway KPI form.
 - Any drug shortages: Ketamine, Dopamine, Calcium Gluconate, D10 in short supply.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
March 13, 2018: Demystifying the Pediatric Patient presented by Doug Presta.
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
- 2018 NW Emergency Medical Services Conference:
Conference is Sept. 28-29 and registration is now open.
- May 2018 med-surge event by SRHD:
Carolyn Cartwright said the exercise will focus on Spokane, Lincoln and Adams counties. The next planning meeting is April 4.

MEETING ADJOURNED.