

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

Mike Metcalf called the meeting to order at 0900 and introductions were made.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Toni Halloran, Kelly Jennings, Mike Lopez, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Brian Schaeffer, Jim Schaffer, Cathy St. Amand, Jim Walkowski

Guests Present:

Samantha Roberts (INHS Health Training), David Sewell (MedStar), Paul Priest, Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess Neuro), Randy Olson (SVFD Retired)

Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was MSP to approve the September 2015 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

- The Local Emergency Planning Committee is looking for a representative from the EMS Council with medical knowledge/background to serve on their committee. If you are interested, please contact Andy Hail, Chair of the LEPC @ haila@spokanevalleyfire.com.
- Adam Richards has accepted a new position as the Director of Emergency Services for SHMC & HFH and will be the new representative from Providence instead of Robbie Thorn. The representative from Deaconess to replace Adam has not yet been decided.
- Consumer Representative Position: Dr. Metcalf noted that the current Consumer Representative, Jerry Lueck, has not been in regular attendance over the past year and Randy Olson, SVFD-Retired, has shown an interest in the position. It was MSP to appoint Randy Olson as Consumer Representative to the EMS Council.

Action: Dr. Metcalf will send an email to Jerry Lueck and offer him the Consumer Alternate position.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Schaffer

- Proposed 2016 Budget
Budget options were reviewed and discussed. It was MSP to go with the 2-year plan (shown below) plus CPI across the board starting year 3.

| | <u>Current year (2015)</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| EMR/EMT | \$9.50 | \$14.50 | \$14.50 | CPI increase |
| AEMT | \$50.00 | \$55.00 | \$55.00 | CPI increase |
| Paramedic | \$481.00 | \$481.00 | \$481.00 | CPI increase |

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hospital diversion update: Adam Richards
Adam said there was no update to report. One hospital is not willing to participate at this point. As Director for Emergency Services at SHMC and HFH, Adam said his hope is to never go on divert if he has anything to do with it. Kelly Jennings commented that this issue has been discussed for 6 months with no movement to fix it. Dr. Nania said he thought the hospitals should adopt the LARK format he developed to deal with diversions. Mike Lopez said that Seattle/King County adopted a no-divert system and it actually improved hospital access for all patients.
Action: Dr. Nania requested that Adam get current report from WATRAC on hospital diversions in Spokane County. Continue on November agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS Course Completion Verification – INHS
 - Completion date: Sept. 2015 Paramedic (I1432013)
Action: Reviewed.
- EMS Training Course Application – SCFD3
 - EMR online Start date: 1/14/16
Action: Approved.
- EMS Training Course Application – SCFD4
 - EMT-SGA Start date: 11/9/15
Action: Approved.
- EMS Training Program Renewal Application – MedicWorks
Reviewed by the Council and paperwork does not appear to be in order (incorrect form, unanswered question). Applicant is not present at this meeting.
Action: Letter, along with application, will be sent to DOH indicating why application was not approved.
- EMS Training Course Application – MedicWorks
 - EMT-SGA Start date: 11/3/15
Action: Council is unable to address this class since the program is currently expired (as of 3/31/15). DOH will be notified.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings
There was a wrap up and review of the summer fire season. An after action review will be done. There are still some radio system issues with paging system. Looking at major radio re-program, separate out for medical.
- East Region: Adam Richards
The East Region Council meets tomorrow morning. DOH was notified after last month's meeting that the East Region Council did not support trauma verification and there has not been any response to date from DOH. All East Region agencies should watch for and complete the education survey emailed from the East Region Council.
 - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee: Mike Lopez
Mike said he had nothing new to report at this time.

- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Comm/INHS Health Training: Samantha Roberts
 - The next meeting is Wed, Oct. 21, 0800.
 - Recently participated in MCI training event at Spokane County Sheriff's facility.
 - There is a lab next week for students to ride in the ambulance to practice skills.
- Fairchild: Don "DB" Ballard
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - The entire September meeting was a WEMSYS presentation. Today's meeting will look at ACS data.
 - Tactical EMS units: Dr. Nania asked where Spokane County is at with this. The Joint Public Safety forum is working on this. SFD has a program for active shooter. SVFD has something similar but it's not the same. Cheney also has some type of program. Programs are very expensive and many agencies probably can't afford the training or equipment.
Action: Dr. Nania agreed to end November QI meeting at 11:00 so group could meet following QI to discuss this issue. Suggested participants: Sheriff, SPD, SFD, SVFD, and Cheney. Cindy will organize meeting and send notices.
 - Deaconess opening freestanding emergency center on North side of the city. Dr. Nania asked about transports involving this facility and the designation for this facility. Mike Lopez said that DOH developed a policy statement 3 years ago addressing free standing ER's that said these facilities are not considered a hospital. Therefore, free standing Emergency Departments are not suitable destinations for patients meeting trauma criteria, cardiac patients, and stroke patients.
Action: Mike agreed to try to locate the policy statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite: Topic is Dying of Sepsis? The speaker is Dr. Joel Edminster and it is available on webinar.
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. –
- Cascadia practice event: Coming June 2016

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