

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR April 9, 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 Members Present:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Joe Kocon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Tim Highfill (Valley ER Medical Director), Thomas Jenkins (Cheney FD), Beth Perkins (Providence), Todd Putren (Valley ER), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest),

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator

**MINUTES:**

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the March 2019 minutes.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Mike Lopez

- EMS Awards for 2018 service will be given out at the May 14, 2019, meeting:  
EMS QI will run from 9-10 am followed by a short EMS Council business meeting at 10:00 and awards presentation at 10:30. Lunch will follow the awards.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Patrick Ramsey

- Update on EMS Office fees payments:  
Only one agency payment is still outstanding. The check has been lost and they are re-issuing a new one.
- Financial reports for March 2019:  
Patrick reviewed the reports, which were sent out to the Council ahead of the meeting. There were no issues noted with the reports.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ECMO CPA Program: Dr. Tehrani, MultiCare Deaconess  
Dr. Tehrani explained the ECMO CPR program. He said that Deaconess initially would use this procedure on patients who arrest during surgery, then other inpatients who arrest, then patients in the ER who arrest, then pre-hospital arrest patients. He said that survivability has increased with increased use of the procedure.  
Dr. Edminster said the county protocols would need to be changed to outline how to identify appropriate patients for the procedure. The procedure could eventually be incorporated into Pit Crew CPR training. Dr. Tehrani said that equipment would have to be delivered quickly to the scene and it was suggested that the equipment could

potentially be delivered to the scene by a fire or AMR supervisor.

**Action:** Mike Lopez said he would bring the issue forward to the Integrated Medical Services meeting next week for further discussion. Steve Cooke from Deer Park Ambulance also thanked Dr. Tehrani for the recent half-day conference for prehospital personnel provided at Deaconess. Steve said it was great information and very much appreciated.

➤ INHS Training Course Applications:

- Initial EMT-SGA                      Dates: 6/3/19 – 9/20/19
- Initial EMT-SGA                      Dates: 6/17/19 – 8/26/19
- Refresher ESE                        Date: 7/12/19

➤ SCC Training Course Application:

- Initial EMT-SGA                      Dates: 7/1/19 – 8/22/19

➤ Lincoln County FD #4 Training Course Application:

- Initial EMT-IVT Endorsement

**Action:** M/S/P to approve all applications.

**PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:** Tom Chavez

The Protocol manual changes have now been sent to Cindy, who will then send them on to DOH and/or Regional Council as appropriate.

Protocol Committee members will be meeting after EMS QI meeting today instead of next week since the QI agenda is short.

**REPORTS:**

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

The group met three weeks ago and reviewed reciprocity and CAHEP requirements. The group recommended removing the CAHEP requirement from the WAC and DOH accepted that recommendation. The next meeting is Apr. 24 and the group will be reviewing recertification and renewal requirements.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash

No report.

➤ 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach

Cody was unable to be present at the Council meeting but sent this report: The Board reviewed proposed budget and cost allocations to ensure consistency between current uses and potential future uses. This includes cost allocations for previously identified 1/10<sup>th</sup> priorities that had been unfunded up until this point. This is a positive for the county/EMS, as it is a progression in the process of ensuring we are planning and budgeting for future needs. The City of Spokane has workshops planned between now and the end of May with the intent of making an in/out decision. The SREC Board supports the “everyone in” concept.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards

The next East Region meetings are tomorrow. Adam also reminded the Council that the ACS survey is coming up the end of April.

➤ REDi Healthcare Coalition: Travis Nichols/Carolyn Cartwright

Carolyn and Travis couldn’t be present at today’s Council meeting but sent a report that will be attached to the minutes.

- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger  
The clinical rotations for the current paramedic students start mid-May. The students will be doing MCI training this Saturday. Applications are now being accepted for this fall's paramedic class and entrance exam testing has begun as well.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher  
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
  - 2018 Airway Data Summary: Dr. Nania reviewed the 2018 airway data information that was submitted. He noted that there was missing data from the larger agencies and hoped that would improve in the future. He also said that documentation needs to improve.
  - Verified responder update: Recently an off-duty firefighter received notification that someone nearby had suffered cardiac arrest, he responded and shocked the patient and got ROSC. Dr. Edminster cared for the patient in the ER and the patient survived and went on to do well.
  - Dr. Nania said the study of high risk cardiac patients received IRB approval.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

- EMS Live@Nite March 2019 classes:
  - April 9, 2019 – OB/GYN (Medical Assessment)
  - April 25, 2019 – Pediatric Care (Medical Assessment)

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**