

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell

Guest Present:

Jack Busch (AMR), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Bill Neckels, Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU), Deborah Roberts (SCFD12), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Dan Ward (SCFD), Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Dan Williams (SCFD4), Chris Wyrobek (SCFD8)

MINUTES: Approval of May 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- Meeting to be Zoom recorded
Berkley is out of the office and will review the meeting and complete the meeting minutes following her return. Due to increased Covid rates, this month and next month's meeting will be virtual. The Council will reassess for the September meeting.
- Budget proposal
The initial review of the 2023 budget proposal will be at the July meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for May 2022
Cathy St. Amand not present. Tom presented the financial reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS Website Update Proposal
The EMS Office was given a quote to update the EMS Office website. This will allow the Office Administrator more access to update the website and post more current events, as well as provide an up-to-date system that will be easier to navigate. Tom reviewed the proposal with the group that will require approximately \$1,600 from the EMS Council funds.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the funds for the EMS Office website update
- Spokane County Min/Max Assessment
Tom shared that the East Region Council and the DOH has requested that Spokane County assess their min/max numbers, as there has not been an assessment in approximately 10 years. All agencies will be receiving a letter from the EMS Office requesting an assessment of their areas of need. It is important that all agencies respond with their needs so that the most accurate information is sent to the East Region. The East Region Council will review the information and then send it to the DOH for review and approval. Adam Richards explained that the East Region

has a thorough review of min/max numbers to justify the systems that are in place. It is important to look at all areas to be sure that the system is effective or needs changed. Tom requested that all agencies respond within 60 days so that the data can be presented at the September meeting.

➤ Stroke Triage and Destination

Multicare Deaconess Hospital has been designated to a level 2 stroke center. Tom stated that he has spoken with Deaconess regarding the impression that Deaconess is not taking any stroke patients. He emphasized to the group that this is not true, and agencies need to clarify with their personnel that Stoke patients can be taken to Deaconess based on their Stroke Severity Score. The group discussed the Stroke Triage Destination Protocol and agreed that agencies need to emphasize training the importance of this process in order for stroke patients to be transported to the most appropriate, closest hospital. There will continue to be discussion on how to successfully triage and transport stroke patients based on the protocol.

➤ Request for appointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council

- Carolyn Stovall
- Adam Richards
- Todd Putren
- Deborah Walker
- Chris Clutter

Action: It was M/S/P to approve and appoint all members to the East Region Council

➤ Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications

- Providence Health Training Refresher EMT Course (06/10/2022-06/11/2022)
- Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (06/13/2022-08/17/2022)
- Providence Health Training Initial AEMT Course (06/20/2022-09/09/2022)
- CWU Initial Paramedic Course (09/22/2022-03/16/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

The Department of Health returned the recently submitted protocols and requested edits on the revision dates. Tom suggested that because the protocol committee is submitting groups of protocols every 6 months, the revision dates will need to represent the date that the protocol is passed by the Council, rather than when the protocol was revised by the protocol committee. There were no concerns from the group with changing the dates of the protocol revisions.

- Rocuronium Protocol was sent to the DOH and is awaiting approval
- The next meeting is June 23rd at 0900 via Zoom

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: No representative.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek

The last meeting was June 2nd. The DEM reported that they are working on an after action for the training incident that occurred at Mead High school for those who attended to review. A Cascadia rising simulation tabletop event will take place with EMS personnel and state government officials to focus on the impacts of what a large scale earthquake on the west side of Washington would impact recourses on the east side of the state. There will be more to follow once this event takes place. SREC is working on possible changes to response dispatching codes to homeless encampment, specifically the one off of 2nd avenue, to ensure scene safety and additional resources. Spokane International Airport will hold MCI training with an aircraft element on June 22nd. Ramp up for wildfire season continues.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

No new report.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau

The East Region continues to monitor the North Spokane County transport coverage. The next meeting is in October.

- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff
Not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
They have officially moved into the new location at the RockPoint campus and an open house will take place in August. The 2022/2023 Paramedic application window is now open.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
Last week 8 Paramedics attended an Airway training event at the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine that was funded by the EMS Council. Procedures taught included Needle and Surgical Cricothyrotomy, and Needle Thoracostomy. Berkley has sent a survey to the attendees to request suggestions to improve future events. Overall, it was a fun and successful event. Going forward, funds for equipment may need to be paid by the Council to continue this event.
Dr. Nania shared the 2021 Utstein Survival report to the group and noted that there were over 500 cardiac arrests last year, which has increased from previous years. He also shared the Utstein Survival graph which characterizes Spokane Counties' progress compared to other WA state counties. Overall, Spokane County had good results.
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - CARES 2021 data
 - DEFIB graph
 - Summary of WACARES annual meeting and report
 - Protocol committee report

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for June:
 - 6/29/2022 @ 1800 "Orthopedic Injury & Field Splinting" with Dr. Baker
- EMS Live @ Nite for June:
 - 6/14/2022 @ 1830 PST "Situational Awareness" with Michael Anderson, Asst. Fire Chief
 - 6/23/2022 @ 1830 PST "Cardiac Care & Mechanical Hearts" with Tamara Macilroy, RN BSN CCRN

MEETING ADJOURNED.