

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

June 9, 2020, 9 a.m.
Teams Virtual Meeting

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Darren Brieher, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Aaron Possin, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS), Kasey Austin (SFD), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Ben Sabori (SCC), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of May 2020 minutes

Action: It was MSP to approve the May minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Awards reminder (date still unsure)

Adam reminded the group to continue to submit nominations for the EMS awards for service during 2019 and to encourage members of their agencies to submit nominations as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

➤ Financial reports for May 2020:

Johnnie reviewed the reports. All Council members received copies of the reports by email along with the agenda for their review prior to the meeting. Cindy noted that all 2020 share fees are now paid.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Dr. Nania said that there was nothing new to report. EMS volumes are more normal. David Sewell, Deaconess, said they have about five inpatients. Adam, PSHMC, said their OR's are open and there is lots of capacity for COVID patients. He said there is no real increase in hospital numbers despite the increase in county numbers. Dr. Nania said he recently submitted \$5,000 grant request to Anovia for PPE. Grant money from SCMS is being used to purchase CPAP HEPA filter masks for EMS agencies. So far, Bound Tree has shipped about half of the order. Kasey reported that the crews are finding them easy to use.

➤ Request for East Region Council Reappointments:

- Denise McCurdy - PSHMC
- Adam Richards - PSHMC

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

- Training Course Applications to approve – INHS:
 - Initial ESE Date: 08/07/2020
 - Refresher ESE Date: 09/18/2020
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 09/21/2020 – 11/20/2020
 - Training Course Applications to approve – SCC:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 7/1/2020 – 8/21/2020
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 9/22/2020 – 12/10/2020
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 9/21/2020 – 3/17/2021
- Action:** It was M/S/P to approve all of the above course applications.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 The last Protocol Committee meeting was a Go-to-Meeting on May 28 and the next meeting will also be a Go-to-Meeting on June 18. Tom said the COVID protocols will be on the agenda for EMS Council approval at the meeting on July 14 before adding them to a new Pandemic Reference section of the Protocol Manual.
 The Oxygen Administration for Suspected or Known COVID-19 Patients protocol was discussed. Tom did not have the most recent iteration of the document to show but he did review the changes with the group.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve this protocol with the changes discussed.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
 The next meeting is June 17, 2-3:30, and discussion will continue on clarifying language regarding OTEP. Mike said the WAC review probably would not be complete until the end of the year. Following that is the long process to get final approval. He thought it could be the first of the year in 2021 before the WAC changes are completed and adopted.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
 Cody Rohrback reporting for Lonnie Rash who could not attend:
 - GSEM work on the EOC is starting to wind down but could ramp up again depending on numbers.
 - Fire agencies are expecting an above-average fire season and are preparing for wildland fires and envisioning what camps will look like during COVID. Learning from other states that already have fires. Next week there will be evacuation exercises conducted. Cody said there is a document available on how to handle fire season during COVID-19 and he is happy to share the document if anyone is interested. Kasey Austin, SFD, said he has made PPE kits for every SFD brush truck that is sent out and will also include food supplies as well as enough supplies to run at least 3 EMS calls.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrback
 There is a meeting this afternoon with communication advisory board to discuss user fee model and explain the methodology. There will be a meeting in week or two regarding funding priorities and discussion around COVID impact to funding. Dispatchers are in the training phase of EMD dispatch. Ultimately, EMD dispatch should shave time off dispatching the call.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
 Mike said the East Region Council meets tomorrow but there will not be a Prehospital & Education meeting. He said the main topic is the budget, which needs to be in place the start of July. Governor Inslee has ordered 15% cuts across the board. The goal is to continue support for initial and continuing EMS education for rural areas.

- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
 - Sit reps are now twice weekly. There are weekly regional updates on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5 p.m.
 - For more updates, please see the RediLink Healthcare Coalition Newsletter.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
No one present to give report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The current class will graduate in July.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No one present to give report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Dr. Nania reviewed the JAWS 2019 report as well as the Time to Defib report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite Classes:
 - June 9 – OB/GYN Emergencies with Shaun Pitts
 - June 25 – Mental Health First Aid with Karina Lees
- EMSCoconnect Classes:
 - June 11, 6-8 pm (a free link to attend is posted on EMSCoconnect’s Facebook page)
Peds Arrest – Dr. Ryan Stanton, Lexington, KY
Street Drug Update – Dr. Claudia Moore, Omaha, NE
- Chief Schaeffer, SFD, announced some new staff members:
 - New Assistant Chief Tom Williams started Sunday.
New Deputy Chief of Operations is Julie Oberg, replacing Mark John.
He said both are EMS-focused.
 - Chief Schaeffer reminded everyone that the Verified Responder program works and noted recent cases where Kasey Austin and Mike Dawson responded to separate incidents. He asked what the Council thought would need to happen to get all of Spokane County involved in the program. Dr. Nania said not all agencies were originally invited but should be invited now. Chief Schaeffer offered to take the lead on this and asked for a letter of support from the Council.

Action: Dr. Nania will draft a letter of support from the Council for him and the Council Chair to sign.

MEETING ADJOURNED.