

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
January 14, 2020, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

Council Chair, Adam Richards, call the meeting to order about 20 minutes late due to weather and road conditions and attendees introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates and Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dave Baird, Darren Briher, Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Aaron Possin, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Lonnie Rash, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

Deb Bried (Valley Hospital ER), Carolyn Cartwright (Redi HCC), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley Hospital ER), Tim Loncon (SCFD3), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (NQ), Cindy Thompson

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of December 2019 minutes

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the December 2019 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

- Financial reports for December 2019:
- Year-end Report for 2019:
Johnnie reviewed all reports for the Council.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Application for Reappointment to Regional EMS & Trauma Care Council – Curtis Watson:
Action: It was M/S/P to approve this application.
- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 1/30/2020 – 2/21/2020
 - Initial ESE Dates: 3/6/2020 – 3/6/2020
 - Refresher SEI Dates: 3/19/2020 – 3/19/2020
 - Refresher ESE Dates: 3/27/2020 – 3/27/2020**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the above Training Course applications.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
The January meeting is Thursday but will be a GoToMeeting due to weather conditions. Review of WAC 246-976 will continue, including -024, -031, -032, -041.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Meeting was cancelled; no report.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody was not present at today's meeting but Tim Loncon reported that the board is working on the long-term budget and capital planning.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The East Region Council approved up to \$10,000 in funding assistance to rural agencies for Initial EMT training and a number of agencies have applied for funds.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Planning Update: We are in the final weeks of planning for patient tracking, pediatric medical surge, and patient placement. If you are unable to attend the final meetings, please provide input on the plans by close of business on January 31 in preparation for the February meetings. Following the final meetings, the plans will go to the Core Member Advisory Group for final review and approval.
Patient Tracking Annex: February 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. [Register here](#)
Pediatric Medical Surge: Friday, February 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. - [Register Here](#)
Patient Placement: February 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.– [Register here](#)
We have added the names of organizations involved in REDi HCC planning to all annexes. If you do not see your organization represented, please email us ASAP.
Staffing Update: REDi Healthcare Coalition has selected Travis Nichols as the new Project Coordinator. Travis will primarily be supporting Coalition strategic planning and program sustainability, as well as supporting program priorities, goals, and requirements. This is a project position, currently funded through June 2020.

The next General Meeting in Spokane is February 20. Details below:

- Spokane: Thursday, February 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Enduris Training Center
[1610 Technology Blvd. #100, Spokane, WA 99224](#)

Upcoming WATrac advisory committee meetings:

February 5, 2020, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., [Register Here](#)

- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
No report.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
On the agenda at today's meeting:
 - Critical care inter-facility transports
 - Shorter scene times for heart attacks and strokes
 February QI meeting will review 2019 Airway KPI data.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

Tom reviewed the following protocols and the Council approved them. The documents will be sent to DOH for approval.

- New documents
BVM
Orogastric Tube
Vagal Maneuvers
- Revised documents
Blood Tube Info
Capnometry/Capnography
CPAP
Failed Resuscitation
IV Fluids
Stable Narrow Complex Tachycardia
Surgical Cric
Transport Destination

Tom also reviewed the following documents for the Council:

- AED Defib – no changes
- Carotid Sinus Massage – remove from Protocols
- Endotracheal Intubation – will work on this more
- Tube Size – work on this more
- ET Tube Drugs – remove from Protocols
- I-Gel – work on this more
- King Airway – remove from Protocols

The next Protocol Committee meeting is Jan. 23, 0900, Conference Room A, Fire Training Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
 - Jan. 14, 2020 – Dealing with Mental Health: EMS Provider Perspective
- Trauma Talks @ Twigs:

Denise McCurdy said the first conference at Twigs was well attended with 60 participants. The next one is Feb. 18. These are free and open to all EMS personnel.
- LAMS score needed: Leah Salmon-Conroy said that Deaconess has both a modified and a full stroke alert but need the LAMS score from EMS when they call report to the ER.

ADJOURN:

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
February 11, 2020, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dave Baird, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Aaron Possin, Paul Priest, Dr. Jake Rabe, Lonnie Rash, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

Dr. Colin Croshaw (Deaconess ER), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Brad Kane (SREC), Olivia Logan (AMR), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Jim Parrish (Redi HCC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (NQ)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of January 2020 minutes

Action: M/S/P to approve the minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Awards for service during 2019

Cindy will email nomination forms to Council members and EMS agencies today. Please encourage your personnel to send in nominations. Deadline for nominations is March 31. The awards presentation will take place at the May 12 EMS Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

➤ Financial reports for January 2020:

Johnnie provided a review of the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet and no concerns were noted.

➤ Investment options

Johnnie spoke with Council's CPA about investment options for our non-profit agency and was told that there are a number of possible options and suggested the Council speak to an investment firm.

