

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
November 8th, 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:

Tom Chavez, Mike Dawson, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Amber Jones, John Leavell, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Anne Raven, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Cathy St. Amand, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

Jack Busch (AMR), Dan Cecil (SCFD9), Scott Cosner (PHFH), Dakota Crosby (DPA), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Chris Gibbar (Deaconess), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West (Multicare), Jalyn Numata (Deaconess), Brittany Pascoe (RediHCC), Beth Perkins (Providence), Doug Presta (CWU), Shaun Pitts (EMS Connect), Dan Ward (SVFD), Deborah Walker (Multicare Valley)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of October 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- EMS Office Update: 2023 EMS Council Share Fees
Reminder to EMS agencies to update their personnel rosters, as Berkley has begun the process of verifying rosters on November 1st. Invoicing will begin on December 1st
- Elections for EMS Council Treasurer in December
Please submit nominations for this position. Voting will take place at the December 13th meeting.
- Review Council Membership
Tom presented the Council Membership list to the group and asked that members reach out to Berkley with updated names of members that have been replaced.
- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence: Adam Richards reported that pediatric patient volume has increased at Sacred Heart, following a statewide trend. Pediatric patients are being transferred across the county due to many major Children's hospitals, including Seattle Children's Hospital, reaching capacity. Dr. Nania asked what seems to be triggering the large increase in pediatric patients, Adam stated that it is predominately RSV and other upper respiratory related illness.
 - AMR: Paul Priest stated that they have been experiencing an increase in cross- state travel and that they are accommodating as they are able without decreasing the number of units in Spokane County. They remain busy, but staffing is stable.
 - Deer Park Ambulance: Amber Jones stated that they are busy, but staffing is drastically better than it has been previously. A new EMT Course began on November 7th with 11 students confirmed.
- Tom introduced Anne Raven, who is the new EMS Division Manager for Spokane Fire Department.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Behavioral Health Patient update:
The Protocol committee worked on the Determination of General Patient Transport Destination protocol last month, which Tom presented to the group. After discussion, the group agreed to include the changes to this protocol under the Behavioral Health Patient section, which stated that behavioral health patients shall be transported to the closest local emergency department, and that transport destination decisions will be made by the transporting agency personnel. Once approved by the Council, this protocol will be sent to the WA Department of Health for review and approval. The group agreed that once the Protocol is approved by the state, that the Spokane County MPD, Dr. Nania, and Council Chair, Tom Chavez, will need to draft a letter for DCR representatives, Law Enforcement, Behavioral health representatives, and all local Emergency Departments, to notify them of these changes. It was also suggested by some Council members to include a Behavioral Health representative to the EMS Council membership list to give input future discussions regarding behavioral health, as it continues to be a growing concern.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the protocol

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS Training Program Application for approval by EMS Council
 - EMS Connect- Initial EMT/AEMT Training Program
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the Training Program
- Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training- Initial EMT-SGA Course (11/01/2022-03/18/2023) & (01/03/2023-04/27/2023)
 - Providence Health Training- Refresher ESE Instructor Course (01/27/2023) & (03/24/2023)
 - Providence Health Training- Initial ESE Instructor Course (03/03/2023)
 - SCFD3 Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/11/2023-03/25/2023)
 - SCC Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/04/2023-03/16/2023), (04/04/2023-06/15/2023) & (07/03/2023-08/23/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - The following Protocols were discussed at the last protocol committee meeting. Once approved by the Council, they will be sent to the Department of Health for review. Tom presented the Protocols with the group.
 - Pediatric/Adult Seizures
 - Midazolam
 - Determination for General Patient Transport**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the protocols

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
A draft update to the MCI chapter has been submitted for review. A FOG update is planned to be submitted for review after January.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

As of November 1st, SFD integrated into SREC, which took place two months early. Overall, the transition went smoothly, and there will be another update at the next meeting of how the first month went. Budget season has begun at SREC, and they are near a finalized budget for 2023.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
- FAFB: Jason Satcher not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
- The meeting agenda includes:
 - ACS KPI data reporting

Dr. Jim Nania also reported the following updates:

- Verified Responder Program update: Dr. Nania stated that he has been working with the County Commissioner on proposing an expansion to the Verified Responder program County wide, which was discussed at the September 13th Council meeting. He will continue to give updates as they become available.
- Infectious Disease Precautions: Dr. Nania sent out an updated recommendation on November 1st to EMS Agencies which stated that masks should continue be worn for all patient contacts on EMS scenes. Dr Nania states that we have a preexisting Infectious Disease protocol and suggested that the Protocol committee amend the protocol to reflect these recent recommendations. The group agreed that continuing to wear masks to all EMS scenes is necessary for patient and provider safety, as well as continuing to follow the same guidelines as all other healthcare settings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for November:
 - 11/28/2022 @ 1800 PST “Ambulance Safety & Field Triage” with Shaun Pitts and Dr. Eric Ernest
- EMS Live @ Nite for November:
 - 11/08/2022 @ 1830 PST “Disability Consideration for Emergency Preparedness” with Sara Bryant, Recreational Therapist
 - 11/29/2022 @ 1830 PST “Documentation Legal Liability” with Michael Anderson, Paralegal and Fire/EMS Expert Witness
- Central Washington University:
 - 03/24/2022-03/26/2022 at CWU Ellensburg Campus “2023 PURSER PARAMEDICINE Conference” Register now at www.ppcellensburg.com the cost will be \$60 per person. Please contact Doug Presta for any questions.

MEETING ADJOURNED.