

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

Dr. Metcalf, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and introductions were made.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Brian Foster-Dow, Toni Halloran, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Patrick Ramsey, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Patti Richards, Jim Schaffer, Wade Scoles, Cathy St. Amand, Randy Olson, Jim Walkowski, Paul Priest (AMR)

Guests Present:

Shaun Pitts (INHS), Samantha Roberts (INHS), Tamara Drapeau (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Coordinator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes from the November 2015 meeting.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

- Description of Consumer Representative responsibilities:
Randy Olson previously asked if there was a description for the Consumer Representative position on the Council. There is not currently a description in the Council bylaws.
Action: Dr. Metcalf asked Randy to write something up and present it at the next Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Schaffer

The 2015 annual report will be presented at the January Council meeting.
Cindy is in the process of sending out the invoices for 2016 MPD share fees. Please pay promptly upon receipt.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hospital Diversion Update:

Following discussion and comments from those present, it was consensus was that there are times when a hospital is near or at capacity but there are currently no real criteria for going on divert. All agreed it should be more difficult to go on divert than it is.

Action: The two hospital systems need to agree on diversion criteria and timeframe for being "on divert". Mike Lopez offered to pull a meeting together quickly of the parties involved, including administration, nursing, and physicians from both hospital systems, as well as transport agencies, to move toward plan for diversion-free status in Spokane County. It was M/S/P to schedule meeting of this subcommittee between now and the January 12 Council mtg.

NEW BUSINESS:

- County OTEP Plan – Brian Foster-Dow/Dr. Joel Edminster
Brian Foster-Dow reviewed the 3-year BLS/ALS OTEP plan. The plan is available to all agencies throughout the county to use.
Action: Cindy will add the County OTEP plan to the EMS website and send it to all EMS Officers. Agencies that are interested in using the County OTEP plan will need to let Cindy in the Council office know so they can be identified in the MPD's letter to DOH listing the agencies that will be using the plan.
- EMS Training Course Application – SCC
 - EMT-SGA Start date: 1/4/16**Action:** M/S/P to approve.
- EMS Training Course Application – Deer Park Ambulance
 - IV Therapy Start date: 1/4/16**Action:** M/S/P to approve.
- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS, Shaun Pitts
 - EMT-SGA Start date: 12/28/15
 - EMT-SGA Start date: 1/19/16
 - EMT-SGA Start date: 12/14/15**Action:** Approved.
- EMS Course Completion Verification
 - Completion date: 11/10/15 EMT-SGA (I1532019)**Action:** Reviewed.
- EMS Evaluator Applications for:
 - Christopher Maehren (INHS), Ben Riddle (SVFD), Kurt Kilayko (SVFD), Shawn Pichette (SVFD), Sean Nokes (SVFD), Scott Martin (SVFD), Nicholas Zambryski (SVFD), Todd Bellefeuille (SVFD), Dave Vegele (SVFD), Ross Beier (INHS)**Action:** M/S/P to approve.
- Update re: submission of Training Course Applications – Cindy
Starting Jan. 1, Training Course Applications will be reviewed/approved by the Credentialing staff at DOH. There will be no leniency on the requirement to submit Training Course Applications to the DOH 2 weeks prior to the start of the course, so keep in mind this timeframe when submitting these applications to the Council for approval before they are sent to DOH.
Action: Cindy will send an email to EMS Officers and training programs notifying them of this change.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Kelly Jennings
No report.
- East Region EMS & TC Council: Adam Richards
No report.
 - Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee: Mike Lopez
Mike said he was unable to attend the meeting last Friday. The committee's goal is to have a white paper recommendation ready sometime in March. One of the

issues being discussed is whether community paramedicine should be a certification and deciding how this would look in Washington State. Those participating include: fire chiefs, firefighters, ambulance, ACEP, WSNA, legislative folks, and other stakeholder groups.

- Curriculum & Paramedic Advisory Committee/INHS Health Training: Samantha Roberts
Students are currently in clinical rotations. Samantha expressed thanks to the hospitals for hosting students. INHS is currently accepting applications for the next paramedic class.
- Fairchild AFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI: Dr. Nania
 - Windstorm: All agencies offered to help provide staffing at medical shelters. There was no significant use of shelters in general. There were 10 cases of significant carbon monoxide poisoning that were transferred out of Spokane due to lack of emergency HBO availability. EMS did a great job responding to windstorm.
 - RTF meeting: There are three groups available in Spokane County (SFD, SVFD, and Cheney fire. A call to 911 would elicit this response. It would be desirable to have all Spokane County EMS personnel receive basic RTF training and EMS can look at developing a curriculum to be included in the Spokane County OTEP plan.
 - QI Committee meeting today: Will be looking at guidelines for dealing with free standing ER's

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite Topic: Damage Control: Penetrating Trauma / 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
- Passing of the gavel to 2016/2017 EMS & TC Council Chair, Cathy St. Amand
The Council will need a vice-chair. This involves very minimal workload. Please contact a Council board member if you are interested in the position.

ADJOURN: