

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sept. 14, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting**

Adam Richards, Council Chair, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the roster by Cindy.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Brian Barton, Darren Brieher, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, John Leavell, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS), Brian Bowcutt (DPA), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital Trauma), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (MultiCare Deaconess), Tom Jenkins (Cheney), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West (MultiCare Deaconess), Bill Neckels (SCFD4), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishak, EMS Council Office Administrator/EMS County Coordinator

**MINUTES:** Approval of June 2021 minutes (the July meeting was cancelled due to wildfires)

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Adam Richards

- Shortened meeting today (30 min for Council and 30 min for QI)
- Dr. Nania asked that the hospital representatives give a quick update on beds, COVID cases, and staffing, which they did.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for June, July, August 2021:  
Reports were sent to the Council for review prior to the meeting. No problems or issues with the reports was noted.
- 2022 Budget (1<sup>st</sup> presentation):  
The budget was sent out a week prior to the meeting for the Council members to review. Adam showed the budget. There were no comments or questions. The draft budget will be presented again at the October meeting and then voted on.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chief Bill Neckels, SCFD4, re: ambulance transports for SCFD4:  
Following Chief Neckels' report and description of the situation in Fire District #4, Mike Lopez provided a summary of appropriate next steps to take. The RCW and WAC are very clear on how to deal with an agency that is significantly out of compliance with the East Region EMSTC Plan. In situations as described in this discussion, the East Region EMSTC Committee is charged with working with the impacted agencies, the Local EMSTC Council, and the MPD of the County where the concern of non-compliance exists. Clearly, what is being described represents non-compliance with the East Region Plan's Goal 1 "Maintain, Assess, and Increase Emergency Care Resources". The Spokane County EMSTC Council should refer this to the East Region for actions consistent with RCW 70.168.080. This statute requires the Regional Council to work with

the parties involved to develop a mitigation plan that corrects the area(s) of non-compliance. Typically, there is a 6-12- month period, once the Department of Health approves the plan, to implement and monitor progress towards correcting the deficiency. Mike recommended that the Spokane County EMS and Trauma Care Council evaluate the current min/max numbers of trauma verified transport agencies to determine if the data suggests that a modification to the current numbers is required. Doing this concurrently with the East Region's activities will position the County to establish another transport service should the mitigation plan fail to correct the current non-compliance issues. A question was asked as to whether the County Council can compress the time that the mitigation plan can be used to correct the problem. The answer to that question is squarely in the hands of the Department of Health as the regulatory body. The Region will pose that question to the Department of Health and advocate for a more compressed timeline given the current state in North Spokane County.

**Action:** This issue will be brought before the East Region EMSTC Council at their October meeting.

A small workgroup will be assembled with volunteer participation to evaluate concerns and potential solutions as well as how to best support SCFD4 and the community that they serve. DPA and AMR volunteered to be part of this workgroup with SCFD4.

- Request for Reappointment to Regional EMS & Trauma Care Council – Cindy Pavlischak & David Sewell:

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

- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
  - Deer Park Initial ESE 08/28/2021
  - INHS Initial AEMT 08/30/2021
  - INHS Initial EMT-SGA 09/07/2021
  - SCC Initial EMT-SGA 09/20/2021 (AM only)
  - SCC Initial EMT-SGA 09/20/2021 (PM only)
  - DPA Initial EMT-SGA 09/30/2021
  - SCC Initial EMT-SGA 01/04/2022

#### **PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:** Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
  - EMS Non-Compliant Patient review of draft document.  
The discussion was limited due to time constraints and mostly informational since it had already been released to the County. Tom mentioned that this is a “living” document and changes can be made at any time if new information is developed. DOH is working on statewide guidance for this very topic. There was no vote on the protocol and no comments were offered by the group.

#### **REPORTS:**

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez  
No report.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs:  
Chris Wyrobek, SCFD8, said that going forward he will be providing this report.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach  
No report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez  
No report.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright  
No report.
- SRHD: Mark Springer

No report.

- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger  
Michelle said that the Providence Health Training (previously INHS) website has been updated.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher  
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
  - At QI today Dr. Nania will be presenting a Power Point summary of 2020 Trauma KPI data from agencies and hospitals.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

- EMSCConnect Classes for September:  
09/09/2021 @ 1800 PST with Dr. Travis Dierks and the topic is: “Dialysis Patients and Other Lines, Fistulas, & Caths”
- Flight Bridge ED is coming to Spokane in November. The sign up is on their website at:  
<https://www.flightbridgeed.com/>  
Class will be held at AMR (1425 N Washington), November 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED.**