Action: Johnnie will do more research, speak to STCU about options there, and provide an update at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Training Course Application – INHS:

- Refresher Paramedic

Date: 3/12/2020 – 3/14/2020

➤ Training Course Application – SCC:

- Initial EMT-SGA

Date:

Action: M/S/P to approve these training course applications.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

DOH has already reviewed and sent back their comments on the protocols we just sent them. Tom will review these comments and discuss with the Protocol Committee at the next regular meeting on Feb. 20. The Protocol Committee will have a special meeting at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, to discuss

interfacility critical care transports.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike reported that the next rules workshop is on Feb. 19, from 2-4 p.m. Discussion will continue on sections in the chapter WAC 246-976-031, -032, and a new section for OTEP.
Contact Mike for conference call and GoToMeeting link if you are interested.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
New officers elected:
 - Chair, Tony Nielsen, SCFD8
 - Vice Chair, Tom Jenkins, Cheney Fire
 - Sec/Treasurer, Nathan Jeffries, SCFD9GSEM will be coordinating an Active Threat Incident at Mead High School on Oct. 10, 2020.
GSEM will be conducting ICS300 and ICS400 Training on March 10-12 and April 15-16, 2020.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Tim Loncon reporting for Cody: The SREC Board is in the process of interviewing and hiring a consulting firm to produce a fee schedule that is fair to all agencies.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The next meeting tomorrow. The Prehospital Transportation/Training and Education committee meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by the East Region EMS/TC Council at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Rehab Institute.
The Coverdell stroke program has 40 EMS agencies statewide currently participating and they are looking for more EMS agencies to participate.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
The REDi HCC is activated in response to 2019 Novel Coronavirus:
 - Guidance for healthcare and EMS is coming from Washington State Department of Health Incident Management Team.
 - The HCC is supporting through information gathering from healthcare to support public health.
 - Two surveys were sent out in the past 3 weeks and your response is appreciated. A situation report will come out later this week.On February 27, the Core Member Advisory Group will convene to review and approve the regional patient tracking, patient placement and pediatric medical surge annex.
 - These annexes will be shared with the regional EMS councils in eastern Washington to support their strategic planning related to emergency preparedness.The next General Meeting in Spokane will be February 20 with Providence Sacred Heart sharing how they prepared for a potential nursing strike.
- SRHD update: Mark Springer
Mark reported that all directions are from the CDC. Harborview has started looking into home assessment and monitoring teams (nurses and potentially EMS personnel) and Harborview will have a webinar, which will be available to other medical facilities, describing their program. Adam Richards said Providence does still have a special pathogen unit but it is up to the SRHD whether it gets used.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Michelle said the current cohort is halfway through didactic training. Also, the national accrediting findings are currently being reviewed.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Reducing scene times for ACS and stroke:
Dr. Nania reviewed his PowerPoint regarding this topic and asked all agencies to share this information with their personnel and think about possible options to shorten scene time in these patients.

- At today's QI meeting the committee will be reviewing 2019 airway data.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
 - Feb. 11 – People Care with Shaun Pitts
 - Feb. 20 – The “Wonder Drug” with Shaun Pitts
- Inland NW Trauma Conference 2020
April 27, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Davenport Grand Hotel
Cost: \$150
Register: <https://courseregistration.inhs.org/Home/Course/1180>

MEETING ADJOURNED

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
March 10, 2020, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center Classroom C

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dave Baird, Darren Briher, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Greg Cover, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Aaron Possin, Paul Priest, Lonnie Rash, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Ben Sabori (SCC), Steve Tevlin (NQ Casino), James Akramoff (INHS Training)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator)

MINUTES: Approval of February 2020 minutes

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the Feb. 2020 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- EMS Awards reminder
Submit nominations by Mar. 31.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

- Financial reports for February 2020:
Johnnie could not attend today's meeting so Adam reviewed the financial reports. No issues or concerns are noted.
- Investment options
Adam reviewed an email from Johnnie regarding investment options. Johnnie spoke with an investment banker through STCU who recommended the Council put some of the savings (\$50-\$100K) in a one year CD and move the rest to a Presidents Premium Savings Account. Anything over \$2,000 in a CD right now is earning 1.55% interest and anything over \$250,000 in a Presidents Premium Savings Account earns 1% interest. These would be safe options with guaranteed returns and little to no fees.
Action: The Council M/S/P to keep the money in the money market savings account for now due to current market issues and review again later.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- COVID-19 Discussion (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)
 - Mike Lopez said he is summarizing the DOH sitrep reports and emailing that out every day.
 - Best ways to protect EMS responders. It will be mid-April before extra supplies are available.
 - Dispatch has been triaging calls with questions about travel, close contact, etc, so they can alert crews.
 - AMR said assisted living and long-term care facilities are screening prehospital personnel before letting them in to their facility. SHRD said that long-term care facilities should test routinely for COVID when there is a respiratory illness and asked if there is any way to track calls to EMS from these facilities.
Action: Mike Lopez said he would see if this info can be added to ESO to provide data

to SRHD.

- Dr. Nania said every patient should be screened by ambulance personnel prior to transport and then alert the hospital en route if isolation precautions are in effect. Questions to ask: fever in last 72 hours, cough or shortness of breath, travel. Dr. Nania has asked Dr. Lutz for input on a 1-page screening document if more cases continue to be identified. He said EMS should provide an information sheet to patients on what to do if they have potentially been exposed to COVID-19.
- EMS personnel should know that SHMC is not the only hospital to take patients with potential exposure and symptoms. All hospitals are capable of caring for these patients. Dr. Nania said that until the health officer says potential exposures should quarantine at home, ambulance personnel should not refuse to transport any patient.
- Adam said that the hospitals are working on opening up temporary screening locations staffed by the hospitals to test the public and relieve stress on the prehospital system and ER's. He said there is ample capacity locally for testing at U of W. Test turnaround time for COVID is about a week.
- Should there be another meeting/update in a week?
Action: Adam asked the group to send any topic ideas to himself or Cindy. Another meeting may be scheduled in the next 1-2 weeks.

➤ Training Course Application – INHS:

- Refresher ESE Date: 05/08/2020
- Refresher EMT Date: 05/25/2020 – 06/06/2020
- Initial EMT-SGA Date: 04/14/2020 – 07/11/2020
- Initial Advanced EMT Date: 04/14/2020 – 06/06/2020

Action: It was M/S/P to approve all the above course applications.

➤ Dispatch Health Update – Mike Conrad (15-20 min)

Mike provided a short update on the types of cases they see. He also explained how they package patients who require ambulance transport (patient info, EKG and IV if done).

Dispatch Health collaborates with MultiCare but anyone can use them. The goal is to keep folks at home that can stay at home. He said there is always an ARNP or PA on the vehicle that can write prescriptions. They do not currently have COVID testing but do have the rapid flu test. There is a meeting this Friday to discuss, among other things, whether to add an AED or Life Pak to the Dispatch Health vehicles and if Dispatch Health can see patients at home who are concerned they might have the COVID-19 virus.

Action: Dr. Nania asked for an accounting of cases including outcomes and follow-up as well as a summary of the Dispatch Health protocols. He said he will look at county protocols and interfacility transport guidelines to see if Dispatch Health could/should access AMR or Deer Park Ambulance (transport services) directly rather than call 911. Adam suggested Dispatch Health meet with Dr. Nania initially then prepare a report for the EMS Council.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Update on ad-hoc meeting regarding inter-facility transport of critical care patients:

Tom said the group has met twice and will revise protocol. There were concerns about LFN flying patients from one facility to another. LFN will give patients the annual coverage after the fact and the patient will only pay \$69. They may also add a ground ambulance.

➤ Protocol Committee update:

Still working on protocols that came back with recommendations from DOH. Next meeting Thursday, March 19, at 0900.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No substantive changes at the last meeting, just some clarification. There will not be a meeting in March and the April meetings are via GoToMeeting.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie said there was no meeting in March so no report.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody could not be present but emailed his report. The SREC board continues to work with a consultant to establish methodology and a formula for user fees. Objectives include finding a formula that is fair, equitable, and easy to explain. SREC is also taking steps towards moving EMD to call takers then dispatch. The implementation of EMD is projected to save call-processing time. Next steps include purchasing the appropriate software and then training dispatchers. EMD could be implemented as soon as this summer.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The East Region Council approved additional funds available to rural providers for upcoming conferences. There is a push at the legislative level to improve assistance to rural agencies.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
No representative present today.
- SRHD:
No report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Michelle introduced their new EMS instructor, James Akramoff.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Airway data – some difficulties getting the data.
 - At the May QI Meeting Dr. Nania will present the 2019 CARES data.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
 - March 10 – BVM/Airway Management with Shaun Pitts
 - March 26 – Professional EMS with Shaun Pitts

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Agenda
May 12, 2020, 9 a.m.
TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley Hospital), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Travis Nichols (REDi HCC), Doug Presta (CWU), Todd Putren (Valley Hospital)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of March 2020 minutes (no April meeting took place due to COVID-19)

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Awards for 2019 Service:

Reminder to send in nominations for 2019 EMS Awards. No date has been set for the awards ceremony but perhaps it could happen sometime this Fall.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

➤ Financial reports for March-April 2020:

(Report sent out with agenda.) Johnnie reviewed the reports. He is continuing to look at investment options for part of the \$500,000 currently in the money market savings account.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)

Dr. Nania reported that the EMS Work Group met online for several weeks modifying protocols regarding PPE, dispatch alerts, and safe treatment of patients with this respiratory virus.

Ultimately, these protocols will go into the Pandemic Reference Section and Isolation Reference Section of the Protocol Manual. The group applied for and received a grant from SCMS that will be used to purchase CPAP devices with HEPA filters. After obtaining several bids, Kasey Austin (SFD) ordered 64 of the devices, to be distributed to Spokane County agencies based on agency run numbers.

➤ Training Course Applications to approve – INHS:

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| • Initial EMT-SGA | Date: 06/15/2020 – 08/19/2020 |
| • Refresher ESE | Date: 07/10/2020 – 07/10/2020 |
| • Initial EMT-SGA | Date: 07/29/20 – 09/04/2020 |

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

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
Eight revised/new protocols sent to DOH were recently approved on May 8. The next meeting will be a virtual meeting and Tom will send out notices with date/time/platform info.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike said that DOH cancelled the last three meetings due to the COVID response. The next meeting will be a virtual meeting held on May 21, from 0930-1130, when the group will discuss a new section on OTEP.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie reported that the IEAFC conducted a virtual meeting on May 7. As part of the meeting, the Operation Planning Section was re-organized and re-affirmed the purpose and importance of the Spokane County Field Operations Guide. The Area Coordinators have participated in the ECC and IEFCA recognized the contribution that the members of the EMS Council have given to the process. The City of Spokane is currently negotiating with AMR for their Transport contract. The County Ambulance Service Contract is due for renewal in June and members of the IEFCA are working on the contract.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody reported that the Board is making good progress on methodology for user fees, making them fair, equitable and easy to explain. They are working toward EMD dispatch implementation sometime in August, at which time a single point of contact will process the call.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
There was no April meeting due to COVID but there will probably be a virtual meeting in June.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Travis Nichols updated the Council on everything the HCC has been working on.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
No report. No one present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
INHS transitioned in-person EMS classes to online classes due to COVID-19. There have not been any labs or clinical rotations yet, but on Monday DOH approved INHS's alternate plan for labs. Michelle said INHS continues to work with hospitals to see how and when clinical rotations can resume. Adam Richards said the issue for hospitals has been the PPE burden but they are willing to work on this now. March 19 was the paramedic advisory meeting and if you wish to see the minutes, let Michelle know.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No one present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Preliminary Airway Data summary
Dr. Nania spoke about preliminary data for 2019 patients, including the lack of data due to computer issues and lack of time for the agencies to hand review charts. He also noted that there has been previous discussion on whether the Council should invest in a part-time data person to review and generate reports. He reviewed the data that was submitted.
 - CARES Report:
Dr. Nania reviewed the Spokane County CARES data and asked agencies to review the data on their own as well and look for areas where improvement can come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
 - May 12 – Cardiac Arrest in the Field with Shaun Pitts
 - May 28 – Treatment of Shock with Shaun Pitts

OTHER BUSINESS:**OTEP:**

Dr. Nania asked how agencies were handling OTEP. Some agencies said they are continuing training using PPE. SVFD and SCFD9 said they are doing small-group training. SFD setting up new program that they will share with other agencies. AMR has suspended physical training for now. Adam said hospitals have suspended in-person training as well.

EMS training classes at Central Washington University:

Doug Presta said he has two cohorts out there now who are awaiting clinical rotations at Providence. Another cohort is doing online classes and lab trainings are starting next week.

EMS Week:

Adam Richards said that the annual BBQ is being postponed due to COVID-19 and the hospital will have to-go boxes of food for EMS week at PSHMC in the EMS loop.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
June 9, 2020, 9 a.m.
Teams Virtual Meeting

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Darren Brierher, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Aaron Possin, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS), Kasey Austin (SFD), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Ben Sabori (SCC), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of May 2020 minutes

Action: It was MSP to approve the May minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Awards reminder (date still unsure)

Adam reminded the group to continue to submit nominations for the EMS awards for service during 2019 and to encourage members of their agencies to submit nominations as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

➤ Financial reports for May 2020:

Johnnie reviewed the reports. All Council members received copies of the reports by email along with the agenda for their review prior to the meeting. Cindy noted that all 2020 share fees are now paid.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)

Dr. Nania said that there was nothing new to report. EMS volumes are more normal. David Sewell, Deaconess, said they have about five inpatients. Adam, PSHMC, said their OR's are open and there is lots of capacity for COVID patients. He said there is no real increase in hospital numbers despite the increase in county numbers. Dr. Nania said he recently submitted \$5,000 grant request to Anovia for PPE. Grant money from SCMS is being used to purchase CPAP HEPA filter masks for EMS agencies. So far, Bound Tree has shipped about half of the order. Kasey reported that the crews are finding them easy to use.

➤ Request for East Region Council Reappointments:

- Denise McCurdy - PSHMC
- Adam Richards - PSHMC

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

➤ Training Course Applications to approve – INHS:

- Initial ESE

Date: 08/07/2020

- Refresher ESE Date: 09/18/2020
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 09/21/2020 – 11/20/2020
 - Training Course Applications to approve – SCC:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 7/1/2020 – 8/21/2020
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 9/22/2020 – 12/10/2020
 - Initial EMT-SGA Date: 9/21/2020 – 3/17/2021
- Action:** It was M/S/P to approve all of the above course applications.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
The last Protocol Committee meeting was a Go-to-Meeting on May 28 and the next meeting will also be a Go-to-Meeting on June 18. Tom said the COVID protocols will be on the agenda for EMS Council approval at the meeting on July 14 before adding them to a new Pandemic Reference section of the Protocol Manual.
The Oxygen Administration for Suspected or Known COVID-19 Patients protocol was discussed. Tom did not have the most recent iteration of the document to show but he did review the changes with the group.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve this protocol with the changes discussed.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
The next meeting is June 17, 2-3:30, and discussion will continue on clarifying language regarding OTEP. Mike said the WAC review probably would not be complete until the end of the year. Following that is the long process to get final approval. He thought it could be the first of the year in 2021 before the WAC changes are completed and adopted.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Cody Rohrbach reporting for Lonnie Rash who could not attend:
 - GSEM work on the EOC is starting to wind down but could ramp up again depending on numbers.
 - Fire agencies are expecting an above-average fire season and are preparing for wildland fires and envisioning what camps will look like during COVID. Learning from other states that already have fires. Next week there will be evacuation exercises conducted. Cody said there is a document available on how to handle fire season during COVID-19 and he is happy to share the document if anyone is interested. Kasey Austin, SFD, said he has made PPE kits for every SFD brush truck that is sent out and will also include food supplies as well as enough supplies to run at least 3 EMS calls.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
There is a meeting this afternoon with communication advisory board to discuss user fee model and explain the methodology. There will be a meeting in week or two regarding funding priorities and discussion around COVID impact to funding. Dispatchers are in the training phase of EMD dispatch. Ultimately, EMD dispatch should shave time off dispatching the call.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Mike said the East Region Council meets tomorrow but there will not be a Prehospital & Education meeting. He said the main topic is the budget, which needs to be in place the start of July. Governor Inslee has ordered 15% cuts across the board. The goal is to continue support for initial and continuing EMS education for rural areas.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
 - Sit reps are now twice weekly. There are weekly regional updates on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5 p.m.
 - For more updates, please see the RediLink Healthcare Coalition Newsletter.

