

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and Cindy checked off on her roster those present at the TEAMS virtual meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Darren Brierher, Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Joel Edminster, John Leavell, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Lonnie Rash, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Dan Williams

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Amy Black (SRHD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of March 2021 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

Adam had no remarks but Dr. Nania asked for an update on hospital covid cases. Both the Providence and Multicare representatives said that their critical care covid patient counts were low.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand (Mike Lopez provided report for Cathy, who could not attend.)

➤ Financial reports for March 2021:

Balance sheet shows the Council is in a good financial position. Profit & Loss report shows no unusual expenditures.

➤ 2020 Actual vs. Budget Report:

Mike reviewed this spread sheet prepared by Cindy. Some savings in 2020 were noted due to health insurance costs being less than expected, no legal expenses incurred, less travel and conference cost, no in-person Council meetings so no refreshments costs, and no EMS Awards plaques and lunch.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

Tom said there are some new members to the committee including representatives from AMR and SVFD. Work continues on new and revised protocols that are almost ready to present to the Council for approval including some final tweaks to the approved skills sheet for EMT's. The next Protocol Committee meeting is Apr. 22 and Tom will be sending out the meeting link and agenda soon. Contact Tom at tchavez@scfd8.org if you wish to participate in the committee meetings.

Dr. Edminster asked that the Protocol Committee prioritize work on new protocols to address use of the autopulse/LUCAS devices as well as the new ventilators that will be arriving soon. Tom Chavez said these new protocols are on the Protocol Committee agenda.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike reported that there have been no meetings since February and that the next meeting is in May. The committee is in the final throws of WAC revision at this time, cleaning up some language, and then will send the proposed revisions on to the next stage of the review process.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash, SCFD8
The last meeting was April 1:
 - The group discussed resurrecting the joint public safety leadership soon. If someone on the EMS Council has something they want this group to investigate, let Lonnie know.
 - Fire communications: law enforcement is currently using live 911. They can tap into the conversation between 911 and the caller and can hear call details in real time. This may be considered for fire but will observe for a time and see how it works for LE.
 - There is an interlocal agreement with Avista to request fire response to a tripped power line.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
 - Cody noted that in its early days the joint public safety leadership forum was a product of relationship challenges between fire and law enforcement.
 - Live 911: Cody said he is excited about the 911 updates and said that with 911-I, the caller will be able to send a video link to 911 to show what is happening at the scene.
 - SREC strategic planning is ongoing.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Mike said the April meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be in May due to the current work being done to modifying the regional plans. Changes are being proposed to the injury and violence prevention programs to include senior falls/fall risk, Safe Kids for bicycle safety and helmet fittings, Child Passenger Safety, and Stop the Bleed. Also, the Steering Committee did approve the change to the min-max numbers in Adams County.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Amy Black reported for Carolyn. She said that although there has been an increase in Covid cases, Covid hospitalizations have so far not been increasing. Admission levels are still low, and hospitals report plenty of capacity and available staff.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present, no report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The current paramedic cohort is running as scheduled and clinicals will be in June. INHS is currently taking applications for the next class. The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting will be this Fall with the date TBD.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present, no report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Spokane County WEMSIS Data 2020
Dr. Nania reviewed this report and said the percentage of complete data for Spokane County is very high.
 - Airway KPI data for 2020 will be reviewed at today's QI meeting.
 - Preliminary Field Medical Report: This has been discussed at QI and Protocol Committee. Dr. Nania recently made the rounds to hospitals with Mike Dawson and visited with hospital physicians and staff regarding transmission of information to the

ER's from EMS. It was obvious that the EMS prehospital patch report to the nurse and a good verbal report on arrival is what the ER staff is relying on at the current time. Dr. Nania recommends keeping the hardcopy reports on hand for use when needed (I-pad down times, need to jot down notes, etc.).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSCoconnect Classes for April:
 - “LVADs Made Easy”: Dr. Jake Rabe
April 19, 6 p.m. (CAPCE-approved for NREMT credit)
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - April 13: Shaun Pitts “Motor Vehicle Crash”. Michelle said there is a change in the presentation tonight since Shaun isn't available.
 - April 22: Mike Helbock “Sick or Not Sick Pediatrics”

MEETING ADJOURNED.