

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Chris Gibbar, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, John Leavell, Don Malone Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Mike Nokes, Paul Priest, Anne Raven, Brian Schaeffer, Dan Ward, Dan Williams, Jay Wilkins, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guest Present:

Jim Akramoff, Robin Albrandt, Dr. Scott Cosner, Ashley Christoff, Tamara Drapeau, Emily Fleury, Jake Grant, Deanna Jones, Stephanie Leaver, Denise McCurdy, Jaclyn Numata, Bethany Osgood, Beth Perkins, Dr. Ben Preiss, Treena Russel, David Sewell, Haley Karnitz, Deb Walker, Kristen West

EMS Office Staff:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of July 2023 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

Tom introduced Jason Wilkins who will be representing SCFD8.

- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence reported an increase in positive Covid numbers amongst staff and patients.
 - Multicare: Chris Gibbar stated that they are also experiencing an increase in positive Covid cases, and that most admissions are not Covid related, but the positive Covid tests are incidental findings. They continue to regularly test staff, and some behavioral health units have requested that patients be tested as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for June 2023

Jack presented the reports to the group

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the reports
- Finance Committee
 - Funding Requests
 - EMS Checklist- Brian Schaeffer reports that SFD withdraws requests. HandTevy app will include this same checklist for providers. If agencies need assistance, reach out to Tom Chavez.
 - Pharmacist Request: The funding request was submitted by Dr. Maika Dang in August to propose the EMS Council contract with a licensed pharmacist to provide consultative services. The request proposed a cost of \$1,000 annually. Brian Schaeffer brought up that he has a contact at WSU Pharmacy School that would be willing to help at no charge. Tom Chavez will reach out to Chief Schaeffer's contact, and this request will be discussed again at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SCSO ESSO Renewal Application: Approved by Council

This application was submitted in July following the July Council meeting. Because the Council does not meet in August, the application was approved by the Council via an electronic vote to

keep the process moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Final Review of 2024 Budget**
Tom shared the draft of the 2024 Council budget which was approved at the July Council meeting.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the 2024 budget
- **City Wide Stroke Distribution: Dr. Getz (Providence)**
Dr. Getz was not present at the meeting. Tom Chavez summarized the concern that Dr. Getz had planned to discuss regarding the distribution of stroke patients throughout Spokane County. Providence Sacred Heart hospital receives the majority of stroke patients. Tom remind EMS agencies that other local hospitals are able to take Level 1-3 stroke patients. Dr. Getz will be present at the next meeting to discuss this topic more.
- **Trauma Activation Updates: Denise McCurdy**
Denise shared a Level 1 trauma activation criteria document with the group and emphasized the importance of receiving information regarding the patient prior to arrival to ensure that the on-call trauma surgeon has arrived. Valley Hospital stated that their trauma activation criteria is very similar to the document that Denise shared. Dr. Nania brought up that a new trauma activation tool should be finalized this year and that there will be a state-wide educational program to learn the new activation tool.
- **ALTCEW Grant Funding Opportunity: Bethany Osgood & Kristen West**
Kristen West presented that ALTCEW has remaining Federal COVID funds to spend before April 2024 and are looking to host immunization events in Spokane County and 4 other surrounding counties. Please email Kristen at Kristen.west@dshs.wa.gov if your agency is interested in hosting an immunization event.
- **Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS): Dr. Dierks**
Cheney Fire Department and Spokane County Fire District 3 proposed a trial of ultrasound devices in the prehospital setting for medics to have IV access, FAST exam, and cardiac exam capabilities. The plan is to have 10-20 Paramedics trained, and if successful, to add this to the County Protocols. Tom asked if it can be used to see tube placement- Dr. Dierks stated that it can, and added that this tool could also help destination decisions.
Action: This topic will be discussed within the Protocol Committee.
- **SALT Triage: Dan Ward**
Dan Ward was not present. Tom Chavez summarized a presentation brought forward from Spokane Valley Fire Department regarding SALT triage to discuss the possibly of adapting SALT in Spokane County. There will be a presentation at next month's meeting to discuss START vs SALT triage to decide if Spokane County is interested in changing the County wide triage tool. County wide trainings would take place if a new triage tool was implemented.
- **East Region EMS & TCC Council Membership Applications for EMS Council Approval:**
 - Denise McCurdy: reappointment
 - James Akramoff: appointment
 - Tamara Drapeau: reappointment**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the East Region EMS &TCC Membership Applications.
- **EMS Training Program Applications for Council Approval:**
 - SCFD9: Renewal of Current EMT Program
 - Eastern Washington University: Initial EMT Training Program**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the Training Program Applications
- **Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:**
 - Providence Health Training: Initial AEMT Course (09/08/2023-12/22/2023)
 - Providence Health Training: Refresher ESE Course (09/15/2023)
 - Providence Health Training: Refresher Paramedic Course (10/05/2023-10/07/2023)
 - Providence Health Training: Refresher ESE Course (11/17/2023)
 - Providence Health Training: Initial Paramedic Course (10/16/2023-12/31/2024)

- Providence Health Training: Initial EMT- IV Therapy Endorsement Course (10/16/2023-11/30/2023)
- SCFD4: Initial EMT- SGA (11/08/2023-02/10/2024)
- Deer Park Ambulance: Initial EMT-SGA (10/02/2023-12/11/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: Council approval was required for the following protocols:
 - Unstable Narrow-Complex Tachycardia
 - Allergic reaction and Anaphylaxis
 - Coma of Unknown Origin
 - Excited Delirium
 - Head Trauma
 - Norepinephrine
 - Pulmonary Edema
 - Unstable Wide-Complex Tachycardia
 - Fentanyl
 - Pediatric Seizures
 - **Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the protocols, with the exception of Coma of Unknown Origin, Head Trauma, and Pediatric Seizures protocols, which will go back to the Protocol Committee for more discussion. These 3 protocols will be brought back to the Council before March for approval.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek not present. Jason Wilkins stated there is nothing new to report
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau: The next meeting is in October.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt: There has been an increase of COVID in long term care facilities. Robin thanked the group for sharing the invitation to Health Equity in Disasters task force, and shared that the MRC supported at the disaster assistance center following the wildfires last month.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff: The next Advisory Committee meeting will be in October, and the next Paramedic class also begins in October. Jim introduced the new lead paramedic instructor, Haley Karnitz.
- FAFB: John Patrick Adams not present
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Summary of Trauma KPI data: Dr. Nania shared a presentation of the Trauma KPI data that was reported at the July QI committee meeting.
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - Stroke KPI data
 - Case review referred by MultiCare

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for September:
 - 09/13/2023: Toxicology & Overdose Management
 - October: Hypothermia & Altered Mentation
- EMS Live at Nite: Continuing with support from Life Flight. Class 09/11/2023 at 6:30P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED.