

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
January 8, 2019 – 0900-1000
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Travis Nichols, Randy Olson, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

Dean de Guzman (FAFB), Deb Dodson (SCFD3), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Bryan Hanley (INHS Training), Tim Loncon (SFD), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (SHMC), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Steve Tevlin (NQ),

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

- EMS Awards nominations for 2018 service:
Please submit nominations to Cindy. Deadline for nominations is March 31. The awards presentations will take place at the May 14, 2019, Council meeting.
Action: Cindy will email the nomination form to the Council members and post on the EMS office website as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Update on 990 back tax filings for 2015 and 2016:
Tax filings have now been completed and submitted for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.
- December 2018/year-end Financial Report:
Patrick reviewed the December and year-end reports. No problems were noted.
- Update on EMS Office fees invoices:
All invoices were mailed to Spokane County agencies and hospitals in December. Quite a few checks have already come in.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Triage tag exercise and letter to DOH – update: Mike Lopez
Mike reported that he is working on a letter to DOH regarding triage tag exercise and using WaTRAC. According to Travis Nichols, the East Region Council is also working on a letter of support to DOH. Travis said the planning meeting this morning was cancelled but the sub-committee plans on having a meeting in February before the Council meeting. He said it might also be possible to move forward with a paper

exercise and that it might also be an option to use Hoopfest and Bloomsday for training as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- INHS Training Course Applications:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 1/28/19 – 4/3/19
 - Initial ESE Date: 2/8/19
Action: It was M/S/P to approve these two course applications.
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 2/14/19 – 3/1/19
Action: It was M/S/P to not approve the application at this time due to concerns regarding the timeline for the course. Mike Lopez and Cindy will follow-up with INHS and DOH regarding the application. It was also M/S/P to leave open the ability to vote online when more clarification is received from INHS and DOH.
- SCFD9 Training Course Applications:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 2/11/19 – 5/11/19 (approved)
Action: It was M/S/P to approve this course application.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Update: Tom said that today the QI Committee will be discussing protocols that are currently under review. Hopefully will have drafts to review and potentially approve at the February Council meeting.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
At the next meeting on Jan. 24, the EMS Rules workshop will focus on WAC 246.976.960, -970, dealing with rules for regional and local councils.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
The sub-committee is looking at talk-groups and coordination with SREC. Making the frequency available at hospital level would help with registration and info that can't be passed by HEAR.
- 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach
The group is working on financials. Want a new-world CAD with everyone (fire, law enforcement) on that. Will need to verify that it works and then it will be a 1-2 year project to get it up and running.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
The American College of Surgeons (ACS) will be conducting an assessment of the EMS and Trauma Care System in 2019. The assessment has begun with assembling of documents and pre-review questions about the system. The ACS review team will conduct an on-site visit in Tumwater the week of April 22, 2019. After the site visit, ACS will submit a final report with recommendations to help improve patient care system wide.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Travis Nichols/Carolyn Cartwright
 - The AAR findings regarding the recent carbon monoxide poisoning will be available when complete. Dr. Nania asked David Sewell what HBO services were currently available at Deaconess for these types of cases. David said that the current HBO vendor contract with Deaconess will be expiring soon and he's not

sure what changes that will bring. Also, the chambers are older and can't take certain patients depending on whether the patient has an IV, is intubated, what medications the patient is on. He also said there is currently not much after-hours availability, even for urgent cases. There is some ability to transfer patients out of town.

- Travis said that a draft Patient Placement Plan is ready for the entire region to review. The plan has two major components. The first is a narrative that will be integrated into the response plan including process stakeholder roles and responsibilities. The second is a protocol that will be used as a stand-alone tool for patient placement stakeholders including DMCC hospitals. To send feedback to the Coalition on this plan (<https://srhd.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5121de6c081c91b18867119b7&id=5e99c0baaf&e=5b7a804ebb>), please email comments to hcc@srhd.org by Friday, January 18.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Brian Hanley was present and standing in for Michelle. He said the Advisory Committee met recently and discussed expanded paramedic training. INHS is researching all options at this time and will present more info in the future.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Dean de Guzman was in attendance for Jason Satcher. He had no report but did note that FAFB does have an HBO chamber.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - ACS KPI Summary for 2017 data
Dr. Nania reviewed his Power Point.
 - Drug shortages?
None noted at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite Jan. 2019 classes:
 - Jan. 8 CVA/TIA (Medical Assessment/Oxygen Admin)
 - Jan. 24 Infectious Disease (Skills Make-up)
 - Jan. 30 Trauma to head, neck, and spine (supine/seated trauma assessment)

MEETING ADJOURNED