

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Agenda
May 12, 2020, 9 a.m.
TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley Hospital), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Travis Nichols (REDi HCC), Doug Presta (CWU), Todd Putren (Valley Hospital)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of March 2020 minutes (no April meeting took place due to COVID-19)

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Awards for 2019 Service:

Reminder to send in nominations for 2019 EMS Awards. No date has been set for the awards ceremony but perhaps it could happen sometime this Fall.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

➤ Financial reports for March-April 2020:

(Report sent out with agenda.) Johnnie reviewed the reports. He is continuing to look at investment options for part of the \$500,000 currently in the money market savings account.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)

Dr. Nania reported that the EMS Work Group met online for several weeks modifying protocols regarding PPE, dispatch alerts, and safe treatment of patients with this respiratory virus.

Ultimately, these protocols will go into the Pandemic Reference Section and Isolation Reference Section of the Protocol Manual. The group applied for and received a grant from SCMS that will be used to purchase CPAP devices with HEPA filters. After obtaining several bids, Kasey Austin (SFD) ordered 64 of the devices, to be distributed to Spokane County agencies based on agency run numbers.

➤ Training Course Applications to approve – INHS:

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| • Initial EMT-SGA | Date: 06/15/2020 – 08/19/2020 |
| • Refresher ESE | Date: 07/10/2020 – 07/10/2020 |
| • Initial EMT-SGA | Date: 07/29/20 – 09/04/2020 |

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

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
Eight revised/new protocols sent to DOH were recently approved on May 8. The next meeting will be a virtual meeting and Tom will send out notices with date/time/platform info.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike said that DOH cancelled the last three meetings due to the COVID response. The next meeting will be a virtual meeting held on May 21, from 0930-1130, when the group will discuss a new section on OTEP.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie reported that the IEAFC conducted a virtual meeting on May 7. As part of the meeting, the Operation Planning Section was re-organized and re-affirmed the purpose and importance of the Spokane County Field Operations Guide. The Area Coordinators have participated in the ECC and IEFCA recognized the contribution that the members of the EMS Council have given to the process. The City of Spokane is currently negotiating with AMR for their Transport contract. The County Ambulance Service Contract is due for renewal in June and members of the IEFCA are working on the contract.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody reported that the Board is making good progress on methodology for user fees, making them fair, equitable and easy to explain. They are working toward EMD dispatch implementation sometime in August, at which time a single point of contact will process the call.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
There was no April meeting due to COVID but there will probably be a virtual meeting in June.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Travis Nichols updated the Council on everything the HCC has been working on.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
No report. No one present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
INHS transitioned in-person EMS classes to online classes due to COVID-19. There have not been any labs or clinical rotations yet, but on Monday DOH approved INHS's alternate plan for labs. Michelle said INHS continues to work with hospitals to see how and when clinical rotations can resume. Adam Richards said the issue for hospitals has been the PPE burden but they are willing to work on this now. March 19 was the paramedic advisory meeting and if you wish to see the minutes, let Michelle know.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No one present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Preliminary Airway Data summary
Dr. Nania spoke about preliminary data for 2019 patients, including the lack of data due to computer issues and lack of time for the agencies to hand review charts. He also noted that there has been previous discussion on whether the Council should invest in a part-time data person to review and generate reports. He reviewed the data that was submitted.
 - CARES Report:
Dr. Nania reviewed the Spokane County CARES data and asked agencies to review the data on their own as well and look for areas where improvement can come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
 - May 12 – Cardiac Arrest in the Field with Shaun Pitts
 - May 28 – Treatment of Shock with Shaun Pitts

OTHER BUSINESS:**OTEP:**

Dr. Nania asked how agencies were handling OTEP. Some agencies said they are continuing training using PPE. SVFD and SCFD9 said they are doing small-group training. SFD setting up new program that they will share with other agencies. AMR has suspended physical training for now. Adam said hospitals have suspended in-person training as well.

EMS training classes at Central Washington University:

Doug Presta said he has two cohorts out there now who are awaiting clinical rotations at Providence. Another cohort is doing online classes and lab trainings are starting next week.

EMS Week:

Adam Richards said that the annual BBQ is being postponed due to COVID-19 and the hospital will have to-go boxes of food for EMS week at PSHMC in the EMS loop.

MEETING ADJOURNED.