

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022 9 a.m. via 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:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Maika Dang, Mike Lopez, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Dan Williams

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (Providence Health Training), Kasey Austin (SFD), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital), Jack Busch (AMR), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence Health Training), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of December 2021 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- EMS Council Office updates:
Tom reintroduced Berkley Van Hout, as she has officially taken over as the EMS Council Office Administrator.
- EMS Office Share Fees reminder:
Tom reminded all agencies to submit their EMS Office Share Fee payments to the EMS Office this month. Berkley will send reminders if needed later this month.
- Hospital status report:
 - PSHMC Report: Adam Richards stated that there have been significant staffing shortages and extended lengths in employees time off due to Covid. The overall hospital census remains high, and ED waiting rooms have presented extremely high numbers. Covid testing materials are very hard to come by for personnel, and PCR tests are being sent out of state which results in longer wait times to receive test results
 - Multicare Deaconess report: David Sewell stated that they continue to experience staffing shortages as well. Multicare has adopted a new Covid policy which has decreased the amount of time for exposed employees who remain asymptomatic to stay home from work. Valley hospital has a drive-up testing center for symptomatic employees with returned results in approximately 8 hours
 - Pre-hospital transport agencies report: Tammie Drapeau reported that staffing shortages have not increased but remain steady for AMR. The new CDC guidelines have assisted in getting employees back to work sooner. Mike Lopez added that he has reached out to several resources to try to obtain Covid tests for SFD, but most resources are out of tests. All pre-hospital transport agencies and hospitals continue to follow the CDC Guidelines.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Year-end Report for 2021:
Cathy St. Amand not present. EMS Council Chair, Tom Chavez, reviewed the reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA (01/04/2022-04/02/2022)
 - CWU Initial Paramedic Course (03/29/2022-03/23/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:

The WA Department of Health approved the addition of the Oral Glucose protocol along with 8 protocol updates last month. These protocols have been updated on the [EMS website](#) and the protocol app. The committee continues to work on the following protocols:

 - Continuing to work on the Sexual Assault Protocol
 - Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen protocol
 - Reviewing the Pelvic Fracture Stabilization Procedure per Dr. Jim Nania's request

The Protocol Committee will meet today during the QI Committee meeting due to a light QI Meeting agenda. This will take place of the regular scheduled Protocol Committee meeting this month.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No new updates. The revision process continues.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
Not present.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody reported that he was able to attend the Fire Chiefs meeting and he provided an update on items covered including that DNR is currently hiring and that the FOG chapter is being reviewed. The Council was informed that there will be a full-scale multiple shooter training in March 2022 at Mead High school. EMS agencies wanting to participate need to register with Chandra Fox.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
 - The last meeting was in December and the group continued to work on min-max numbers for Stevens County and Spokane County. The DOH kicked back the proposal for Stevens County which will now be reviewed and resubmitted. Mike informed the Council that there is currently an effort at the DOH to identify a consistent process for evaluating min-max numbers that will require counties to present detailed data sets in order to change their min-max numbers.
 - The committee continues to support continuing education through scholarships for EMS providers in rural Washington counties.
 - The committee has also allocated \$5,000 in funds for injury and violence prevention programs for multiple counties.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition:
Not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
Michelle stated that there are currently 7 classes remaining. The Advisory committee will meet this spring to discuss new classes for the future. There have been some Covid related challenges this week with multiple students out. A virtual class option via Zoom has added for students that are unable to attend in person classes.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher

Not present.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - Vote on 2022 KPI reporting dates
 - SHMC Adult Trauma case review
 - Protocol Committee meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for January:
01/19/2021 at 1800 PST. “Pit Crew CPR, ROSC Care and ALS Arrest” with Dr. Travis Dierks.
- EMS Live @ Nite for January:
01/11/2022 @ 1830 PST Elderly Care with Olivia Logan, Paramedic
01/27/2022 @ 1830 PST TBA with TBA
- Deer Park Ambulance hiring Paramedics and Volunteers of all levels. Email with info was sent to all EMS officers.
- Dr. Jim Nania and Mike Dawson are working with WSU Spokane Campus to gain quarterly access to the Cadaver lab for airway training. More information to come.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022 9 a.m. via 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:

Brian Barton, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Joel Edminster, John Leavell, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (Providence Health Training), Kasey Austin (SCFD9), Jack Busch (AMR), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Chris Gibbar (Multicare Deaconess) Carlos Hardesty (AMR), Chuck Henke (Multicare Deaconess), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Veronica Mitchell-Jones (LFN), Shaun Pitts (EMS Connect), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of January 2022 minutes

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the January 2022 minutes

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

➤ Hospital status report:

