

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**  
**October 8, 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:

Dave Baird, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Rinita Cook, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Lonnie Rash, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Jim Bradley (Providence), Greg Brown (Pulsara), Deborah Bried (Valley Hospital ER), Darren Brieher (AMR), Nathan Denison (INHS), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Sara Huston (FAFB-EMS), Deanna Jones (Providence), Tim Loncon (SFD), Valerie Long (McKesson), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Denise McCurdy (Providence Trauma), Beth Perkins (Providence), Todd Putren (Valley Hospital ER), Christen Soria (Providence), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & Spokane County Coordinator

**PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:** Approval of September 2019 minutes  
It was M/S/P to approve the Sept. 2019 minutes.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Mike Lopez

- ACS Assessment of the Washington State EMS & Trauma Care System:  
The American College of Surgeons conducted an assessment of Washington's EMS & Trauma System in April 2019. The written assessment report was released this summer and offered some recommendations for improvement. The DOH will be holding forums across the state to engage stakeholders and gather community feedback on the assessment from EMS and Trauma care providers, community members, legislators, Tribes, and others. These are open public forums and all are welcome. Secretary of Health, John Weisman, will lead these forums. A forum is scheduled in Spokane on Nov. 19, 9 am to noon, at the Spokane Fire Training Center. This will include four breakout sessions (Access to Emergency Medical Services, Community and Patient Safety, Improving Patient Outcomes, Resource Investments). Agencies and hospital members are encouraged to attend. This is really an effort to identify opportunities to improve the State's EMS and Trauma System. Since its inception in 1990, there have been few opportunities to take a critical look at the State's nationally recognized EMS and Trauma System and these forums are intended to engage the stakeholder community in identifying needs and improving the robust system of care in Washington State.
- Election of Officers for 2020/2021 (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer) coming in December:  
Send any nominations to Cindy by mid-November. (Nominations will also be accepted at the December meeting.) Council members will vote at the December meeting.
- Treasurer position vacant:  
Mike announced that Patrick Ramsey is no longer a member of the EMS Council, leaving

the Treasurer position unfilled through the rest of his term. The vote two years ago for Treasurer was tied between Patrick and Johnnie Sylvester and a coin toss determined the new Treasurer was Patrick. The EMS Council Executive Board has asked Johnnie Sylvester if he would be willing to fill the Interim Treasurer position until the election of officers in December and Johnnie has agreed to do so.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mike Lopez

➤ Financial reports for September 2019:

Mike reviewed the reports and no issues were noted.

- Cindy reminded the agencies to review and correct their rosters as she will be sending an email out the first week of November to confirm rosters before generating invoices for 2020 share fees.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ Regional EMS & TCC Membership Reappointment: Chris Clutter

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

➤ INHS Training Course Application:

- Paramedic Refresher                      Dates: 10/09/19

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

➤ Deer Park Ambulance Training Course Application:

- EMT-SGA                                      Date: 11/4/19 – 02/21/20

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

**PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:** Tom Chavez

➤ Four protocols were sent to the medical writer last week to be added to the Protocol PDF:

- New Vascular Emergencies
- Updated Midazolam
- Updated SMR
- Updated DOH Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure

➤ The Revised Acute Stroke Protocol was sent to DOH for approval and was approved Oct. 8. This will also be sent to the Protocol medical writer.

➤ Tom reviewed revisions to the following protocols:

- Blood Tubes
- Capnometry
- CPAP
- Endotracheal Intubation
- Failed Resuscitation
- Stable Narrow Complex
- Surgical Cric
- Needle Cric
- BVM

**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve all revised protocols with agreed-upon reworking of Needle Cric and BVM. These will now be sent to DOH for approval.

➤ The following documents will be removed from the Protocols:

- Carotid Sinus Massage
- ET Drug Administration

- King Airway
- The following documents were reviewed but no changes were needed:
  - AED
  - Estimating ET Size
  - I-Gel

## REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez  
The next WAC Revision meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 2-4 p.m. Conference call option is available. The focus will be WAC 246-976-022, -023, -024 (regarding training program requirements, training course requirements, and specialized training). INHS and any training agencies should attend in person or by phone. Mike said that overall the review is going well but slowly and probably won't be done until at least next spring.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
  - The group is working on updating the "code plugs" for the mobile and portable radios. There are no significant changes to the radio talk groups but primarily cleaning up some of the talk groups before next year's fire season.
  - At the recent Spokane County Interstate Fair there was a request to Verizon to pre-empt or provide priority cell phone use to emergency services because of the saturation of cell use at the Fair. We learned a lesson in that emergency services priority pre-emption is only for the cellular phone service and does not prioritize text or data.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach  
Cody reported that the Board just adopted its first annual budget and said there was some cost savings with the new entity. The Board will do some research on more accurate user fees.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez for Adam Richards  
The East Region meetings are tomorrow starting at 0930.
- REDi Healthcare: Carolyn Cartwright
  - The EMS Council ad hoc committee meeting to give input on the regional response plan is Oct. 28, 1:30–3:30, Classroom A, Spokane Fire Training Center.
  - Carolyn extended an invite to the following planning meetings. Details, agendas, and RSVP can all be found here:  
<http://healthcarecoalition.eventbrite.com>
    - Patient Placement DMCC protocols: October 24
    - Patient Placement DMCC Categories of Care: October 30
    - Patient Placement DMCC Designations: October 31
    - Patient Tracking: November 4
    - Pediatric Medical Surge: November 14
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger  
Michelle reported that the 19 members of the new paramedic class are starting next week. The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting will be in November.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher  
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
  - Airways and spinal immobilization cases from Providence facilities were reviewed by Dr. Cover and Edminster last month and they will be reviewing the cases from Deaconess today at the QI Committee meeting. The takeaway from

the spinal immobilization cases was to watch out for spine injuries in elderly ground level fall patients.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

- EMS Live@Nite:  
October 8: EMS Detective with Shaun Pitts  
October 24: Penetrating Trauma with Dr. Sparrow
- Speaker in November:  
Dr. Casey Patrick, Assistant MPD in Montgomery County, Texas, will speak on his county's Esmolol experience at the November EMS Council meeting.
- Resuscitation Summit Nov. 7:  
Dave Baird announced an all-day educational event at the Center Place Event Center on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019. The information has been emailed to the EMS Officer at all Spokane County agencies and is also posted on the EMS Office website at [www.emsoffice.com](http://www.emsoffice.com).

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**