- SRHD: Mark Springer
No one present to give report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The current class will graduate in July.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No one present to give report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Dr. Nania reviewed the JAWS 2019 report as well as the Time to Defib report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite Classes:
 - June 9 – OB/GYN Emergencies with Shaun Pitts
 - June 25 – Mental Health First Aid with Karina Lees
- EMSConnect Classes:
 - June 11, 6-8 pm (a free link to attend is posted on EMSConnect's Facebook page)
Peds Arrest – Dr. Ryan Stanton, Lexington, KY
Street Drug Update – Dr. Claudia Moore, Omaha, NE
- Chief Schaeffer, SFD, announced some new staff members:
 - New Assistant Chief Tom Williams started Sunday.
New Deputy Chief of Operations is Julie Oberg, replacing Mark John.
He said both are EMS-focused.
 - Chief Schaeffer reminded everyone that the Verified Responder program works and noted recent cases where Kasey Austin and Mike Dawson responded to separate incidents. He asked what the Council thought would need to happen to get all of Spokane County involved in the program. Dr. Nania said not all agencies were originally invited but should be invited now. Chief Schaeffer offered to take the lead on this and asked for a letter of support from the Council.

Action: Dr. Nania will draft a letter of support from the Council for him and the Council Chair to sign.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
July 14, 2020, 9 a.m.
Teams Virtual Meeting Only

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and he confirmed the list of those present for the online meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Deb Bried, Darren Briher, Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Paul Priest, Todd Putren, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Jim Akramoff (INHS Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Shaun Pitts (INHS Training), Steve Tevlin (NQ), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9),

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of June 2020 minutes

Action: MSP to approve the minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Awards reminder (date TBD)

Discussed whether to acknowledge recipients this year or add to next year. Cindy reported there are only about 7 nominations currently.

Action: The group agreed Cindy should re-send the email requesting nominations and list awards that have no nominations currently.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

➤ Financial reports for June 2020:

Johnnie said there was nothing unusual to report for June expenditures. Cindy said the Council did receive the grant check from Spokane County Medical Society. The Council fronted the money for purchase of CPAP masks with HEPA filters, which Kasey Austin distributed to Spokane County prehospital agencies.

➤ 2021 Draft Council Budget – 1st review

Council members received the draft budget yesterday for review prior to this meeting. Johnnie went over the document with the group. Council members were encouraged to contact Johnnie or Cindy for any questions.

Action: Review budget draft again at the September Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)

- David Sewell said MultiCare Deaconess has about 8-10 in-patients with COVID. Adam said SHMC has a total of 18 COVID patients with 9 in ICU. PSHMC has been assisting the Eastern Washington DMCC with patient placements from areas that have exceeded their capacity. Agencies said they are doing well with PPE and helping each other out as necessary.

- regularly regarding needs analysis. If you are aware of a need for training, let Lonnie know.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
EMD will save time. SREC has run understaffed for some time but is staffing up now. The SREC Board approved a user fee methodology. They are looking at the budget for next year as well as funding priorities. Adam Richards, PSHMC, said he has had recent experience with struggles in communications between agencies and hospitals. Cody said he would look into this and asked Adam to send him an email outlining the issues he had run into.
 - East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Mike said the next regular meeting is October 14. An adhoc group of the Budget Committee agreed to meet in the next couple of weeks to come up with a comprehensive plan to deal with a potential 15% budget reduction.
 - REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
No one present.
 - SRHD: Mark Springer
No one present.
 - Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Jim Akramoff reported that paramedic students are doing clinical rotations in the hospitals right now. He said INHS is still accepting applications for the next class. There are not as many applicants so far this year due to budgets and agencies cutting back on hiring.
 - FAFB: Jason Satcher
No one present.
 - QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Trauma KPI data for patients seen in 2019
Dr. Nania reviewed his Power Point summarizing the data received.
Action: Dr. Nania requested that agency MSO's or Physician Advisors review cases that hospitals said fell out for intubation or missed spine fractures. Cindy will forward data to the appropriate agencies.
 - **Action:** Dr. Nania would like to re-start regular online separate QI meetings starting in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes:
 - Tuesday, July 21, 6-8 pm (a free link to attend is posted on EMSConnect's Facebook page)
Topic: Oxygenation, Capnography, and OSI – Dr. Travis Dierks
- Masking - Dr. Edminster:
 - Dr. Edminster asked for discussion as to whether all EMS patients be masked. He said it goes along with the Governor's mandate and is reasonable to protect our providers. He thought it should be a universal approach among the Spokane County agencies. Dr. Nania said that if a patient refuses to wear a mask, transport the patient without a mask, but the provider should use appropriate PPE to protect himself or herself. SCFD8 said they already do this and have not had any patient refuse to wear a mask. Dr. Nania said that patients with facial trauma or airway issues should not wear a mask. Another suggestion was to have 911 instruct the patient or patient's family to put on masks before the EMS providers arrives. The hospital representatives said that universal masking is required at the hospitals anyway.
Action: Dr. Nania will send an email to Dr. Lutz asking for his input and Dr. Edminster will speak to 911 about the issue as well. Ultimately, this information will be included in the protocol document.
 - Code leader identification:
Dr. Edminster suggested that in a code using full PPE, the EMS provider that is leading the code should wear a brightly colored lanyard indicating they are the code team leader.
Action: The agencies agreed to purchase red lanyards for this purpose.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
September 8, 2020, 9 a.m.
Teams Virtual Meeting Only

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and confirmed the list of those present at the meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Deb Bried, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Todd Putren, Paul Priest, David Sewell, Matt VonSteuben (alternate for SCFD9 – usual reps away on wildfires)

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Mike Conrad (Dispatch Health), Dr. Colin Croshaw (Deaconess), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Andrea Young (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator.

MINUTES: Approval of July 2020 minutes

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the July 2020 minutes.

CHAIR’S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ EMS Awards update:

Adam said there are only nine nominations so far and not all categories have a nominee but he felt the Council should move forward on selecting awards winners. He suggested that the Council Executive Committee and Dr. Nania have a TEAM meeting to discuss and likely select awards recipients.

Action: Cindy will work with Adam on scheduling a virtual meeting.

