

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2021, 9 a.m. via Microsoft 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 Present:

Darren Brieher, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, John Leavell, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Jason Satcher, David Sewell

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Hannah Cylkowski (REDi HCC), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU), Orlando Sandoval (SCFD10), (Steve Tevlin (NQ), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of December 2020 minutes. (The January and February 2021 meetings were cancelled due to the Spokane County EMS provider COVID-19 vaccine clinics.)

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

No remarks.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

➤ Financial reports for 2020:

Cathy St. Amand could not attend today's meeting so Mike Lopez, Executive Chair, reviewed the reports (all reports were sent out to the committee a week prior to this meeting). Mike noted there was some cost savings realized due to COVID-19 and in-person meetings being switched to virtual meetings (i.e. no meeting refreshments, no travel or hotel for Dr. Nania's annual attendance at the NAEMSP conference, etc). Mike said that Council Treasurer, Cathy St. Amand, will be asked to prepare a report showing actual 2020 expenditures compared to 2020 budget to show at the next meeting.

➤ Financial reports for Jan/Feb. 2021:

The report was reviewed. Mike reported that all EMS agencies have paid their share fees, but the Council office is still awaiting payments from some of the hospitals.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ EMS COVID vaccine update: Mike Lopez

Mike recognize some key people involved in the EMS vaccine task force and implementation of the clinic: Mike Charter (SVFD), Tom Chavez-SCFD8 (staffing), Jeff Reid (SCFD9), Kasey Austin-SFD (medical requirements), Tim Loncon-SCFD3 (staff support), and Kayla Myers (SRHD). Special thanks to IEFCA, who committed funds for staff support (lunch, snacks, etc). Over 1000 EMS responders were fully immunized during the two clinics. SRHD created a scheduling app that eventually included 1B folks. Appointments were initially scheduled for

every five minutes but soon increased to appointments scheduled for every minute of the clinic's hours and some days saw as many as 500 shots given. There were only three cases of wasted product during the clinics (i.e. due to accidentally dropping a syringe on the ground, etc.). Mike reported that the EMS Vaccine Task Force is being reinstated to work on another round of vaccines for first responders who were unable to attend the first round.

➤ Training Program Applications:

- Deer Park Ambulance (amendment to Training Program (adding AEMT to EMR & EMT))

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

- Central Washington University (initial application)

Mike Lopez, EMS Council Executive Chair, explained that Doug Presta, Central Washington University, is requesting an extension of the previously approved one-time Pilot Program paramedic course to host another class at Spokane Community College on March 31, 2021. There are currently no standards or evaluation criteria at the state level for a hybrid model paramedic training program (online courses done via Zoom/TEAMS platform). The Prehospital Technical Advisory Committee would like to craft some standards and evaluation metrics for this type of program, so would like another pilot class to be approved. Mike also noted that all education programs that wish to conduct ongoing Initial Paramedic Education courses are required to show evidence-based need for another paramedic training program in the presence of an existing Program.

Doug Presta was given time for a presentation on the CWU paramedic program including Needs Assessment review (see attached Power Point presentation). The program wants to reach people, including students in outlying areas, that can't meet the time constraints or location of currently offered in-person programs by offering a satellite class. He said this would be the third time this paramedic course is being done. It has been revised somewhat by moving additional classes to 'live days' to increase student interaction. He said the program is holding students to the same standards as an in-person class. Dr. Maika Dang, the program Medical Director, said the students are being provided a quality product in the program and Dr. Joel Edminster, who has had some limited interaction with some of the students, said the folks he's met with seem capable and ready to be quality paramedics.

The Council agreed that another class could inform future regulations regarding online/hybrid programs. It was also agreed that evaluation metrics should be developed for non-traditional Paramedic training programs such as this and that an EMS Council ad hoc committee should be created to take an objective look at course models and submit their findings to PHTAC and DOH. Mike Lopez said the ad hoc committee should be comprised of ER physicians, INHS representative, CWU representative, as well as paramedics.

