

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
October 13, 2020, 9 a.m.
Teams Virtual Meeting Only

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and confirmed the list of those present at the TEAMS virtual meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Deb Bried, Darren Briehner, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Todd Putren, Jeff Reid, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Charles Harbin (SFD), Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU Paramedic Program), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of September 2020 minutes

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the September minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- EMS Awards update:
Due to a number of factors including: limited number of nominations and continuing inability to have gatherings due COVID-19, the EMS Awards presentation will be postponed until at least Spring/Summer 2021.
- Treasurer Position reminder
 - Interested parties for position (starting Jan. 2021 through Dec. 2022) should contact Cindy at the EMS Office (625-7122 or capavlischak@spokanecity.org). Election will take place at the December 2020 Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Lopez

- Financial reports for September 2020:
Mike reviewed the reports. Reports were sent out to committee members prior to the meeting. No issues or questions were noted.
- 2021 Council Budget – 3rd review and vote:
The budget draft was sent out to committee members prior to this meeting. No questions were noted.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the 2021 EMS Council budget proposal.
- Reminder @ updating rosters to get ready for invoices
Cindy asked that agencies update their personnel rosters in readiness for invoices for 2021 EMS Office Share Fees. On Nov. 1, she will be printing rosters from the DOH website and emailing the agencies asking them to verify the personnel on their rosters. On Dec. 1, she will start sending invoices to all the agencies based on the confirmed rosters.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

The question was asked whether EMS agencies can access Spokane County Federal CARES Act monies to help replace COVID-necessary PPE, HEPA filters, cleaning supplies, etc. Chief Brian Schaeffer suggested that the EMS Council request funds for the agencies as a group. Dr. Nania, with Mike Lopez's assistance, will draft a letter to the three Spokane County Commissioners requesting CARES Act funds, which will then be distributed to Spokane County agencies for purchase of PPE and other COVID-related items. Agencies will be asked to send in a list of the COVID-related supplies they will need for 2021 and the cost they expect to incur.

Adam Richards and Carolyn Cartwright provided some regional COVID updates.

Tom Chavez made the Council aware that since September Immaculate Heart Retreat House off the Palouse Highway on the South Hill has 50 beds for COVID-related care. They've had up to 5 patients at a time who are COVID positive. Tom said the retreat house staff provide a daily update to SCFD8 on bed availability. The retreat house staff do not provide any nursing care but provide a place for people who are waiting to find out if they are positive for COVID and don't have a place to go or can't quarantine themselves at home.

➤ East Region EMSTC Council reappointment for Carolyn Cartwright:

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

➤ Training Course Applications approved since Sept. 8:

- Initial Paramedic - INHS Date: 11/23/2020 – 11/23/2021

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- Protocols needing approval by the EMS Council
 - Interfacility Transport –
 - Norepinephrine – Pressor of choice for sepsis. Which meds should be administered by pump? Protocol Committee will look at long and short transports regarding pumps. Agreed to approve the protocol today without pump info and add that later.
 - Sepsis –

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the three protocols above.

- Move COVID recommendations that were updated April 9, 2020, to the Reference portion of the manual
- Infectious Disease Precautions – add mask info
- Pandemic Mask info –

Action: It was M/S/P to approve all three

- Orogastric tube insertion – already passed and approved by the DOH, minor revision needed

Action: It was M/S/P to approve minor change

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

The DOH Prehospital TAC web conference will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 21 followed by the EMS Rule Making web conference from 2-4 p.m. If you need the link to any of these meetings, you can contact Mike or Cindy.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs:

Lonnie Rash was not present but Chief Schaeffer said there was nothing related to EMS to report.

➤ SREC Board:

Cody Rohrbach was not present but Chief Schaeffer said the dispatch center is at 100%

efficiency. The City of Spokane is trying to hire some more positions. The city will either join SREC or work on their own. Mike Dawson has moved into fire dispatch for the transition to support that staff.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
 - Mike said that the East Region Prehospital Transportation/Training & Education Committee meeting is tomorrow at 0930 followed by the East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council meeting. Both are virtual meetings via Go-To-Meeting.
 - The East Region Council is working on finalizing the budget for 2021 and looking at how best to support ongoing training and provide East Region scholarships for initial EMRs and EMTs in rural areas. The Governor has ordered 15% budget cuts and it is still not clear how that will impact the regions.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
No further report.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present, no report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The Paramedic Advisory Committee will meet on Nov. 19. The new cohort starts Nov. 23. All current students are out in the field.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present, no report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - At today's QI meeting the committee will review 2019 Stroke data from hospitals and prehospital agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSCConnect Classes: Oct. 15, 6 p.m. - ACS and ECGs with Dr. Travis Dierks
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - Oct. 13 – Abdominal Trauma by Ginger Locke
 - Oct. 22 – Sugarbetes aka Diabetic Emergencies

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