➤ Treasurer Position update:

Johnnie Sylvester has resigned the Treasurer position. His term would have ended Dec. 31 and the Council Executive Committee has decided to cover the job duties until a new Treasurer position election at the December 8 meeting of the Council. Any current Council members who might be interested in the position for a term running from Jan. 2021 through Dec. 2022 should notify Cindy in the Council office (625-7122 or capavlischak@spokanecity.org).

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mike Lopez

➤ Financial reports for July-Aug. 2020:

Adam reviewed the reports. (These were sent to the Council with the agenda prior to the meeting.)

➤ 2021 Council Budget – 2nd review

Adam showed the proposed budget for review.

Jack Busch asked if there had been any move yet to hire a QI person in the Council office and if this potential cost is included in this budget draft. Adam replied that nothing has been done so far and this position is not included in the proposed budget.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)

Nothing new to report.

- Request for East Region Council Reappointments:
 - Cindy Thompson, Spokane Regional Health District
 - Deanna Jones, Cardiac & Stroke Committee

Action: It was M/S/P to approve these reappointments.
- Training Course Applications approved since the July meeting:

• Initial AEMT - INHS	Date: 09/26/2020 – 12/19/2020
• Initial EMT-SGA - INHS	Date: 10/01/2020 – 02/19/2021
• Refresher Paramedic - INHS	Date: 10/08/2020 – 10/20/2020
• Initial EMT-SGA – SCFD4	Date: 10/05/2020 – 01/09/2021

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
The committee did not meet in August. The next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 17 at 0930. Tom presented three protocols (two revised and one new) for the Council's approval.
 - Epinephrine (revised)
 - Endotracheal intubation (revised)
 - On-scene patient mask use (new)

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

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No report. Mike is with an Incident Management Team at a wildland fire in Oregon.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie is unable to attend today's meeting but sent an email saying he had nothing new to report.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Not present to give report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Not present to give report.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
 - Labor Day weekend - DMCC activation due to 30-car accident near Tri-Cities.
 - Numerous wildfires yesterday. Consideration given to evacuating Lake Chelan Hospital but did not have to do so. Continue to monitor all fire situations.
 - Monitoring COVID-19 cases in the area.
 - Updated sit rep coming out this evening.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present to give report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The 2020 cohort is enjoying their time in the hospitals doing clinical rotations. After some difficulties, all 17 students have internship locations arranged. INHS is accepting candidates for the 2021 cohort. There will be a Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting in late October or early November and she will send out meeting notices once the date is set.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present to give report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - At today's QI meeting the committee will discuss cases that fell out from Trauma KPI review in July. Upcoming KPI review will be Stroke data on Oct. 13 and ACS data on Nov. 10.
 - Jim virtually attended some DOH meetings. One of these discussed changing the ESSO description and extending it to diversion centers (i.e. alcohol rehab etc.).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes: Dr. Dierks

Sept. 14, 6 p.m. - Hypertensive emergencies and CHF

Presented by: Dr. Ryan Stanton, Emergency Physician/EMS Physician

➤ EMS Live @ Nite:

- Sept. 8: Patient Assessment by Shaun Pitts and Sept. 24: TBD
- September 11 EMS Recognition: Deaconess will provide To-go lunches for EMS providers from 11:30 – 1:30 on Friday, September 11.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
October 13, 2020, 9 a.m.
Teams Virtual Meeting Only

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and confirmed the list of those present at the TEAMS virtual meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Deb Bried, Darren Briehner, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Todd Putren, Jeff Reid, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Charles Harbin (SFD), Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU Paramedic Program), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of September 2020 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- EMS Awards update:
Due to a number of factors including: limited number of nominations and continuing inability to have gatherings due COVID-19, the EMS Awards presentation will be postponed until at least Spring/Summer 2021.
- Treasurer Position reminder
 - Interested parties for position (starting Jan. 2021 through Dec. 2022) should contact Cindy at the EMS Office (625-7122 or capavlischak@spokanecity.org). Election will take place at the December 2020 Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Lopez

- Financial reports for September 2020:
Mike reviewed the reports. Reports were sent out to committee members prior to the meeting. No issues or questions were noted.
- 2021 Council Budget – 3rd review and vote:
The budget draft was sent out to committee members prior to this meeting. No questions were noted.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the 2021 EMS Council budget proposal.
- Reminder @ updating rosters to get ready for invoices
Cindy asked that agencies update their personnel rosters in readiness for invoices for 2021 EMS Office Share Fees. On Nov. 1, she will be printing rosters from the DOH website and emailing the agencies asking them to verify the personnel on their rosters. On Dec. 1, she will start sending invoices to all the agencies based on the confirmed rosters.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)

The question was asked whether EMS agencies can access Spokane County Federal CARES Act monies to help replace COVID-necessary PPE, HEPA filters, cleaning supplies, etc. Chief Brian Schaeffer suggested that the EMS Council request funds for the agencies as a group. Dr. Nania, with Mike Lopez's assistance, will draft a letter to the three Spokane County Commissioners requesting CARES Act funds, which will then be distributed to Spokane County agencies for purchase of PPE and other COVID-related items. Agencies will be asked to send in a list of the COVID-related supplies they will need for 2021 and the cost they expect to incur.

Adam Richards and Carolyn Cartwright provided some regional COVID updates.

Tom Chavez made the Council aware that since September Immaculate Heart Retreat House off the Palouse Highway on the South Hill has 50 beds for COVID-related care. They've had up to 5 patients at a time who are COVID positive. Tom said the retreat house staff provide a daily update to SCFD8 on bed availability. The retreat house staff do not provide any nursing care but provide a place for people who are waiting to find out if they are positive for COVID and don't have a place to go or can't quarantine themselves at home.

