

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2018 – 0900-1000
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

Council Chair, Mike Lopez, called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Carolyn Cartwright (HCC), Deb Dodson (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Tim Loncon (SFD), Karyn Manor (MultiCare Deaconess), Sharon Rainer (MultiCare Valley Hospital), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Tucker Williams (SFD)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

Approval of September 2018 minutes: Mike Lopez, Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

➤ September 2018 Financial Report:

Patrick reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports for Sept. 2018. No issues noted.

➤ Proposed budget for 2019 (final review and vote):

Patrick reviewed the budget proposal for the second time. The first review was at the September Council meeting.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the proposed 2019 budget. Mike Lopez asked that all agencies please go to the DOH website and review their agency rosters and update them if needed. Cindy will email each agency starting Nov. 1 with a request for roster approval prior to generating invoices for share fees.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Bylaws Review (second review/reading):

Cathy St. Amand reviewed all changes to the bylaws draft document and answered questions. The only suggested change was to Article V, Section 1. Regular Meetings. This will be changed to state the following: "The regular meeting of the EMS Council shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, excluding the month of August when no scheduled meeting will be held."

Action: Third review of bylaws will take place at the November Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Coverdell Stroke Update: Mike Lopez

The Coverdell Stroke Program would like to recruit more EMS agencies to submit data (currently only 12 EMS agencies in the state are participating). If an agency is already submitting data to WEMSYS, that agency would just need to give their permission to the DOH Coverdell program to share with the CDC. There is no cost to participating in the Coverdell project. If any Spokane County agency is interested in participating, please contact Kim Kelley Kim.Kelley@doh.wa.gov (360-236-3613), or Mike Lopez mlopez@spokanecity.org (509-625-7092),

➤ OR Rounds: Tammie Drapeau, AMR

Tammie reported that in a recent change some of the hospitals are now requiring background checks within 90 days of EMS personnel spending time in the OR for intubations. She said this is a significant change from the previous practice of requiring the checks once a year. This is onerous and costly and all employees have annual background checks while working for AMR.

Discussion: Some of those present said the OR is not a great learning environment or experience based on feedback from EMS personnel. Others said the opposite, that OR exposes EMS personnel to some unusual circumstances not often seen in the field and provides good experience. Tammie noted that Teleflex was in Spokane recently and that it was a great learning experience. David Sewell reported that Deaconess is not currently requiring the 90 day checks but the Joint Commission does have a requirement for this teaching situation and the hospital wants to exceed the JCAHO requirement. Adam Richards said this issue will eventually affect all agencies when their current contracts with the Providence hospitals expire. The intubation numbers requirement is a state rule currently. Mike Lopez said he has worked on a proposal to DOH to change this. Dr. Edminster noted that numbers alone do not ensure appropriate airway training and Spokane County needs to continue working on airway management and training. Council members asked if DOH could possibly intercede with hospitals regarding the background checks.

Action: Adam Richards (Providence) and David Sewell (Deaconess) will continue working on this issue at their institutions.

➤ EMS Website and requests for links to be added: Mike Lopez

The Council office occasionally receives requests from outside businesses, non-profits, etc., asking to have their links added to the EMS Office website. Most recently a request was received from the Outreach Department at Mesothelioma Guide. The question is, should the Council open its website to outside links at all and, if so, what should the parameters be (e.g. non-proprietary-inclusive of biomedical and EMS equipment vendors; have EMS-related information – education and resources; allow for consideration of other organizations such as the one noted above, etc.).

Action: Due to time constraints the issue could not be discussed at length today, but Mike Lopez asked the Council members to give this issue some thought and it will be back on the agenda again in November.

➤ INHS Training Course Applications:

- ESE Refresher Course Date: 11/9/18

Action: It was M/S/P to approve this application.

➤ Regional EMS & TCC Membership Reappointment Applications:

- Veronica Mitchell-Jones, LFN
- Sharon Rainer, MultiCare Valley Hospital

Action: It was M/S/P to approve these applications.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Update:

The Protocol App has been updated with the following:

- Added: Stimulus Procedure
- Added: Surgical Cricothyrotomy
- Updated: Preliminary Field Medical Report (Reference Forms)
- Updated: Community Resources (Reference Documents)
- Updated: Optimal Sequence Intubation
- Updated: Inter-Facility Transport
- Removed: Field Triage Decision Scheme – The National Trauma Triage Protocol

The committee is continuing to work on the Alternative Transport Protocol and on a behavioral health protocol. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 18, at 0900.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

There was no meeting in September. The next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 17, when work will continue on the trauma verification application process.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash

Making progress on bylaws and budget, recognition for SREC and getting access for hospitals to this system.

➤ 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach

Cody not present.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards

The next meeting is tomorrow. Adam reviewed the Spokane County map showing agency coverage and two designated underserved areas in Spokane County (30 minute or greater response times). Map does not include air medical response. The East Region updated plan will have to be submitted by February or March 2019.

Action: Cindy will send out the Spokane County map with the minutes. Adam asks all agencies and the Council members to review the document and send any feedback to him (adam.richards2@providence.org).

➤ Region 9 Healthcare Coalition: Travis Nichols or Carolyn Cartwright

The next General Meeting of the HCC is Nov. 15.

At today's QI meeting the Committee will be discussing the HCC Patient Tracking drill proposal, Patient Triage and Tracking Exercises "Trauma Tuesdays".

➤ Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger

The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting is Nov. 15 at 0800. INHS was recently approved to accept GI funding for students.

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

Jason is not present at today's meeting; no report.



➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- Dr. Nania reminded agencies that he requires Physician Advisor letters for recertifying Paramedics and AEMT's before he will sign off the online recertification. There are currently recertifications in the DOH online queue that expire Oct. 31 and he is still awaiting the physician advisor letter.
- Dr. Nania will be sending out a letter soon regarding the Travis alert training module.
- Current verified responders are expanding their area of response from ¼ mile to ½ mile.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Live@Nite:

October 9, 2018, 6:30 pm – Provider Safety (Medical Assessment)

MEETING ADJOURNED.