

## **SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**

**July 9, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

**Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium**

Council Vice-Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

### Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Amber Jones, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell

### Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Karrie Austin (Dispatch Health), Dave Baird (SVFD), Jim Bradley (Providence), Deborah Bried (Valley Hospital ER), Stephanie Crawford (REDi HCC), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley Hospital ER), Deanna Jones (Providence), Patrick Kunkel (Resident), Tim Loncon (SFD), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Denise McCurdy (Providence), Beth Perkins (Providence), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest)

### Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & County Coordinator

### **MINUTES:**

It was M/S/P to approve the June 2019 minutes.

### **CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Adam Richards

- None

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Patrick Ramsey

- Financial reports for June 2019:  
Patrick reviewed the reports and no issues or concerns were noted.
- 2020 Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Review:  
Patrick reviewed the proposed 2020 budget. The proposed budget will be reviewed again at the September meeting and then a vote taken to approve/not approve at that time.

### **OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- MultiCare Dispatch Health Presentation – Karrie Austin:  
Karrie provided information on this mobile urgent care service set to launch in Spokane on Aug. 14, 2019. (See handout for details on hours, staffing, injuries and illnesses the service will treat, etc.). She said the cost for patients with insurance or Medicare is a co-pay similar to an urgent care visit, for patients paying in cash the cost is \$275. Phone triage is done to establish that the patient fits the services provided and the average response time is 60-90 minutes but can be up to 2 hours. Karrie also noted that they are looking for a local ER physician to be the Medical Director in the area.

**Action:** Dr. Nania said he would like Dispatch Health to provide a report to the EMS Council in about 6 months with statistics and outcomes.

➤ SCC Training Course Applications:

- Initial EMT-SGA                      Dates: 9/18/2019 - 3/19/2020

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

**PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:** Tom Chavez

- Update: No final word on approval of protocols sent to DOH. There was no physician at the last Protocol meeting so nothing new was finalized. Next meeting is Thursday, July 18, 9 a.m., Fire Training Center.

**REPORTS:**

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez  
No report since Mike is on vacation.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash  
No report since the meeting was cancelled due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach  
Cody not present today so no report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards  
Adam said the East Region Council recently elected new officers.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright  
Developing a position for a clinical advisor  
July 17: [WATrac Advisory Committee summer meeting](#)  
August 2: [Patient Tracking WATrac training at Kootenai Health](#)
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
- 2019 NW Emergency Medical Services Conference Sept. 28, Northern Quest Resort & Casino
  - Paramedic students will be starting their EMS clinical rotations soon.
  - Interviewing and testing has started for those applying for the fall 2019 paramedic class.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher  
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
- Prehospital and hospital 2018 stroke data will be presented at today's QI meeting.
  - Defib Report – Dr. Nania reviewed a short Power Point on defibrillation statistics.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Pulsara:  
David Sewell, Deaconess EMS Liaison, said that AMR and Deaconess want to do a pilot of the Pulsara mobile communication application (Pulsara has a Prehospital package that is free to both EMS and the hospital) to evaluate the efficiency of the system. There was lengthy discussion on this topic including the fact that not all agencies can carry personal phones and potential inconsistency as to how the hospitals are contacted by EMS.  
**Action:** Dr. Nania said that he wants careful evaluation of this system and a full presentation to the Council prior to any pilot project. He said it would need to be used by all agencies or not at all. This item will be added to the September 2019 Council agenda for further discussion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**