- Multicare Deaconess Report: David Sewell reported that there are currently 27 positive Covid cases in the ICU and 12 holds in the ED. Valley hospital currently has no holds and has bed availability. Covid numbers are starting to drop from their peak numbers.
- Providence SHMC & HFH Report: Adam Richards stated that there are currently 85 positive Covid cases with 9 in the ICU at Sacred Heart, and Holy Family has 33 positive Covid cases with 4 in the ICU. There is a steady decline in Covid cases. Surgery cancelations and delays continue, but there is a plan in place to work on getting surgeries rescheduled as Covid numbers decrease. Challenges related to staffing shortages continue and Sacred Heart has been using ACI staffing resources for emergency staffing that will end March 3rd.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

➤ Financial reports for January 2022

EMS Council Treasurer, Cathy St. Amand, not present. EMS Council Chair, Tom Chavez, reviewed the financial reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Discuss behavioral patient triage and transport guidelines

Dr. Nania summarized the initial meeting that occurred with EMS Officers and Hospital representatives in January. The group agreed that EMS transport agencies need to follow transport guidelines that bring psych patients, with no destination preference, to the closest

appropriate hospital due to limited bed capacity and high numbers of psych patients at the downtown hospitals. After further discussion, a proposal was made that the EMS Office recommend a meeting with EMS transport agencies, law enforcement agencies, and Frontier Behavioral Health to amend the section for destination of patient transport on the Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) request form. Mike Lopez suggested that the Council receive support from the Spokane Regional Health Districts' behavioral health unit in conducting a meeting between the EMS Office, EMS transport agencies, and law enforcement.

Action: It was M/S/P to move forward in arranging a meeting with EMS transport agencies, law enforcement agencies and Frontier Behavior Health to discuss amending the current DCR request form used.

- Hospital Diversion update
 - PSHMC/PHFH: no new update
 - Multicare Deaconess: no new update
- February 8, 2022 at 1300 Agencies Physician Advisors and EMS Officers meeting via Teams virtual meeting to discuss the addition of an Advanced Airway course to the OTEP schedule
- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
 - Providence Health Training- Initial EMR SEI (02/14/2022-02/23/2022)
 - Providence Health Training- Initial EMT Supraglottic Airway Endorsement (02/20/2022-04/22/2022)
 - Deer Park Volunteer Ambulance - Initial EMT Supraglottic Airway Endorsement (02/28/2022-06/06/2022)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update

The Protocol Committee will be meeting today following the QI Committee meeting. The committee continues to work on the following protocols:

 - Continuing to work on Sexual Assault protocol
 - Review draft of Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen protocol
 - Update Cardiac procedures
 - Review Bradycardia, Post Resuscitation, and Post Cardiac Arrest protocols
 - Addition of Mechanical CPR protocol

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No new update. The current Covid surge has created shortages at the DOH. There will hopefully be more movement in the upcoming month.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
Chris stated that they have finally began working on review of the FOG regarding MCI
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody reported that preliminary stages of obtaining new CAD systems have begun to ensure that will law enforcement and EMS transport agencies are using the same system. Also, there is still an emphasis on the recruiting process.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The next meeting is February 9th, 2022 at 1100 via virtual meeting. There was no January meeting, so there will be a new report following the February meeting
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff
Not present
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger

Jim Akromoff will be reporting today, as Michelle is not present. The Paramedic advisory meeting is Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 0900 via Teams virtual meeting. Last year's cohort is now officially out working. The current cohort is going well.

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

Not present

➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- The meeting agenda includes:
 - A case review referred from PSHMC Trauma Committee
 - Protocol committee meeting
 - Dr Nania requested support for SB 5821 regarding cardiac and stroke emergency response system

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Connect Classes for February:

02/22/2022 at 1800 "Pediatric Cardiac Arrest" with Dr. Ryan Stanton

- Shaun Pitts stated that they have launched refresher courses that will support national credit hours for recertification. Find the courses on the [website](#) or reach out to Shaun Pitts

➤ EMS Live @ Nite for February:

02/08/2022 at 1830 "Crime Scene Preservation" with Michael Anderson, Asst. Fire Chief
02/24/2022 at 1830 TBA

➤ Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council will be bringing back the annual EMS awards this year. The Spokane County Medical Society Foundation have submitted a Grant Proposal for \$1200.00 toward an AED for the EMS award winner.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022 9 a.m. via 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:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, John Leavell, Mike Lopez, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Lonnie Rash, Adam Richards, David Sewell, Dan Williams

Guest Present:

Jack Busch (AMR), Mike Dawson (SFD), Veronica Hamm (SREC), Jess Hopson (Airlift NW), Nathan Jeffries (SCFD9), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Nichole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of February 2022 minutes

