

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

EMS Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and Cindy noted those present on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Brian Barton, Darren Briehar, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

Brian Bowcutt (AMR), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence Health Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Kristie Hills (Deaconess Cardiac), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Kira Lewis (SRHD), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Jaelyn Numata (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Dan Williams (SCFD4)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, Office Administrator & County Coordinator
Berkley VanHout, Incoming Office Administrator

MINUTES: Approval of October 2021 minutes
It was M/S/P to approve the October minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- EMS Council Office Update:
Adam introduced the new EMS Council Office Administrator, Berkley VanHout. She started training with Cindy on Nov. 8. Cindy will be working through the end of December.
- EMS Office Share Fees Reminder:
Adam reminded all agencies to update their rosters prior to December 1 as Cindy will begin the process of creating and sending invoices on Dec. 1 for the 2022 share fees.
- Upcoming EMS Council elections:
Adam said that elections for EMS Council Vice Chair will take place at the December meeting. Please submit nominations for this position. Any Council representative is qualified to hold the office (please refer to Council membership document). For 2022/2023 Adam Richards will be the Executive Chair, Tom Chavez will be the Chair. Cathy St. Amand will continue as Treasurer for 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for October 2021:
Cathy reviewed the reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for reappointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council: Veronica Mitchell-Jones:
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the reappointment of Veronica Mitchell-Jones.
- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
 - INHS Initial EMT-SGA (11/15/2021 – 02/18/2022)

- Dr. Geraghty: New stroke telehealth process at Deaconess
Dr. Geraghty explained the new stroke telehealth pilot project in which Deaconess will be a test site. EMS responders delivering a patient to the ER will be giving report to the ER physician and virtually to the Neuro physician. She said that the number of stroke neurologists countrywide has declined so telehealth is becoming very important. What this means for EMS responders is that they may see the neurologist virtually rather than in-person in the CT area.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
The committee is still working on the following protocols:
 - Fine-tuning the non-compliant patient protocol as is DOH
 - SMR protocol as to what an appropriate exam is
 - ALS/BLS handoff procedure (DOH may be looking at this as well)
 - Improving sexual assault protocol with the help of SFD paramedic McCalle Feller's input.

The next meeting of the Protocol Committee is Nov. 18 at 0900. Steve Tevlin asked about updated BLS medications and Tom said he will check on this.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
The revision process continues and will probably be done by the first of the year.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
Nov. 4 was the last meeting.
 - There have been staffing changes to the board
 - Working on FOG updates
 - DEM has some PPE available
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Working on staffing and recruiting, looking at call metrics, stats look good.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
 - Last meeting was in October and the group discussed a change in min-max numbers for Stevens County as they will be adding ALS services. This was approved by the East Region Council and has been forwarded on to DOH for review and approval.
 - The committee also reviewed ambulance response concerns in the north Spokane area and will be conducting meetings with the principals to discuss the concerns and a strategy to address the concerns.
 - East Region counties were encouraged to request funds for injury and violence prevention as well as EMS training.
 - The next meeting is December 8.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
 - Kira is the health nurse and will be attending the EMS Council meetings in the future for SRHD.
 - Kira reported that the county is still seeing about 200 COVID cases/day and an increase in school cases. SRHD is currently prioritizing COVID vaccines in children and teens.
 - SFCC has a drive-through PCR testing site (results within 24 hours); about 300/day can be seen. Testing is also taking place in homeless shelters and SRHD is helping EMS agencies with free rapid testing for employees.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Paramedic class started in October with 25 students. Last year's class is nearing graduation. The next paramedic advisory committee meeting will be in February.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today's meeting will include: Review of 2020 ACS KPI data from agencies and hospitals; further follow-up discussion regarding case reviews for Trauma KPI's
 - 2020 Stroke Data Summary Power Point was reviewed by Dr. Nania.
Action: Great work by EMS and hospitals. Improve alert to hospitals of incoming stroke patients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSCoconnect Classes for November:
11/15/21 @ 1800 PST Chest and Abdominal Emergencies with Dr. Ernest
- Providence Health Training:
11/16/21 @ 1830 PST Head Injuries with Rebecca Bordeaux, Paramedic
11/30/21 @ 1830 PST Cold Emergencies with Rebecca Bordeaux, Paramedic

MEETING ADJOURNED.