

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES for ANNUAL MEETING
December 8, 2020, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Deb Bried, Darren Briehar, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammy Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9), Chris Wyrobek (SCFD8)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of November 2020 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- Nominations and Vote for Treasurer Position (appointment takes effect Jan. 1, 2021)
The Treasurer Position is a 2-year term. Adam said that the only Council member that has offered to run for the Treasurer position is Cathy St. Amand. Adam asked those in attendance at the meeting if there were any further nominees and, hearing none, a vote was taken.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve Cathy St. Amand as the EMS Council Treasurer effective Jan. 1, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Lopez

- Financial reports for November 2020:
Mike reviewed these reports and no issues were noted.
Mike reminded the agencies to watch for an email from Cindy with the invoices for 2021 EMS Council share fees.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)
 - Dr. Nania brought up the issue of tracking EMS personnel's exposure to positive COVID-19 patients cared for by EMS personnel. Tammie Drapeau (AMR) was working with the SRHD on this process but, with the increase in cases in the County, this has become too time consuming for her. Dr. Nania said he spoke with Dr. Velasquez at SRHD recently and shared with him his feeling that it be a high priority for SRHD to notify EMS personnel of possible exposure to COVID positive patients. Dr. Velasquez said the SRHD staff are also having difficulty meeting the need for notifications due to the increasing number of positive cases.
Dr. Nania noted that EMS personnel should be responding to all patients as if they have COVID and wearing the appropriate PPE.

Action: Dr. Nania asked the EMS Council to make a written recommendation to the SRHD asking that they prioritize notification of EMS personnel. He agreed to draft a letter for Adam to sign and will also schedule another meeting with Dr. Velasquez to discuss priority tracking to include EMS.

- Tammie Drapeau asked about EMS involvement in giving vaccinations?

Carolyn Cartwright offered to put Tammie in touch with her contact at SRHD regarding this issue. Mike Lopez said that there is a state draft plan in place. He suggested that the EMS Council should work on a coordinated effort for a drive-up vaccination clinic at SFD Training Center Field House. Tammie offered to check with SRHD to see what they already have planned and coordinate with Mike after talking with SRHD. Dr. Nania said that those who can give IM injections should refresh their skills.

Action: It was M/S/P that the EMS Council set up a task force to coordinate an EMS vaccination clinic. Mike Lopez will work with Dr. Nania, Tammie and others that wish to be involved in this task force.

- Carolyn Cartwright (Redi HCC) reviewed some of what's going on and said to watch for sit rep reports and click on the Eventbrite link in the newsletter for meeting information.

- INHS Training Course Applications approved since Oct. 13:

- Initial EMT-SGA (SCC) 01/05/2021 – 03/18/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (SCFD3) 01/13/2021 – 04/03/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (SCC) 04/06/2021 – 06/17/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (SCC) 07/06-2021 – 08/25/2021

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:

The committee is finishing up review of the procedures section. The next virtual meeting is Dec. 17 at 0930.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

There is no December meeting so the next meeting is in January. There is a new effort to develop mandatory data submission to WEMIS to be implemented by the end of 2021.

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash

The meeting covered year-end business, budget, and legislative updates. Lonnie reminded the chiefs to watch for EMS Office share fee invoices. Tony Nielsen will be retiring from the SCFD8 Chief position at the end of the year.

- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

SREC board has begun strategic planning.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez

The next meeting is tomorrow and will include reviewing a model for injury and violence prevention activities. The East Region Council is trying to prepare for the potential impact of financial cuts for 2022.

- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright

See report earlier in the meeting.

- SRHD: Mark Springer

No one present to give report.

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

The Paramedic Advisory Committee met in November and the next meeting will be in February or March. There are 14 students finishing up their internship.

- FAFB: Jason Satcher

No one present to give report.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- 2019 ACS KPI Data Summary

Dr. Nania reviewed the information in the summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ EMSCoconnect Classes:

Dec. 15, 6 p.m. – Evidence-Based Medicine & Current Research EMS presented by Dr. Eric Ernest, Emergency Physician, NAEMSP, State EMS Director-Nebraska

➤ EMS Live @ Nite:

- Dec. 8 – Sports-Related Head Injury presented by Maurice Wagner
- Dec. 23 – Clear!!! Presented by Cameron Murphy

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