

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2014

Dr. Metcalf called the meeting to order at 0900 and those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Jay Atwood, Sharon Colby, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Greg Godfrey, Toni Halloran, Kelly Jennings, Lori Markham, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Patti Richards, Shane Sanford, Steve Tevlin, Dr. Chandler Hill,

Guests Present:

Tom Chavez, Nate Cover, Janette Worley, Dr. Madeleine Geraghty

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on Nov. 11, 2014.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

- Office update: Cindy is staying on as the office administrator.
- Bylaws change: Kelly Jennings provided the second reading of the proposed change addressing FAFB representation on the Council and a verbiage change for QI committee representation addressing a shared physician was read by Kelly Jennings. The proposed changes will be read for a third time at the January meeting followed by a vote on the proposed changes at that time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pyramid system: Dr. Nania said it is his understanding, based on email from Brian Schaeffer, that it is too costly to fix the interface to use the Pyramid system. Dr. Nania said there may be a way to get this info through WEMSIS. Also, Tim Loncon is looking at another option.
Action: Continue on the agenda.
- WEMSIS training update: Cindy contacted Melissa Belgau, the WEMSIS Administrator, regarding training. Some of the info Melissa shared with Cindy:
 - Different kinds of training are available. If agencies want to use the WEMSIS run form, that is one kind of training. If agencies want to run reports in WEMSIS, that is another kind of training. Report Writer training would be best in May. If some agencies are using paper right now and would like to enter their data directly into WEMSIS, Melissa could train them on everything too.

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- Melissa is not planning on being in Spokane until May but is available to do a webinar on Feb. 10 if the Council/QI group can decide on what type of training they want. Report Writer training won't be available until May.

Action: Cindy will contact Melissa for more info about the Feb. webinar. Agencies should let Cindy know what type of training they are interested in.

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS/Carolyn Stovall
Paramedic course completion date Oct. 2014
Action: Reviewed. Signed by MPD.
- EMS Training Course Application – SCC/Donna Phinney
1/6/15 EMT-SGA SCC
Action: M/S/P to approve the course.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings
Fire is tentatively planning on moving to the new radios Feb. 1.
- East Region:
Adam not present at the meeting but Patti Richards said there are no meetings this month but will be back to regular schedule in January.
 - Community Paramedicine: Mike Lopez
A summit was convened in Ellensburg in late November to discuss next steps on mobile integrated healthcare. One of the discussion items was needed changes to the RCW to allow for non-emergency care by pre-hospital providers. Some rural systems already provide some of this non-emergency care because they are the only nearby healthcare in some instances. Pushback from DOH is that the system is set up to provide emergency care not non-emergency care. They do realize this is an emerging concept but probably won't sponsor any legislation. This will require a grass-roots effort on the part of the pre-hospital agencies. Some meetings have already been held with legislators. Kelly Jennings suggested that all agencies and personnel should be made aware of the needed work. Need to start work on training and education and work with other agencies (home health, PA's, etc.).
Action: Continue updates at future Council meetings.
- Curriculum and Paramedic Advisory: Samantha Roberts, Professional Education Manager INHS
Samantha informed the Council that Carolyn Stovall is no longer with INHS. Doug Presta will be the interim Program Director.

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- Action:** Cindy will update website contact info for INHS.
- **FAFB:** No representative present. No report.
 - **QI:** Dr. Nania
 - **Protocol updates:** Dr. Nania said there is agreement that the Protocols/Protocol App should only be updated quarterly. Jim Schaffer said the IT person currently doing the protocols is leaving to take a new position and will be doing the protocols as a side job. It will be better to do this quarterly for his sake as well to allow time to make the necessary additions/changes. Mike Lopez noted that all new protocols and those with substantive changes must go to DOH for their approval prior to protocols being put into use. There is about a 2-week turnaround with DOH. Mike said that the final Ebola protocol has been approved by DOH. Dr. Nania said there are a number of new or revised protocols that are ready to go to DOH or be added to the protocols.
Action: Jim Schaffer will check with Andrew to see what is possible but Jan. 1 likely is not possible.
 - **Calcium Gluconate/calcium chloride protocol update:** QI Committee last month approved Calcium Gluconate being listed as the preferred drug in the Drug Reference Section and allowing for the substitution, with appropriate dose modification, of Calcium Chloride.
 - **QI Committee today:** Some items being discussed include IV fluids modification, hemorrhage control protocol draft, draft of spinal immobilization algorithm changes, and draft of pelvic fracture stabilization protocol.
 - **I-Gel SGA field study:** Brian Foster-Dow said they will be starting this study after the first of the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **EMS Live@Nite:** Topic is Emergency Childbirth and will program will be held at the MedStar hangar. Dr. Nania would like to see about getting this available live for on-duty EMS personnel in Spokane. Access to the videos on-line can be purchased for \$100.
Action: Samantha Roberts from INHS will look into this. INHS will update on this in January.
- **ENLS Training:** Dr. Geraghty said the first ENLS class in Washington State went well and more people showed up than were expected. She expressed her thanks for all of the EMS support.

The meeting was adjourned at 0940.