

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2022 9 a.m. via Zoom Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Tom Chavez, called the meeting to order and Berkley noted those present on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Maika Dang, Mike Lopez, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Dan Williams

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (Providence Health Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital), Jack Busch (AMR), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence Health Training), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

**MINUTES:** Approval of December 2021 minutes

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Tom Chavez

- EMS Council Office updates:  
Tom reintroduced Berkley Van Hout, as she has officially taken over as the EMS Council Office Administrator.
- EMS Office Share Fees reminder:  
Tom reminded all agencies to submit their EMS Office Share Fee payments to the EMS Office this month. Berkley will send reminders if needed later this month.
- Hospital status report:
  - PSHMC Report: Adam Richards stated that there have been significant staffing shortages and extended lengths in employees time off due to Covid. The overall hospital census remains high, and ED waiting rooms have presented extremely high numbers. Covid testing materials are very hard to come by for personnel, and PCR tests are being sent out of state which results in longer wait times to receive test results
  - Multicare Deaconess report: David Sewell stated that they continue to experience staffing shortages as well. Multicare has adopted a new Covid policy which has decreased the amount of time for exposed employees who remain asymptomatic to stay home from work. Valley hospital has a drive-up testing center for symptomatic employees with returned results in approximately 8 hours
  - Pre-hospital transport agencies report: Tammie Drapeau reported that staffing shortages have not increased but remain steady for AMR. The new CDC guidelines have assisted in getting employees back to work sooner. Mike Lopez added that he has reached out to several resources to try to obtain Covid tests for SFD, but most resources are out of tests. All pre-hospital transport agencies and hospitals continue to follow the CDC Guidelines.

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

- Year-end Report for 2021:  
Cathy St. Amand not present. EMS Council Chair, Tom Chavez, reviewed the reports.  
**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
  - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA (01/04/2022-04/02/2022)
  - CWU Initial Paramedic Course (03/29/2022-03/23/2023)

**PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:** Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:

The WA Department of Health approved the addition of the Oral Glucose protocol along with 8 protocol updates last month. These protocols have been updated on the [EMS website](#) and the protocol app. The committee continues to work on the following protocols:

  - Continuing to work on the Sexual Assault Protocol
  - Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen protocol
  - Reviewing the Pelvic Fracture Stabilization Procedure per Dr. Jim Nania's request

The Protocol Committee will meet today during the QI Committee meeting due to a light QI Meeting agenda. This will take place of the regular scheduled Protocol Committee meeting this month.

**REPORTS:**

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez  
No new updates. The revision process continues.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek  
Not present.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach  
Cody reported that he was able to attend the Fire Chiefs meeting and he provided an update on items covered including that DNR is currently hiring and that the FOG chapter is being reviewed. The Council was informed that there will be a full-scale multiple shooter training in March 2022 at Mead High school. EMS agencies wanting to participate need to register with Chandra Fox.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
  - The last meeting was in December and the group continued to work on min-max numbers for Stevens County and Spokane County. The DOH kicked back the proposal for Stevens County which will now be reviewed and resubmitted. Mike informed the Council that there is currently an effort at the DOH to identify a consistent process for evaluating min-max numbers that will require counties to present detailed data sets in order to change their min-max numbers.
  - The committee continues to support continuing education through scholarships for EMS providers in rural Washington counties.
  - The committee has also allocated \$5,000 in funds for injury and violence prevention programs for multiple counties.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition:  
Not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis  
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger  
Michelle stated that there are currently 7 classes remaining. The Advisory committee will meet this spring to discuss new classes for the future. There have been some Covid related challenges this week with multiple students out. A virtual class option via Zoom has added for students that are unable to attend in person classes.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher  
Not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
  - The meeting agenda includes:
    - Vote on 2022 KPI reporting dates

- SHMC Adult Trauma case review
- Protocol Committee meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

- EMS Connect Classes for January:  
01/19/2021 at 1800 PST. “Pit Crew CPR, ROSC Care and ALS Arrest” with Dr. Travis Dierks.
- EMS Live @ Nite for January:  
01/11/2022 @ 1830 PST Elderly Care with Olivia Logan, Paramedic  
01/27/2022 @ 1830 PST TBA with TBA
- Deer Park Ambulance hiring Paramedics and Volunteers of all levels. Email with info was sent to all EMS officers.
- Dr. Jim Nania and Mike Dawson are working with WSU Spokane Campus to gain quarterly access to the Cadaver lab for airway training. More information to come.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**