

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022 9:00 a.m.
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:

Brian Barton, Deb Bried, Darren Brieher, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Mike Dawson, Dr. Travis Dierks, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, David Sewell

Guest Present:

James Akramoff (Providence Health Training), Jack Busch (AMR), Dan Cecil (SCFD9), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Craig Meredith (Collin's Aerospace), Dr. Mike Metcalf (Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol), Randy Olson (Consumer Rep), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Debbie Roberts (SCFD12), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of June 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- EMS Office update:
 - Training Course applications
Tom reminded EMS Agencies that all EMS Training Course Applications need to be turned in to the EMS Office at least one month prior to the intended start date. This is a rule from the WA State Department of Health.
- Hospital status report:
 - Providence: Adam Richards stated that Covid numbers are moderate right now and that they are seeing a surge in the region. ICU admissions are much lower than they have been. The biggest challenge right now is the burden of staffing. Low staffing is impacting capacity volumes, and the ER may continue to struggle for the foreseeable future due to a high number of admissions of patients who cannot return home to assisted living.
 - Multicare: David Sewell agreed with Adam's statement regarding staffing challenges, and included that most Covid admissions are incidental admissions, that are coming in with another illness and then testing positive. They are experiencing less ICU admissions as well.
 - Pre-Hospital Transport: Paul Priest from AMR stated that they are doing well right now, but they recognize the staffing struggles from the hospitals. Brian Barton at DPVA said that they are continuing to grow their staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for June 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:

➤ Initial Review of 2023 Budget

Tom shared the Initial budget proposal to the group. There was discussion regarding the proposed expenses for consideration for a Clinical Data Analyst. The group would like to create a job description for this role prior to proposing any expenses. It was also proposed to increase the Share Fees by 5% next year.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the Budget proposal with the removal of the proposed expense consideration for a Clinical Data Analyst and increase the Share Fees by 5% for the next Budget review.

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

- Jack Busch

Action: It was M/S/P to reappoint Jack Busch to the East Region Council

➤ EMS Training Program Applications for approval by EMS Council

- Providence Health Training Renewal & Amendment of current program

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the renewal and amendment of the current program.

➤ Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications

- Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (07/21/2022-11/18/2022)
- Providence Health Training Initial ESE Evaluator Course (08/05/2022)
- SCFD3 Initial ESE Evaluator Course (08/06/2022)
- SCC Initial EMT-SGA Training Course A.M & P.M (09/21/2022-12/15/2022)
- CWU Initial ESE Evaluator Course (10/07/2022)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- The Rocuronium protocol was approved by the WA DOH on June 30th and will be in the next update of the Protocol app and on the EMS website. All other protocols that were recently sent to the state are pending approval. The next group of protocol updates will not be sent to the state until September.
- There were recently changes made to the Mechanical CPR Protocol, which was sent out to all agencies EMS Officers. These edits will be in the next app and website update as well.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: No representative.

Dr. Nania attended the recent rules meeting and stated that they are discussing the requirements for recertification to be either CME or OTEP. They are changing the format and giving more flexibility for Airway and IV maintenance training. He mentioned that all are welcome to attend rules meetings. The next rules workshop is July 25th at 0930. Contact Catie Holstein for information.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
No report.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

SREC will be developing an RFP for a new CAD system. The goal is to move to a single CAD system in the future that meets the needs of both Law Enforcement and Fire. Individuals or agencies interested in providing input on the Scope of Work and/or system capability should reach out to Lori Markham.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau

Tammie reminded all EMS Agencies to get their Min/Max number data to Tom by August 30th.

- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff
Not present
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
Jim Akramoff reported on behalf of Providence Health Training and stated that they have some Paramedics finishing clinicals and getting placed to agencies. An open house will take place at the end of August to visit their new location.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - Trauma KPIs

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for July:
07/26/2022 @1800 “Ventilation, Oxygenation & Airway Devices” with Dr. Eric Ernest
- EMS Live @ Nite will start back up in September.
- Tom Jenkins, Chair of Inland Empire Fire Chiefs Association stated, that SREC is working with the Fire Chiefs to get Airlift NW added to their dispatch list.
- Psych Patient Triage update: Tom Chavez has agreed to reach out to the contacts that Mike Lopez had been working with from SRHD and Spokane County Law Enforcement to move forward with planning a meeting to discuss Psych patient triage.

MEETING ADJOURNED.