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the February 2022 minutes

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- Hospital status report:
 - Providence SHMC & HFH Report: Adam Richards stated that there is a decline in Covid numbers across Providence hospitals and the Spokane Metro area. Staffing challenges continue, but there is an effort to rebuild a core staff. They are hiring new graduate nurses that are willing to stay in Spokane. There are also shortages in CRNAs and Anesthesiologist which may have an impact on EMS systems.
 - Multicare Deaconess report: David Sewell reported that they are also struggling with staffing. The ED is currently undergoing a remodel to ensure patient and staff safety in caring for mental health patients. Construction may increase divert due to having 6 beds out of commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for February 2022
Cathy St. Amand not present. EMS Council Chair, Tom Chavez, presented the financial reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports

OLD BUSINESS:

- Behavioral health patient hospital transport update
Tom summarized the proposal that was discussed at the last meeting. Mike Lopez has written a letter to his contact at the Spokane Regional Health District to begin the discussion with Frontier Behavioral Health and SCSO. Frontier Behavioral Health has suggested an inclusive meeting with Law Enforcement, Social Services from both hospitals, and a few members from the Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council. No meeting date has been decided yet. Mike also shared behavioral response data that represents a significant increase between 2017-2021 to display the impact across all Spokane County EMS agencies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for appointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council: Jaclyn Numata
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the appointment of Jaclyn Numata
- Discuss in person Council Meetings after March
Tom mentioned that the State mandates regarding Covid are expected to lessen after March 21 and proposed a discussion regarding in person meetings starting in April. It was suggested that a virtual component remain an option for those who can't make it to the location or feel more comfortable with a virtual option.
Action: The Council will plan to move forward in planning in person meetings with a virtual option for the April meeting.
- EMS Awards
Tom stated that EMS Awards will return this May after being postponed since 2019. Berkley will send out the Nomination Applications. The deadline for all nominations is April 1st.
- EMS Training Program Applications:
 - Spokane Community College- Renewal of current program
- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
 - Providence Health Training- Refresher EMT course (02/21/2022-02/26/2022)
 - Providence Health Training- Refresher Paramedic course (03/01/2022-03/12/2022)
 - Providence Health Training- Initial EMS Evaluator course (03/04/2022)
 - Providence Health Training- Refresher EMS Evaluator course (03/25/2022)
 - SCFD 3- Initial/Refresher EMS Evaluator course (03/21/2022)
- Dr. Greg Cover: EMS Office data position:
Dr. Cover asked to make a proposal that the EMS Office consider hiring a permanent Data Manager to obtain KPI data from agencies that is requested from Dr. Nania for the EMS QI Committee. A suggested volunteer workgroup was created involving a few EMS Council Members in order to investigate the logistics of creating this position and to create a job description. They will begin meeting and will bring their discussions to the group at a future meeting.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
The Protocol committee will be meeting today during the QI committee meeting. The committee continues to work on the following protocols:
 - Sexual Assault protocol
 - Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen
 - Cardiac protocols

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No new update. The WAC will hopefully begin moving forward as Covid lightens up
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
Chris Wyrobek not present. Lonnie Rash reported today and stated that at a previous Fire Chiefs meeting, questions regarding the long-term spending plan of the EMS Council funds were brought up. The Executive Chair, Adam Richards, said that the funds are allocated to sustain the Office Administrator position and for funding the MPD with the possibility that state funding gets decreased in the future. Lonnie requested that a report of the goals and future initiatives be sent out in order to demonstrate what the funds will be used for. Adam agreed to work on reports and will bring them forward to the Council.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody Rohrbach not present. Veronica Hamm from SREC reported that they have been working on targeted QA for CPR calls to determine the timeframe that a bystander calls 911, to when they

are in position to start CPR. A summary of improvements displays a decrease from 67 seconds to 60 seconds in the most recent quarter, and they will continue to work towards decreasing the timeframe.

Tom relayed a message from Cody that stated staffing issues remain, but improvements are being made with new staff.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The last meeting was in February where an ad-hoc committee was created in order to work with agencies in north Spokane County and Stevens County to address an ongoing issue with ambulance response in the area. A series of meetings will be held weekly until the East Region Council has a mitigation plan to address those challenges. Mike will present the plan to Dr. Nania and the Council once a plan is conducted.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff
Not present
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
Not present
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - A case review referred from PSHMC
 - Protocol Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for March:
 - 03/15/2022 at 1800 “Patient hand off for EMTs” With Dr. Travis Dierks & Shaun Pitts
- EMS Live @ Nite for March:
 - 03/08/2022 at 1630 “Emergency Vehicle Operation and Patient care while ambulance is in motion” with Rick Owens, Paramedic, EVOC Instructor
 - 03/24/2022 TBA
- Jess Hopson introduced himself as the representative for Airlift Northwest, a new transport service that will be coming summer of 2022, located in Davenport WA.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022 9:00 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom D & 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:

Brian Barton, Deb Bried, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Amber Jones, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, David Sewell, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), McCalle Feller (SFD), Chris Gibbar (Deaconess), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Jaclyn Numata (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Jacob Pirtle (Deaconess), Shaun Pitts (EMS Connect), Debbie Roberts (SCFD12), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of March 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

Tom thanked those who attended today's meeting in person and emphasized the strong community within Spokane county EMS that have continued to make these monthly meetings a priority in order to improve our local EMS system.