Action: Mike Lopez made a motion to (1) approve a one-time CWU pilot program paramedic course class to be conducted in Spokane and (2) establish an ad hoc committee to identify objective metrics to evaluate the various types of paramedic courses and submit this information to PHTAC and DOH. The motion was seconded and passed.

➤ Training Course Applications approved since Oct. 2020:

- Initial EMT-SGA (DPA) 1/4/2021 – 4/16/2021
- Refresher ESE (INHS) 1/29/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) 2/8/2021 – 4/23/2021
- Refresher EMT-SGA (INHS) 2/15/2021 – 2/27/2021
- Initial ESE (INHS) 3/5/2021
- Refresher Paramedic (INHS) 3/11/2021 – 3/13/2021
- Refresher ESE (INHS) 3/26/2021

- Initial Paramedic (CWU) 03/31/2021 – 03/16/2022
- Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) 4/13/2021 – 07/10/2021
- Refresher ESE (INHS) 5/7/2021
- Refresher EMT-SGA (INHS) 5/31/2021 – 06/12/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) 6/14/2021 – 08/18/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) 06/14/2021 – 09/03/2021
- Refresher ESE (INHS) 07/09/2021
- Initial ESE (INHS) 08/06/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) 08/30/2021 – 11/19/2021
- Refresher ESE (INHS) 09/17/2021
- Refresher EMT-SGA (INHS) 10/04/2021 – 10/15/2021
- Refresher ESE (INHS) 12/10/2021

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- Tom reviewed the following protocols needing Council approval before sending on for DOH approval:
 - ✓ Recommended spinal precaution for children
 - ✓ External pacemaker
 - ✓ IO Adult
 - ✓ IO Children
 - ✓ Needle thoracostomy

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the above protocols.
- Update on work on other protocols (albuterol, bradycardia, additional approved skills, oral glucose gel (new), ibuprofen, OSI update, COVID-19 Spokane County response plan)
- The next virtual Protocol Committee meeting is Thursday March 18, 0900. Anyone is welcome to participate and if you would like to attend, contact Tom Chavez at tchavez@scfd8.org to be added to the invite list.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
The WAC review process is nearing the conclusion of the first phase. The committee may revisit the education portion regarding paramedic education as discussed earlier in today’s meeting. It will probably be mid to late summer before the entire process is complete.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie noted that IEFEC were happy to help with the EMS responder vaccine clinic and he said it was very rewarding watching the process and seeing the agencies work together. The last meeting of the IEFEC was Mar. 4. Most of the discussion was about preparation for wildland fire season. Of note, local law enforcement is implementing a live 911 system. The officer will be able to hear the actual 911 call, which may provide additional important information to the officer. Not sure how this will apply to fire and EMS side of things.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody couldn’t be present for today’s meeting but sent an email reporting that SREC is currently doing strategic planning as well as some radio updates.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The East Region Council meets next month. Currently the regional administrators and chairs are involved in training regarding deliverables. At a special meeting on Monday, March 8, the Council also recommended approval of a change to min-max numbers for Adams County. East Adams County ambulance service is hoping to establish an ALS system. There is no local council

in Adams County, so this is the responsibility of the East Region Council.

- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
No one present to give report.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
No one present to give report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will probably be this Fall. The Training group is working on re-accreditation preparation. Applications are now being accepted for the next class this Fall. INHS is now fully a division of Providence (will probably see a logo change on uniform shirts, etc).
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Air show for 2021 cancelled; hoping to bring it back in 2022.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - QI group is working on creating a Spokane County Scope of Practice based on the DOH approved Scope of Practice. Individual counties can add skills to their own scope of practice if MPD-approved training is done.
 - April QI will be presentations by agencies of their 2020 airway data.
 - Today's meeting will discuss whether the Preliminary Field Medical Report is still needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSCConnect Classes for March:
 - Opioids and the Crisis by Dr. Ryan Stanton (check EMSCConnect FB page for dates/link)
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - March 9 – The Isaac Foundation: Autism in the Wild Part 1
 - March 25 – The Isaac Foundation: Autism in the Wild Part 2
 - DOH requires in statute that EMS providers receive education regarding patients with disabilities. This would meet that requirement.

MEETING ADJOURNED.