

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, 09:00 – 10:00**

Council Chair, Cathy St. Amand, called the meeting to order and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Greg Godfrey, Mike Lopez, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Dr. Bob Notske, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Deb Dodson (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Tim Loncon (SFD), Travis Nichols (SRHD), Shaun Pitts (INHS), Doug Presta (INHS), Sharon Rainer (Valley Hospital), Ben Sabori (SCC), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest),

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the July 2016 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Cathy St. Amand

➤ Pulse Point/Alert Project update:

Dr. Nania said that Phillips provided 100 AEDs to hand out to 100 City Fire and Valley Fire personnel for the verified responder program. These off-duty EMS providers will be able to respond to Pulse Point alerts. Dr. Nania thanked everyone involved in making Spokane County participation in this project a reality.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Adam Richards

➤ Initial 2018 Budget Presentation

Treasurer, Adam Richards, said the Council Executive Committee met recently to review and discuss a proposed budget. Adam reviewed the proposed budget.

- He also presented cost information on the Protocol App contract, which will be changing June 2018. The new contract will be a 3-year contract and the cost will be increasing from \$1000 to \$1250 per year. A custom-branded app will be available June 2018 that will enable hyperlinks, include the ability to track downloads (users acknowledge receipt of the latest copy of the protocols), restrict certain content to verified users, and have a hosted protocol website based on the same data in the app that updates automatically. This custom-branded app will be an up-charge of \$1000/year. If the Council chooses to go with the custom-branded app, the total cost per year will be \$2250/year for the 3 years starting June 2018.

- At the October 2015 Council meeting, the Council approved the 3-year plan below to address increases in share fees:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018** (CPI increase)</u>
EMR/EMT	\$9.50	\$14.50	\$14.50	\$14.86
AEMT	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$56.37
Paramedic	\$481.00	\$481.00	\$481.00	\$493.02

****The June 2017 CPI of 2.5% was used to calculate the 2018 share fee.**

Action: It was M/S/P to continue the Protocol App contract for 3 years and to upgrade to the custom-branded app to enable the hyperlinks. The proposed 2018 budget will be sent out to the Council with the September meeting minutes for their review. The budget will be voted on at the October Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Training Course Applications - INHS:

- Initial IV Endorsement Start date: 10/5/17
- Initial IV Endorsement Start date: 10/30/17
- Initial EMT-SGA Start date: 9/19/17
- ESE Refresher Start date: 11/10/17
- ESE Initial Start date: 10/11/17

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

➤ EMS Training Course Application – SCC:

- Initial EMT-SGA Start date: 9/20/17

Action: It was M/S/P to approve this course.

➤ EMS Training Course Application – SCFD4:

- Initial EMT-SGA Start date: 11/6/17

Action: It was M/S/P to approve this course.

➤ Psychiatric Patient Care in Spokane:

Presentations by Jan Dobbs, COO Frontier Behavioral Health, and Joe Stoudt, Integrated Care Coordinator for Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health Organization

- Jan Dobbs – Frontier Behavioral Health

Contact info: jdobbs@fbhwa.org

Some key points:

- ✓ Largest behavioral health care provider in Washington
- ✓ Moved to open access model from appointment model a few years ago and have more than doubled the number of people they are serving, about 500 a month now. Many of the clients are from out-of-town, out-of-state.
- ✓ Crisis response services are available 24/7 throughout Spokane County and can be accessed by calling 509-838-4651.
- ✓ First Call for Help is available 24/7 at 509-838-4428
- ✓ Mobile Community Assertive Treatment (MCAT). EMS can contact FBH at 838-4651 and ask for MCAT. EMS can then alert FBH to patients that make repeat calls to EMS and don't have medical issues but do appear to have psych issues and FBH will take contact info and follow-up with the patient. MCAT is available Monday-Friday, 8 am – 11 pm.

(After 11 pm, call Crisis Response Services). Priority for referrals will be given to law enforcement, Crisis Response Services, emergency departments, fire departments, Community Court, Spokane County Jail, and Juvenile Detention.

- ✓ 32 inpatient beds are available and they are full most of the time.
- ✓ There is a FBH staff person now at every hospital in Spokane to see every patient being held on involuntary commitment and get them moved to an appropriate facility.
- ✓ Actively working on a pilot program to intervene with patients sooner and stop these patients from ever getting to a hospital ER.
- ✓ Referrals to hospitals: The plan for taking/directing clients to an ER is nearest/closest ED.

- Joe Stoudt, MA, Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health Organization:
Contact info: jstoudt@spokanecounty.org; 509-477-4544
Joe reviewed his Power Point presentation (copy attached with the minutes). They are adding MHP's to residential facilities to deal with many of the issues now that will slow these patients from going to the ER's. They also now fund MHP's in the schools.

Action: Adam suggested that SRHD set up a task force to work out direct transport for these patients to alternate facilities. Discuss at next Protocol Committee meeting.

➤ Protocols to Approve (Tom Chavez):

- Interfacility Transport (County Operating Procedure):
Tom and Dr. Bray reviewed the addition of hospice transfer information to the Inter-facility Transport COP.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve this revision.

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Greg Godfrey, SCFD8
Greg said there was no meeting in August, so no report.
- 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach
No report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
They will be discussing transport to alternate facilities.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Doug Presta
Doug said that the next Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee meeting will be Tues, Oct. 3, 8:00 a.m. Reminder that the NW EMS Conference is Sept. 30.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher - no report
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Welcome to Dr. Rabe, new Medical Advisor to SCFD4 replacing Dr. Hill. Dr. Rabe is an ER physician at Valley Hospital.
 - Any drug shortages currently? Protocol Committee was asked to address Epinephrine at their meeting next week.
 - Today at QI Committee: review of 2016 prehospital and hospital stroke data.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EMS Live@Nite: Tonight at 6:45 p.m. - Dave Baird on Cardiac Assessment

ADJOURN: