

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
September 10, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

Council Chair, Mike Lopez, called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Deb Bried (Valley ER), Katlynn Cochran, Dr. Colin Croshaw (Deaconess ER), Stephanie Crawford (REDi HCC), Nathan Denison (INHS), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley ER), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Dr. Todd Putren (Valley ER), Steve Tevlin (NQ)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES:

Action: It M/S/P to approve the July 2019 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

➤ FAFB Exercise: Sept. 8-28, 2019

Info provided by Jason Satcher, FAFB:

A Large scale Mobility Guardian exercise will be conducted at Fairchild AFB from Sept. 8 – 28, 2019. The Mobility Guardian exercise is the premiere Air Mobility Command exercise designed to put U.S. and partner forces through the most realistic scenarios possible to prepare them for working together in situations ranging from humanitarian assistance to operating in contested environments. There will be an increase in personnel on and off base, increase in traffic on Hwy 2, and an increase in air traffic from Fairchild AFB. Please contact Jason Satcher for any questions. There was also a press release over the weekend.

➤ Concerns expressed following July EMS meeting:

Mike noted that he was on vacation during the July Council meeting and said he was contacted by several Council members who were concerned about discussions/interactions that took place at the meeting. There is a perception that recent Council meetings have had more discussion about where appropriate patient destinations are and who provides the best care. We are fortunate to have two very robust and committed hospital systems in Spokane. Mike said that the role of the Council is defined within state law and patient destination is guided by State, Regional, and Local protocols. In the future, we need to avoid discussions of this nature as our protocols and operating procedures will determine patient destination. Similarly, if there are conflicts in the prehospital setting, those discussions are best held between the organizations and not the Council meeting unless the issue is truly a systemic issue. The long-time success of the

Spokane County system is directly related to the level of cooperation and collaboration that is present. That is not something that exists in very many EMS systems in the State. All Council members and guests need to work together in a spirit of collaboration at the Council meetings. Mike asked that, in the future, organizations try to deal with transport issues and patient destination issues, by working directly with transport agencies to address any concerns. The time for highlighting the positive elements of any of our system pieces is during the focused CQI sessions that occur regularly throughout the year.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Financial reports for July/August 2019:
Patrick reviewed the reports and no issues were noted.
- 2020 Budget – 2nd review and vote on adoption of the budget:
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the 2020 proposed budget as presented. Mike reminded all agencies to go online now and update their roster so Cindy has access to the correct information to calculate statements for fees due in 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for Reappointment to Regional EMS & Trauma Care Council:
Dominic Pomponio, LFN
Jack Busch, Deer Park Ambulance
Action: It was M/S/P to approve these applications.
- INHS Training Course Applications:
 - Initial Paramedic Dates: 10/16/19 – 5/12/20
 - Initial ESE Date: 11/08/19
 - Refresher ESE Date: 11/15/19
 - Refresher EMT Dates: 12/13/19 – 12/18/19
- SCFD4 Training Course Application:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 11/4/19 – 02/15/20**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve all of the above classes.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- The State of Washington Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure was updated by DOH in Feb. 2019 and will be updated in the Protocol manual. This requires that the Spokane County Acute Stroke Protocol be revised as well.
- Revised Acute Stroke protocol:
Tom reviewed the changes to this protocol and asked for the Council’s approval of the changes.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the revised Acute Stroke Protocol. This protocol will now be sent to DOH for their review and approval. The East Region Council and DOH will be notified that Spokane County EMS has revised its Acute Stroke Protocol to reflect the revised State Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure.
- Tom said he will have several more revised protocols to review/approve at the October Council meeting.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

Mike said the next WAC Revision meeting is Thursday, Sept. 19. Last month the group completed review of the recertification requirements for all levels. The goal of this process is to streamline the three sections and eliminate redundant language. The common, general requirements will now all be reflected in WAC 246-976-161. The CME method of recertification and the OTEP method of recertification will have their separate requirements. The stakeholder group recommends modification to intubation requirements for both CME and OTEP. The group reached agreement to replace the required number of intubations with a requirement to successfully complete a cognitive and psychomotor skills advanced airway management curriculum over the entire three-year certification period. The modified language includes an allowance for MPD's to require some OR time for individuals who do not satisfactorily demonstrate psychomotor skills in endotracheal intubation. The group will probably be looking at educational requirements and instructor requirements in the near future.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash

Lonnie could not attend today but said he had no report. Cody Rohrbach reminded everyone that fire season is not over yet.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

Cody said the SREC board is working on updates to communication with border counties and is going through its first annual budget review. There has not been much change to the dispatch center under SREC. National metrics show there is opportunity to potentially reduce call dispatch time by 45 seconds or so.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards

The next meeting is in October. He had nothing else to report at this time.

➤ REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright

The REDi HCC is updating their regional response plan this year through the development of the patient placement, patient tracking, patient movement and pediatric medical surge annexes. They are hosting multiple planning meetings for each annex throughout the region, with call-in options available. They are also soliciting feedback from local and regional EMS council. All annex drafts and meeting information can be found in our [newsletter](#).

Action: Chair Mike Lopez suggested it might be a good idea to create an ad hoc committee to work on this and that Carolyn could chair said committee and bring their suggestions back to the full Council. Mike asked for Council members to volunteer to be on this ad hoc committee and the following agreed to help: Cathy St. Amand, Patrick Ramsey, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Dr. Nania, and Mike Lopez.

➤ Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger

- Michelle said that Gary Hoertz is retiring but will be on call. She introduced Nathan Dennison, the new lead instructor.
- She also reported that they are in day 2 of a 2-day accreditation audit.
- The Paramedic Advisory committee meets again in October.
- The next paramedic class cohort starts in October and is a smaller class this year.
- Mike said that the EMS Council would like to recognize Gary at the October Council meeting to thank him for his contribution to the paramedic program. Michelle will contact him and ask him to attend.

Action: Item will be added to the October agenda.

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

Mike Lopez read update from Jason Satcher in the Chair's Report.

Two new attendees from FAFB introduced themselves, Parker Miller and Katlynn Cochran. SSgt Miller said that some of their personnel went through ACLS recently with help from INHS.

➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- Stroke KPI Summary:

Dr. Nania reviewed his Power Point on 2018 Stroke KPI's.

- At today's EMS QI Committee there will be three case reviews as well as Trauma QI follow-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ 9/11 BBQ at SHMC ER to thank and celebrate our EMS providers:

11 am – 3 pm

➤ EMS Live@Nite Presentations:

- Altered Mental Status Patients – Sept. 10
- Death, Dying, and the Art of Self Care – Sept. 26

➤ NW Emergency Medical Services Conference:

Reminder the conference is Sept. 28 at Northern Quest Resort & Casino.

➤ Dr. Geraghty:

Look for good information coming out on extending the time window for thrombolysis.

MEETING ADJOURNED: