

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom C

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, John Leavell, Dr. Jim Nania, Paul Priest, Anne Raven, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Dan Williams, Deborah Walker, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

Jim Akramoff, Robin Albrandt, Dan Cecil, Ashley Christoff, Mike Dawson, Tamara Drapeau, Emily Fleury, Tom Jenkins, Deanna Jones, Denise McCurdy, Nichole Michaud-West, Ken Mitchell, Mike Nokes, Jaclyn Numata, Bethany Osgood, Lindsay Payton, Beth Perkins, Jeff Reid, Dillon Russell, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Dan Ward, James Young

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of May 2023 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

➤ Nominations for Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair, Gino Palomino, has submitted a notice to the Executive committee that effective July 1st, he will be resigning from his position as the EMS Council Vice-Chair, as he is retiring. Duties of the new Vice-Chair will become effective July 1st and will end December 31st. The Vice-Chair will take over the Chair position beginning January 1st. A 30-day notice is required if the Vice-Chair cannot fulfill the duties of the Chair position, and another election for Vice Chair and Chair would take place at the annual meeting in December. Tom Chavez opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair, and Mike Nokes (SCFD4) nominated Chief Chris Wyrobek. There were no other nominations.

Action: Chief Chris Wyrobek accepted the nomination.

➤ EMS Award: Outstanding Lifetime Service:

Tom acknowledged Dr. Greg Cover and presented an award for Outstanding Lifetime Service. Dr. Cover was unable to attend the EMS Awards presentation in May.

➤ Hospital Status Report

No report given from Providence or Multicare.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

➤ Financial reports for May 2023

Jack presented the financial reports.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the finance reports.

➤ Finance Committee

A funding request form was submitted to the finance committee to review and give feedback to decide if the project could be funded by the EMS Council. The Finance committee will meet to review the request and will share their recommendation at the July 11th Council Meeting. The funding request form will soon be added to the EMS website, and Berkley will send a notice when it becomes available.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Airway Train the Trainer Course:

Four Spokane County EMS personnel attended the Airway Train the Trainer Course in May and submitted an evaluation of the course to the County MPD, Dr. Nania, and Council Chair, Tom Chavez. Tom shared a summary of the evaluations, which suggested that this course could be implemented in Spokane County. The individuals who attended were given material to be able to teach local EMS personnel who are interested in becoming trainers of the course. There was discussion of whether physicians or paramedics should be teaching this course, with an emphasis that the techniques being taught would need remain consistent between all agencies. It was recommended that there be physician oversight of the course material, and that physicians and paramedics could teach the course once consistent material was decided. It was also suggested to complete a funding request for the EMS Council to host a training course for 1-2 paramedics from each agency, and Physician Advisors so that every agency has a trainer. A motion was made to discuss setting a quarterly meeting for Physician Advisors to discuss the course material and protocols that need to be reviewed before bringing them to the Council for approval. Council member Chris Wyrobek made an amendment to the motion to discuss this topic during the Protocol committee meeting that met following the Council meeting.

Action: It was M/S/P to discuss the option of a quarterly meeting to work on protocols and review the material for the Train the Trainer course, with the amendment to move the discussion to the protocol committee meeting.

➤ Handtevy update:

All Spokane County agencies have started transitioning to the County-wide HandTevy account. Tom will send a tutorial for agencies to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Grant Funding for Dementia Training Development:

Bethany Osgood from Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington shared a presentation regarding the Legislative Grant Funding for Dementia Training development for First Responders in WA State and asked the Council for assistance in moving forward to implement State-wide training. Berkley will be sending the information via email to review, and feedback can be sent to Bethany.

➤ SCFD4 AID application:

Spokane County Fire District 4 has completed and submitted an application to the WA Department of Health requesting an upgrade from Aid service verified license to an ALS ambulance service verified license in Spokane County. The approval of a min/max number increase was passed at the April meeting. The East Region EMS and Trauma Care Council will review the application on June 14th and submit feedback to the Department of Health within 45 days.

➤ Advanced Life Systems Inc. Inter-County Medical Control Agreement:

Dr. Nania shared that a Yakima County Ambulance service, Advanced Life Systems Inc., is requesting inter-facility transport in Spokane County while continuing to practice under Yakima County Protocols. Dr. Nania stated that if a transport agency was going to be stationed in Spokane County, but follow different county protocols, that it would need to be endorsed by the Council. After discussion, it was a unanimous decision that the document will need to be amended, as the Council does not support an agency working under a different counties protocols while being stationed in Spokane County, as it would be challenging to adapt to and could have an impact on patient care.

Action: This document will not be signed. Dr. Nania will review, and discuss amending the document with the WA Department of Health

➤ Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications

- SVFD: Initial ESE Instructor Course (06/14/2023)
- Providence Health Training: Initial EMT-SGA Course (06/08/2023-09/09/2023)
- Providence Health Training: Refresher EMT Course (06/08/2023-06/12/2023)

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PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
Updates to the Protocol manual were completed on May 17th. Some formatting issues on the protocol app and website have been fixed. The Protocol committee will meet today following the Council meeting.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek: no new report
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach: SREC continues to evaluate options for a new CAD system. They are currently touring other dispatch facilities to evaluate real world application of CAD to help with the final determination. SREC received request from Cheney PD, and the SREC Board unanimously approved request. SREC and Cheney are currently working on SLA.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau: The next meeting is June 14th.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt: SRHD provided adult vaccines during the pride celebration and had a successful turnout. They are coordinating with partners for wildfire smoke and extreme heat preparation and are participating with emergency management planning.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff: Applications for Paramedic school are still being accepted. A lot of applications have come in, and some applicants may be turned away this year. Interviews will begin in July.
- FAFB: John Patrick Adams not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - CARES report: Dr. Nania shared the CARES summary with the group.
 - Cadaver Lab Evaluation: The most recent lab took place on June 7th. Another lab is being planned for November. Berkley will send out notice when a date is determined.
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - Protocol Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for June:
 - 06/08/2023 @ 1700 “Dropping into Waveform Basics” with Dr. Casey Patrick
Link to register and join:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2373113760641880150>
- EMS Live @ Nite for June:
 - 06/13/2023 @ 1830 PST:
 - 06/29/2023 @ 1830 PST: Case review with BLS providers
- Providence: Lindsey Peyton stated that Providence will be having an Active Shooter training on June 22nd at 1pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED.