

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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:

Darren Brieher, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

Jack Busch(AMR), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Dr. Madeline Geraghty (Deaconess), Carlos Hardesty(AMR), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones(PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Dan Williams (SCFD4), Ashley Christoff (RediHCC)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, Office Administrator & County Coordinator
Berkley Van Hout, Incoming Office Administrator

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Council Office Updates:

Adam announced that this was Cindy Pavlischak's last EMS Council meeting before retiring at the end of December. Thank you Cindy for your commitment and support to Spokane County EMS and the Council. Cindy will receive a plaque on behalf of the Council for all her hard work and dedication to EMS over the years.

➤ Hospital Status Report:

- Adam stated that Covid-19 numbers are down in hospitals across the region. The Omicron/Delta variant across the world is very high so hospitals are nervous that systems may become overwhelmed with cases. Encouraging vaccinations for best prevention strategy.
- Adam stated that hospitals are continuing to catch up on emergent surgeries, but are still not performing elective surgeries due to being close to full capacity.
- David Sewell (Deaconess Hospital) inputs that Emergency Department bed capacity is filled with many Psychiatric patients and that mental health holds are high. Full capacity and staffing shortages are making it hard for healthcare workers.

➤ EMS Share Fees Reminders:

Adam reminded all agencies that all 2022 EMS Share Fees invoices have been sent and to begin submitting checks in January to the Spokane County EMS Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

➤ Financial reports for November 2021:

Cathy St. Amand not present. EMS Council Chair, Adam Richards, reviewed the reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Vote for Vice Chair EMS Council

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the appointment of Gino Palomino as Vice Chair EMS Council.

- 2022-2023 The Spokane County EMS and Trauma Care Council Executive Committee will be as follows:

Chair, Tom Chavez

Vice Chair, Gino Palomino

Executive Chair, Adam Richards

Treasurer, Cathy St. Amand

Secretary/EMS Office Administrator, Berkley Van Hout

➤ Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:

- SCFD3 Initial EMT-SGA (01/12/2022-04/02/2022)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- The recently approved protocols have been updated on the EMS website and the app. These protocols have been sent to all EMS Officers/Agency supervisors and Agency Physician Medical Advisors
- Continuing to work with SFD paramedic McCalle Feller to improve the Sexual Assault protocol

The next Protocol Meeting is Dec. 16 at 0900 via zoom

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

The revision process continues towards the recommended changes that are required. There has been a change in the AG position who oversees EMS/Trauma. Date of conclusion is not set but most likely by the first of the year

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek

Last meeting was at the beginning of the December.

- Met with Hillary Franz to discuss new funding for local fire services
- Local and regional committee assignments have openings
- Skeleton crew will be off for the holidays from Dec. 20th- Jan. 3rd

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

- Continuing to work on staffing and recruiting
- Working with Fairchild AFB to allow people on FAFB to call 911 during an emergency, as the current phone number for an emergency on FAFB is a 10 digit phone number

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez

Dec. 8 was the last meeting

- Continuing to work with North Spokane County on the ambulance response concerns
- East Region counties were approved \$12,000 dollars for financial support for initial EMS training courses for EMR, EMT, and AEMT courses for rural counties that are needing more advanced care training in their agencies. These funds would help support tuition and book costs
- East Region counties were approved \$30,000 in funding for injury and violence prevention programs

➤ REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff

Ashley is replacing Carolyn Cartwright as she recently left HCC

➤ SRHD: Kira Lewis

Not present

➤ Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Enslinger

Not present

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

Not present

➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- Today's meeting will include: A case review
- CQIP Plan renewal
 - **Action:** it was M/S/P to approve moving forward to discuss plan renewal with QI committee and send to state for approval before end of the year
- ACS Report Summary – 2020 ACS KPI PowerPoint was reviewed by Dr. Nania

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for December:
12/20/21 @ 1900 PST Burns and Fluid Resuscitation with Dr. Ryan Stanton.
- EMS Live@Nite:
12/14/21 @ 1830 Provider Fatigue and Burnout with Olivia Logan, Paramedic
12/29/21 @ 1830 TBA
- SCFD8
Dr. Mike Metcalf will be retiring from his SCFD8 Physician Advisor position at end of December. Dr. Maika Dang will be taking over as SCFD8 Physician Advisor. Dr. Metcalf will continue in his role with Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol

MEETING ADJOURNED.