

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 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, Tom Chavez, Mike Dawson, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Adam Richards, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

James Akramoff (Providence), Jack Busch (AMR), Dan Cecil (SCFD9), Scott Cosner (Providence), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Jess Hopson (Airlift NW), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West, Jaclyn Numata (Multicare), Randy Olson (Consumer Rep) Bethany Osgood (ALTCEW), Lonnie Rash (SCFD8), Dan Ward (SVFD)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of September 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- EMS Office: Request from Berkley to EMS agencies to update their personnel rosters by Nov. 1st
Agencies are reminded to review and update their rosters with the Department of Health. Berkley will begin verifying rosters and invoicing agencies for EMS Council share fees in November.
- Hospital Status Report:
 - Providence: Adam Richards stated that status remains the same as last month.
 - Multicare: David Sewell reported that significant amounts of patient holds continue in the ED and have increased the past few weeks. With the Multicare reduction and reorganization taking place, David stated that his position has been eliminated and his last day will be October 28th. He wants to thank everyone for their support and willingness to work with him. Members of the group expressed their gratitude towards David for his partnership with EMS over the years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for September 2022
Cathy presented the financial reports
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports

OLD BUSINESS:

- Min/Max Update
Tom Chavez reported that all agencies' data that he received is with the East Region EMS and Trauma Care Council. The East Region's next meeting is Wednesday, October 12th and he hopes that an update will follow. Tom continues to work with a few other agencies to get the rest of the data in, but the East Region will move forward with the data that they have.
- Behavioral Health Patient update:

The Protocol committee met last month to discuss the Determination of General Patient Transport Destination protocol and added a section specific for behavioral health patients. Tom proposed that Hospitals will be given this updated protocol to be sure that they are aware and on board with this update, but that this addition will get EMS agencies more involved in the transport destination process. Dr. Edminster request that Law Enforcement be given an update as well. Tom suggests that this protocol will depend on hospital status unless the patient requests a specific hospital. The Deaconess free-standing Emergency Department has a 'list' of appropriate patients who should be going to the free-standing ED. Dr. Dierks stated that because it is called an Emergency Department, that they are able to complete behavioral health screenings and are able to transport those patients who need to be admitted. David Sewell input that security and behavioral health personnel at the free-standing ED is the other hospitals which may make it challenging to handle Behavioral Health incidents. The protocol committee will investigate adjusting the appropriate patient list for the free-standing ED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Non-invasive CPAP Protocol consideration: Brian Schaeffer
SFD Chief, Brian Schaeffer is requesting the Protocol Committee consider including the use of CPAP for CO poisoning within Spokane County Protocols. This topic will be added to the next Protocol committee meeting agenda.
- Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications
 - SCFD3 Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (01/07/2023-04/01/2023)
 - Deer Park Volunteer Ambulance Training Program- Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (11/07/2022-02/11/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - The last meeting was September 22nd. The group worked on the Behavioral Health Transport Destination protocol, as well as continued to review and update the following protocols:
 - Adult Seizure/Midazolam
 - LVAD: now has a QR code on protocol for more information
 - Drug Reference Guide
 - Tom reminded the group that protocol updates will only be sent to the Department of Health in September and March. The following protocols have been edited and will be brought up to the EMS Council at the meeting in January to be reviewed and voted on.
 - Pulmonary Edema
 - Stable Narrow-complex tachycardia
 - Stable Wide-complex tachycardia
 - The next meeting is Oct. 20th at 0900 via zoom.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative present
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
Regarding Chief Wyrobek's request at the last meeting for a long-term financial plan from the EMS Council, Tom stated that the executive council will be creating a 2-year and 5-year development plan of how unallocated EMS Council funds will go into supporting the county. Chris said that he will report this back to the Fire Chiefs. Chris reported that the group had met with Jess Hopson of Airlift Northwest and were given an overview of their capabilities and operation procedures. Individual agencies were asked to reach out with any questions.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

Not present. Brian Schaeffer gave report that Spokane City Fire Department is moving to SREC on November 1st.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau
The next meeting is Wednesday October 12th. St. Luke's will be giving a presentation on a case study and EMS Disaster preparedness.
 - REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff not present.
 - SRHD: Kira Lewis not present.
 - Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
The next paramedic class begins October 17th. The Advisory committee met last month, and the meeting minutes are available to anyone who wishes to view them.
 - FAFB: Jason Satcher not present
 - QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - ACS KPI reporting will take place at the November 8th meeting.
 - Summary of Stroke KPIs
- Today's meeting agenda includes:
- Summary of Trauma/spine cases

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for October:
 - 10/26/2022 @ 1800 PST "Case Review" with Dr. Dierks, Dr. Stanton & Dr. Ernest
This will be a live physician round table event. Cases will be presented to the physicians and discussed. Anyone who wishes to participate can reach out to Shaun Pitts.
- EMS Live @ Nite for October:
 - 10/11/2022 @ 1830 PST "Cardiology" with Josh Bradbury, Paramedic
 - 10/24/2022 @ 1830 PST "Neurology Assessment" with Trevor Haley, Paramedic

MEETING ADJOURNED.