➤ East Region EMSTC Council reappointment for Carolyn Cartwright:

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

➤ Training Course Applications approved since Sept. 8:

- Initial Paramedic - INHS Date: 11/23/2020 – 11/23/2021

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- Protocols needing approval by the EMS Council

- Interfacility Transport –

- Norepinephrine – Pressor of choice for sepsis. Which meds should be administered by pump? Protocol Committee will look at long and short transports regarding pumps. Agreed to approve the protocol today without pump info and add that later.

- Sepsis –

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the three protocols above.

- Move COVID recommendations that were updated April 9, 2020, to the Reference portion of the manual

- Infectious Disease Precautions – add mask info

- Pandemic Mask info –

Action: It was M/S/P to approve all three

- Orogastric tube insertion – already passed and approved by the DOH, minor revision needed

Action: It was M/S/P to approve minor change

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

The DOH Prehospital TAC web conference will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 21 followed by the EMS Rule Making web conference from 2-4 p.m. If you need the link to any of these meetings, you can contact Mike or Cindy.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs:

Lonnie Rash was not present but Chief Schaeffer said there was nothing related to EMS to report.

➤ SREC Board:

Cody Rohrbach was not present but Chief Schaeffer said the dispatch center is at 100% efficiency. The City of Spokane is trying to hire some more positions. The city will either join SREC or work on their own. Mike Dawson has moved into fire dispatch for the transition to support that staff.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez

- Mike said that the East Region Prehospital Transportation/Training & Education Committee meeting is tomorrow at 0930 followed by the East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council meeting. Both are virtual meetings via Go-To-Meeting.
- The East Region Council is working on finalizing the budget for 2021 and looking at how best to support ongoing training and provide East Region scholarships for initial EMRs and EMTs in rural areas. The Governor has ordered 15% budget cuts and it is still not clear how that will impact the regions.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
No further report.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present, no report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The Paramedic Advisory Committee will meet on Nov. 19. The new cohort starts Nov. 23. All current students are out in the field.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present, no report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - At today's QI meeting the committee will review 2019 Stroke data from hospitals and prehospital agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSCConnect Classes: Oct. 15, 6 p.m. - ACS and ECGs with Dr. Travis Dierks
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - Oct. 13 – Abdominal Trauma by Ginger Locke
 - Oct. 22 – Sugarbetes aka Diabetic Emergencies

MEETING ADJOURNED.

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2020, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting**

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and confirmed the list of those present at the TEAMS virtual meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Deb Bried, Darren Briehner, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU Paramedic Program), Orlando Sandoval (SCFD10), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of October 2020 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ Treasurer Position reminder

- Interested parties for position (starting Jan. 2021 through Dec. 2022) should contact Cindy at the EMS Office (625-7122 or capavlishak@spokanecity.org). Election will take place at the December 2020 Council meeting.
- CARES Act money-
Adam reported that neither he nor Cindy have been able to find a contact to request funds. Jim Walkowski said the process goes through the Grant Administrator at Greater Spokane Emergency Management and he will send contact info to Adam and Cindy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Lopez

➤ Financial reports for October 2020:

Mike reviewed both reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)

Agencies and hospitals gave updates. Mike Lopez reviewed two graphs showing weekly and daily case counts. He said that there are cluster facilities out there that EMS personnel need to be aware of.

➤ East Region EMSTC Council initial appointment application for Dr. Hasson Tehrani

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

- INHS Training Course Applications approved since Oct. 13:
 - Initial ESE Date: 11/06/2020
 - Refresher ESE Date: 1/29/2021
 - Initial IV Endorsement Dates: 1/4/2021 – 1/30/2021
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 1/5/2021 – 4/3/2021

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
DOH recently approved the following protocols: Severe Sepsis, Infectious Disease Precautions, and Pandemic Triage Guide (revised), and Norepinephrine (new). The updated Spokane County COVID Response Plan will go out on the EMS Council web site and to the EMS Officers and Physician Advisors. The updated Protocol Manual document will be posted on the EMS Office website and updated on the Protocol App. The next virtual meeting of the Protocol Committee is Nov. 19 at 0930.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike said he did not attend last month's meeting due to a conflict in his schedule but understood that nothing major came out of that meeting. COVID is presenting a challenge in getting this review complete. DOH is aiming to have review complete and approved by the second quarter of 2021.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie reported that the most recent meeting was on November 5. He said he shared information from the October EMS Council meeting (i.e. share fees, updating rosters, applying for CARES act monies). The group is working on updating FOG, especially Chapter 13 related to triage. Adam Richards said the hospitals would like input on the subject.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Not present to give report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Mike reported that the group last met in October. The East Region Council is committed to the education of rural providers and allocated money to offset the cost of initial EMT training for small rural agencies as well as ongoing support of continuing education (i.e., SEI's). There is still no news on what cuts the Governor may make for 2022 funding. The next virtual meeting will be in December when the group will look at the strategic plan. There will be an email going out soon to each county in the East Region regarding min-max numbers.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Hospital and testing capacity challenges are increasing due to COVID-19. Also working on patient coordination with Idaho. Various briefings and projects continue.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present to give report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The new paramedic class cohort starts Nov. 23. The Paramedic Advisory Committee Meeting is Nov. 19 at 0800. This will be a virtual meeting.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present to give report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Dr. Nania said he recently attended the virtual Prehospital TAC meeting. The group will be working on more accurate definitions of EMS personnel levels of care among other things.
 - At today's QI meeting the committee will review 2019 ACS data and a case referred from Deaconess.
 - 2019 Stroke Data Summary. Dr. Nania reviewed the data.