➤ Hospital status report:

- Providence HFH Report: Adam Richards reported that the hospital continues to have limited beds open and that they are working to keep as many services up as possible with staffing shortages. There is a continued effort in hiring new graduates to fill open positions, and to get caught up on surgeries that were postponed due to Covid. Adam also reminded the group that the mask mandate within hospitals continues and asked that agencies remind their staff to continue wearing masks when bringing patients in.
- Multicare Deaconess Report: David Sewell stated that volume remains high at Deaconess as well. The large number of mental health patients continues to be a challenge, but the hospital continues looking for ideas to relieve pressure from the downtown hospitals. Deaconess is still down 6 beds for construction and hope that beds will become available before the summer months.
- Tom asked how private transport agencies are doing, and Paul Priest stated that AMR is experiencing a staffing increase consisting of individuals coming from west coast areas. AMR is also offering scholarships to some of their current EMTs to advance to Paramedics.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

➤ Financial reports for March 2022

Cathy St. Amand not present. EMS Council Chair, Tom Chavez, presented the financial reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Awards

The Executive Committee has chosen winners and the Awards presentation will take place Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 1030 PST at the Fire Training Center, Classroom D. The Council meeting schedule for that day will be as follows:

- QI Committee 0900-1000 PST
- EMS Council 1000-1015 PST

➤ Spokane County EMS Data Manager update

Executive Chair, Adam Richards, stated that according to data from surrounding counties, the rates would be too high to support this role for a professional with years of experience, but that Washington State University graduate students showed some interest in this kind of position. Council Chair, Tom Chavez, advised that this would most likely be a part time position starting between \$18.00-\$24.00 per hour. The group discussed concerns of how this individual would collect data, if this individual would be analyzing the data, turnover of the position due to the position being listed as only part time, and if this position would be cost effective for the Council. Dr. Nania emphasized the importance of key performance indicators (KPI) in order to determine where improvements are or are not required. Tom stated that moving forward, the group working on this will create a job description to bring back to the Council in order to have a better understanding of what this role would be responsible for.

➤ Behavior health patient hospital transport update

Tom Chavez reported that Mike Lopez is still working with SPD and his contact at the Spokane Regional Health District to create a solution in transporting behavioral health patients to the closest hospital, rather than only to the downtown hospitals. Dr. Maika Dang asked if the Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) request form has been edited since the last discussion, but it was uncertain if the form has been changed. Tom stated that he will get an update from Mike on where this process is at.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ WSU Cadaver Lab discussion: Dr. Nania

Dr. Nania reported that he recently met with the head of the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine cadaver lab to request access to the lab for additional airway skills training for Paramedics. Due to the heavily embalmed cadavers, intubation training will not be obtainable, but he has proposed to allow needle thoracostomy and needle and minimal incision surgical cricothyrotomies. The goal is to allow 8 paramedics, with 1 or 2 volunteer physician instructors to access the lab two times per year. Dr. Nania asked the Council if they would support the Lab fee of \$270 per day. The first session will take place Tuesday, June 7th at 0900-1200 PST.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve funding the \$270/day fee for the cadaver lab training

➤ EMS Council goals and future initiatives: Executive Chair, Adam Richards

Adam presented a consolidation of the past 10 years of EMS Office finances and explained that the original intent of creating the savings account was in order to support the EMS Office if funding was to ever decrease, and to fund a new Medical Program Director when Dr. Nania decides to retire. With this information, Adam suggested that a 'rainy day' savings account be created to hold these awaiting funds, and that the current savings account be used to support current office operations. Adam also suggested that each Council Chair could add to the consolidation document after each year to update where current funds are going in order to be transparent to the Council on what the money is being used for.

➤ Hospital divert status update: Paul Priest, AMR

Paul stated that he has a meeting with PSHMC today regarding hospital divert status not matching WATrac. Transport agencies are experiencing inaccurate divert status or being diverted while in route. Paul will bring ideas to the group following his meeting today with Sacred Heart. Adam Richards also suggested that agencies turn on notifications, as there is an option to get an

update every time WATrac status changes.