Mike Lopez said his review of 2020 YTD stroke data shows that 12 people refused transport despite need for care - some of them due to fear of COVID. Of patients with last seen well greater than 15 hours, some didn't want to go to hospital earlier due to fear of COVID, and ultimately waited too long to call EMS. Group discussed how to let the community know that it's safe to go to the hospital. There have been TV commercials on the local channels regarding this; not sure what else to do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes:
Nov. 18, 6 p.m. – Hypothermia & Altered Mental Status presented by Dr. Jake Rabe
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - Nov. 10 – Ginger Locke – The Art of Auscultation
 - Nov. 24 – Cameron Murphy – Crush It!
- Dr. Cover asked the hospital representatives about access to OR's for endotracheal intubation experience. He said there is still difficulty with at least one hospital requesting background checks that have been completed within the previous 90 days. Adam Richards said he thought this had been dealt with and will follow-up. Michelle Ensminger, INHS Training, asked to be kept in the loop on this issue as well.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES for ANNUAL MEETING
December 8, 2020, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and confirmed the list of those present at the MS Teams virtual meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Deb Bried, Darren Briher, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammy Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9), Chris Wyrobek (SCFD8)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of November 2020 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- Nominations and Vote for Treasurer Position (appointment takes effect Jan. 1, 2021)
The Treasurer Position is a 2-year term. Adam said that the only Council member that has offered to run for the Treasurer position is Cathy St. Amand. Adam asked those in attendance at the meeting if there were any further nominees and, hearing none, a vote was taken.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve Cathy St. Amand as the EMS Council Treasurer effective Jan. 1, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Lopez

- Financial reports for November 2020:
Mike reviewed these reports and no issues were noted.
Mike reminded the agencies to watch for an email from Cindy with the invoices for 2021 EMS Council share fees.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- COVID-19 Discussion/Update (Adam Richards & Mike Lopez)
 - Dr. Nania brought up the issue of tracking EMS personnel's exposure to positive COVID-19 patients cared for by EMS personnel. Tammie Drapeau (AMR) was working with the SRHD on this process but, with the increase in cases in the County, this has become too time consuming for her. Dr. Nania said he spoke with Dr. Velasquez at SRHD recently and shared with him his feeling that it be a high priority for SRHD to notify EMS personnel of possible exposure to COVID positive patients. Dr. Velasquez said the SRHD staff are also having difficulty meeting the need for notifications due to the increasing number of positive cases.
Dr. Nania noted that EMS personnel should be responding to all patients as if they have COVID and wearing the appropriate PPE.

Action: Dr. Nania asked the EMS Council to make a written recommendation to the SRHD asking that they prioritize notification of EMS personnel. He agreed to draft a letter for Adam to sign and will also schedule another meeting with Dr. Velasquez to discuss priority tracking to include EMS.

- Tammie Drapeau asked about EMS involvement in giving vaccinations?

Carolyn Cartwright offered to put Tammie in touch with her contact at SRHD regarding this issue. Mike Lopez said that there is a state draft plan in place. He suggested that the EMS Council should work on a coordinated effort for a drive-up vaccination clinic at SFD Training Center Field House. Tammie offered to check with SRHD to see what they already have planned and coordinate with Mike after talking with SRHD. Dr. Nania said that those who can give IM injections should refresh their skills.

Action: It was M/S/P that the EMS Council set up a task force to coordinate an EMS vaccination clinic. Mike Lopez will work with Dr. Nania, Tammie and others that wish to be involved in this task force.

- Carolyn Cartwright (Redi HCC) reviewed some of what's going on and said to watch for sit rep reports and click on the Eventbrite link in the newsletter for meeting information.

➤ INHS Training Course Applications approved since Oct. 13:

- Initial EMT-SGA (SCC) 01/05/2021 – 03/18/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (SCFD3) 01/13/2021 – 04/03/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (SCC) 04/06/2021 – 06/17/2021
- Initial EMT-SGA (SCC) 07/06-2021 – 08/25/2021

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

The committee is finishing up review of the procedures section. The next virtual meeting is Dec. 17 at 0930.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

There is no December meeting so the next meeting is in January. There is a new effort to develop mandatory data submission to WEMSIS to be implemented by the end of 2021.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash

The meeting covered year-end business, budget, and legislative updates. Lonnie reminded the chiefs to watch for EMS Office share fee invoices. Tony Nielsen will be retiring from the SCFD8 Chief position at the end of the year.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

SREC board has begun strategic planning.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez

The next meeting is tomorrow and will include reviewing a model for injury and violence prevention activities. The East Region Council is trying to prepare for the potential impact of financial cuts for 2022.

➤ REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright

See report earlier in the meeting.

➤ SRHD: Mark Springer

No one present to give report.

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

The Paramedic Advisory Committee met in November and the next meeting will be in February or March. There are 14 students finishing up their internship.

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

No one present to give report.

➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- 2019 ACS KPI Data Summary

Dr. Nania reviewed the information in the summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ EMSConnect Classes:

Dec. 15, 6 p.m. – Evidence-Based Medicine & Current Research EMS presented by Dr. Eric Ernest, Emergency Physician, NAEMSP, State EMS Director-Nebraska

➤ EMS Live @ Nite:

- Dec. 8 – Sports-Related Head Injury presented by Maurice Wagner
- Dec. 23 – Clear!!! Presented by Cameron Murphy

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