➤ EMS Training Program Applications for approval by EMS Council:

- SCFD 4 Renewal of Current Program- EMT

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the training program

➤ Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:

- Spokane Community College Initial EMT SGA (04/05/2022-06/16/2022)
 - Lincoln County FD 4 Initial EMT SGA (04/02/2022-06/18/2022)
 - SCFD4 Initial ESE Instructor Course (05/18/2022)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT SGA (04/12/2022-07/09/2022)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- Protocols for approval by EMS Council:

- Sexual assault
 - Dopamine
 - Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen
 - Atropine
 - Bradycardia
 - Post Cardiac Arrest Care
 - Post Resuscitation Flowchart
 - Vfib/Pulseless Vtach
 - Additional Approved Skills
- **Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the new and revised protocols. New protocols will now be sent to the state for approval.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

No new update.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek

The last meeting was Thursday, April 7th and they had a guest speaker from Washington Emergency Management. Grant opportunities for PPE are available and they continue preparing for the summer months. Chris also reported that Chapter 13 of the county FOG (MCI Chapter) is almost complete.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

Not present

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 13th.

➤ REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff

Not present.

➤ SRHD: Kira Lewis

Not present

➤ Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger

Not present. Michelle sent Tom her update and reported that they are moving to a larger location for EMS training programs, as well as nursing and wellness programs. The new location is in the Ecova building at 1313 N. Atlantic, Suite 4900.

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

Not present.

➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- The QI committee meeting is being postponed. The following topics will be discussed at the May meeting:

- Airway KPI data
- CARES data

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for April:
 - 04/26/2022 @1800 PST “Psychiatric Emergencies and Use of Restraint in EMS” with Dr. Ernest. Use this [link](#) to register and join the LIVE session
- EMS Live @ Nite for April:
 - 04/12/2022 @1830 PST “Medico-Legal Ethics” with Michael Anderson, Asst. Fire Chief
 - 04/28/2022 @1830 PST “Diabetes Awareness and Obesity” with Caitlin Snider, RD, Certified Diabetes Educator

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Auditorium & Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, David Sewell

Guest Present:

Dr. Matt Conklin (LFN), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Jess Hopson (ALNW), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Deanna Redmond (ALNW), Brian Rogge (LFN), Brian Schaeffer (SFD Chief), Dan Ward (SVFD)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of April 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- EMS Awards for 2021 service:
Presentation today following a brief Council business meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for April 2022
- Action:** It was an M/S/P to approve the financial reports

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cadaver Lab: The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine have offered their facility for Paramedic Airway training on cadavers. The first session will be held Monday, June 6th. The first group will begin at 0900 and the second group will begin at 1030. The EMS Office will be sending an email to get participants, along with instructions to review prior to the lab.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training: Initial EMT-SGA (05/20/2022-09/02/2022)
 - Providence Health Training: Refresher ESE Instructor (05/02/2022)
 - Spokane Community College: Initial ESE Instructor (06/16/2022)
 - Spokane Community College: Initial EMT-SGA (07/05/2022-08/25/2022)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
Tom stated that he is bringing a draft of Rocuronium protocol to the group today to be approved to be sent to the Department of Health. The next Protocol committee meeting is next Thursday, May 19, and the group will continue to work on the Cardiac protocols section.

- Protocols needing EMS Council approval:
 - Rocuronium protocol: The protocol committee proposed to replace Vecuronium with Rocuronium, due to low availability of Vecuronium at the moment. Tom presented the protocol draft.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the draft protocol and send to the state with the update of intermediate duration and an addition of a sedation and analgesia statement for re-dosing.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No report.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris WYROBEK
The last meeting was cancelled. Chris will have a report at the next meeting.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
No report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
No report.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff
No report.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
No report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
The big news is that we are moving. We have loved being a tenant with SFD and couldn't have grown and nurtured our program without having use of the facility on SFD campus. However, we have simply outgrown it, which is a great problem to have. We will be moving our EMS training programs as well as our nursing and wellness program into a larger space by the end of May. The space is in the Engie building (adjacent to the RockPoint building near the Arena) at 1313 N Atlantic, Suite 4900. Here, we will continue to host courses and teach the next generation of EMS professional and look forward to the continued support of all collaborative partners and amazing EMS providers.
On another note, we have opened the 2022-2023 Paramedic Course application window. Student can register for their application fee and testing here:
https://psjhrmwebsites.microsoftcrmporals.com/event?readableEventId=Paramedic_2022_Program_Application_Fee3118402532
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - Airway KPI data reporting
 - CARES data reporting

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for May:
 - 5/24/2022 @1800 PST 'Trauma Triage and Hemorrhage Control' with Shaun Pitts
- EMS Live @ Nite for May:
 - 05/10/2022 @ 1830 PST 'Documentation' with Michael Anderson, Asst. Fire Chief
 - 05/26/2022 @1830 PST 'Cardiac Care and Mechanical Hearts' with Tamara Macilroy, RN SDN CCRN

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell

Guest Present:

Jack Busch (AMR), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Bill Neckels, Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU), Deborah Roberts (SCFD12), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Dan Ward (SCFD), Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Dan Williams (SCFD4), Chris Wyrobek (SCFD8)

MINUTES: Approval of May 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- Meeting to be Zoom recorded
Berkley is out of the office and will review the meeting and complete the meeting minutes following her return. Due to increased Covid rates, this month and next month's meeting will be virtual. The Council will reassess for the September meeting.
- Budget proposal
The initial review of the 2023 budget proposal will be at the July meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for May 2022
Cathy St. Amand not present. Tom presented the financial reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS Website Update Proposal
The EMS Office was given a quote to update the EMS Office website. This will allow the Office Administrator more access to update the website and post more current events, as well as provide an up-to-date system that will be easier to navigate. Tom reviewed the proposal with the group that will require approximately \$1,600 from the EMS Council funds.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the funds for the EMS Office website update
- Spokane County Min/Max Assessment
Tom shared that the East Region Council and the DOH has requested that Spokane County assess their min/max numbers, as there has not been an assessment in approximately 10 years. All agencies will be receiving a letter from the EMS Office requesting an assessment of their areas of need. It is important that all agencies respond with their needs so that the most accurate information is sent to the East Region. The East Region Council will review the information and then send it to the DOH for review and approval. Adam Richards explained that the East Region

has a thorough review of min/max numbers to justify the systems that are in place. It is important to look at all areas to be sure that the system is effective or needs changed. Tom requested that all agencies respond within 60 days so that the data can be presented at the September meeting.

➤ Stroke Triage and Destination

Multicare Deaconess Hospital has been designated to a level 2 stroke center. Tom stated that he has spoken with Deaconess regarding the impression that Deaconess is not taking any stroke patients. He emphasized to the group that this is not true, and agencies need to clarify with their personnel that Stroke patients can be taken to Deaconess based on their Stroke Severity Score. The group discussed the Stroke Triage Destination Protocol and agreed that agencies need to emphasize training the importance of this process in order for stroke patients to be transported to the most appropriate, closest hospital. There will continue to be discussion on how to successfully triage and transport stroke patients based on the protocol.

➤ Request for appointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council

- Carolyn Stovall
- Adam Richards
- Todd Putren
- Deborah Walker
- Chris Clutter

Action: It was M/S/P to approve and appoint all members to the East Region Council

➤ Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications

- Providence Health Training Refresher EMT Course (06/10/2022-06/11/2022)
- Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (06/13/2022-08/17/2022)
- Providence Health Training Initial AEMT Course (06/20/2022-09/09/2022)
- CWU Initial Paramedic Course (09/22/2022-03/16/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

The Department of Health returned the recently submitted protocols and requested edits on the revision dates. Tom suggested that because the protocol committee is submitting groups of protocols every 6 months, the revision dates will need to represent the date that the protocol is passed by the Council, rather than when the protocol was revised by the protocol committee. There were no concerns from the group with changing the dates of the protocol revisions.

- Rocuronium Protocol was sent to the DOH and is awaiting approval
- The next meeting is June 23rd at 0900 via Zoom

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: No representative.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris WYROBEK

The last meeting was June 2nd. The DEM reported that they are working on an after action for the training incident that occurred at Mead High school for those who attended to review. A Cascadia rising simulation tabletop event will take place with EMS personnel and state government officials to focus on the impacts of what a large scale earthquake on the west side of Washington would impact resources on the east side of the state. There will be more to follow once this event takes place. SREC is working on possible changes to response dispatching codes to homeless encampment, specifically the one off of 2nd avenue, to ensure scene safety and additional resources. Spokane International Airport will hold MCI training with an aircraft element on June 22nd. Ramp up for wildfire season continues.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

No new report.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau

The East Region continues to monitor the North Spokane County transport coverage. The next

meeting is in October.

- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff
Not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
They have officially moved into the new location at the RockPoint campus and an open house will take place in August. The 2022/2023 Paramedic application window is now open.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
Last week 8 Paramedics attended an Airway training event at the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine that was funded by the EMS Council. Procedures taught included Needle and Surgical Cricothyrotomy, and Needle Thoracostomy. Berkley has sent a survey to the attendees to request suggestions to improve future events. Overall, it was a fun and successful event. Going forward, funds for equipment may need to be paid by the Council to continue this event.
Dr. Nania shared the 2021 Utstein Survival report to the group and noted that there were over 500 cardiac arrests last year, which has increased from previous years. He also shared the Utstein Survival graph which characterizes Spokane Counties' progress compared to other WA state counties. Overall, Spokane County had good results.
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - CARES 2021 data
 - DEFIB graph
 - Summary of WACARES annual meeting and report
 - Protocol committee report

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for June:
 - 6/29/2022 @ 1800 "Orthopedic Injury & Field Splinting" with Dr. Baker
- EMS Live @ Nite for June:
 - 6/14/2022 @ 1830 PST "Situational Awareness" with Michael Anderson, Asst. Fire Chief
 - 6/23/2022 @ 1830 PST "Cardiac Care & Mechanical Hearts" with Tamara Macilroy, RN BSN CCRN

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 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:

Brian Barton, Deb Bried, Darren Brieher, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Mike Dawson, Dr. Travis Dierks, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, David Sewell

Guest Present:

James Akramoff (Providence Health Training), Jack Busch (AMR), Dan Cecil (SCFD9), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Craig Meredith (Collin's Aerospace), Dr. Mike Metcalf (Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol), Randy Olson (Consumer Rep), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Debbie Roberts (SCFD12), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of June 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- EMS Office update:
 - Training Course applications
Tom reminded EMS Agencies that all EMS Training Course Applications need to be turned in to the EMS Office at least one month prior to the intended start date. This is a rule from the WA State Department of Health.
- Hospital status report:
 - Providence: Adam Richards stated that Covid numbers are moderate right now and that they are seeing a surge in the region. ICU admissions are much lower than they have been. The biggest challenge right now is the burden of staffing. Low staffing is impacting capacity volumes, and the ER may continue to struggle for the foreseeable future due to a high number of admissions of patients who cannot return home to assisted living.
 - Multicare: David Sewell agreed with Adam's statement regarding staffing challenges, and included that most Covid admissions are incidental admissions, that are coming in with another illness and then testing positive. They are experiencing less ICU admissions as well.
 - Pre-Hospital Transport: Paul Priest from AMR stated that they are doing well right now, but they recognize the staffing struggles from the hospitals. Brian Barton at DPVA said that they are continuing to grow their staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for June 2022
Cathy St. Amand not present. Tom presented the financial reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Initial Review of 2023 Budget
Tom shared the Initial budget proposal to the group. There was discussion regarding the proposed expenses for consideration for a Clinical Data Analyst. The group would like to create a job description for this role prior to proposing any expenses. It was also proposed to increase the Share Fees by 5% next year.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the Budget proposal with the removal of the proposed expense consideration for a Clinical Data Analyst and increase the Share Fees by 5% for the next Budget review.
- Request for reappointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council
 - Jack Busch
Action: It was M/S/P to reappoint Jack Busch to the East Region Council
- EMS Training Program Applications for approval by EMS Council
 - Providence Health Training Renewal & Amendment of current program
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the renewal and amendment of the current program.
- Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (07/21/2022-11/18/2022)
 - Providence Health Training Initial ESE Evaluator Course (08/05/2022)
 - SCFD3 Initial ESE Evaluator Course (08/06/2022)
 - SCC Initial EMT-SGA Training Course A.M & P.M (09/21/2022-12/15/2022)
 - CWU Initial ESE Evaluator Course (10/07/2022)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - The Rocuronium protocol was approved by the WA DOH on June 30th and will be in the next update of the Protocol app and on the EMS website. All other protocols that were recently sent to the state are pending approval. The next group of protocol updates will not be sent to the state until September.
 - There were recently changes made to the Mechanical CPR Protocol, which was sent out to all agencies EMS Officers. These edits will be in the next app and website update as well.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: No representative.
Dr. Nania attended the recent rules meeting and stated that they are discussing the requirements for recertification to be either CME or OTEP. They are changing the format and giving more flexibility for Airway and IV maintenance training. He mentioned that all are welcome to attend rules meetings. The next rules workshop is July 25th at 0930. Contact Catie Holstein for information.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
No report.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
SREC will be developing an RFP for a new CAD system. The goal is to move to a single CAD system in the future that meets the needs of both Law Enforcement and Fire. Individuals or agencies interested in providing input on the Scope of Work and/or system capability should reach out to Lori Markham.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau
Tammie reminded all EMS Agencies to get their Min/Max number data to Tom by August 30th.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff

- Not present
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
Jim Akramoff reported on behalf of Providence Health Training and stated that they have some Paramedics finishing clinicals and getting placed to agencies. An open house will take place at the end of August to visit their new location.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - Trauma KPIs

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for July:
07/26/2022 @1800 “Ventilation, Oxygenation & Airway Devices” with Dr. Eric Ernest
- EMS Live @ Nite will start back up in September.
- Tom Jenkins, Chair of Inland Empire Fire Chiefs Association stated, that SREC is working with the Fire Chiefs to get Airlift NW added to their dispatch list.
- Psych Patient Triage update: Tom Chavez has agreed to reach out to the contacts that Mike Lopez had been working with from SRHD and Spokane County Law Enforcement to move forward with planning a meeting to discuss Psych patient triage.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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:

Deb Bried, Darren Brieher, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Paul Priest, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

Jack Busch (AMR), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (Providence), Denise McCurdy (Providence), Dr. Mike Metcalf (Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol) Nicole Michaud-West (Multicare), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Bethany Osgood (ALTCEW), Jess Hopson (Airlift NW), Deanna Redmond (Airlift NW), Lindsay Pestana (SCFD2), Dan Ward (SVFD)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of July 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

➤ Hospital Status Report:

- Providence: Adam Richards stated that Covid numbers are down in house and that they are working on procedures for infectious disease visitation to normalize visitation at the hospital. Staffing shortages continue and Providence is now experiencing challenges with finances following the increase of expensive travel nurses to lessen the burden short staff, which has created required cutbacks and reorganization to reduce overhead costs. Adam explained that cuts are not being made to those in bedside care, but will affect all employees.
- Multicare Report: David Sewell reported that they are also experiencing cutbacks and reorganization. David brought up a concern that names of patients are not accurate when being transported to the hospital, and asked that agencies verify patient's name and date of birth or validate with an ID.
- AMR Report: Paul Priest stated that AMR recognizes the struggles and frustrations with the hospital staffing crisis and that they will continue to work through issues as they come up. AMR has continued with good staffing and recruiting numbers.

➤ Live vs Virtual meetings:

Tom Chavez asked the group to discuss whether the EMS Council Meetings should remain virtual only. Concerns about flu season, and meeting logistics from the Chair's perspective were brought up. After discussion, the group agreed to return to in person meetings while continuing a virtual option beginning January 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

➤ Financial reports for July & August 2022

Cathy St. Amand not present. Tom presented the financial reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Final Review of 2023 Budget for approval**
Tom presented the final Budget proposal to the group which was approved by the Council. The Medical Program Director, Dr. Nania, requested to speak about the opportunity to expand the Spokane County Verified Responder program and shared a budget proposal with the group. The EMS Office sent a survey last month and received a response of over 400 EMS personnel interested in becoming a verified responder. Dr. Nania proposed that the EMS Council funds could be used to support this program, which would cost approximately \$18,000 per year to cover the PulsePoint app for all Verified Responder. It was suggested that the Council use funds from the current savings account to support funding this program. SFD Chief, Brian Schaeffer, included that the EMS Office will need to be relocated in 2023 from the Fire Training Center to the old INHS Paramedic School building, and proposed that the Council fund approximately \$20,000 for relocation and new office equipment.
Action: it was M/S/P to approve the 2023 budget with the addition of \$20,000 for verified Responder Program, and \$20,000 for EMS Office Relocation.
- **Spokane County Min/Max Update**
Tom Chavez reported that he has sent all agency's min/max reports to Rinita Cook for review. This project remains in the early stages, and Tom will continue to give updates as necessary. Tom Jenkins suggested that Cheney FD will need S.R.E.C and AMR involvement to get accurate data for their area. There was concern within the group that the pandemic has affected normal numbers and data may not be accurate if collecting numbers from the past 3 years. Tom stated that it will be difficult to identify the areas that are underserved due to population fluctuation due to Covid. Tom Chavez suggested that the Council create a County Min/Max spreadsheet that agencies can periodically update for real time information. Tom stated that we will move forward with the information that we have now, and can revisit new data points if necessary.
- **Behavioral health and transport destination update:**
Tom brought up the ongoing concern of behavioral health patients being transported mainly to Downtown hospitals and that he has continued to work on setting up a meeting with Fire agencies, Law Enforcement and Spokane Regional Health District to discuss a solution. The group agreed that this topic needs to remain a priority, and that EMS may need to clarify to Law Enforcement that this is an issue, as they may be unaware. There is currently nothing in the Spokane County protocols that states that behavioral health patients need to be transported to the most appropriate, closest hospital, or that EMS personnel are responsible for determining destination. Tom will add this topic to the Protocol Committee agenda for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request for Reappointment to East Region EMT & Trauma Care Council**
 - Dominic Pomponio**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve reappointment
- **EMS Training Program Applications for approval by EMS Council**
 - Deer Park Volunteer Ambulance Renewal of Current Program- EMR, EMT, & AEMT
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the renewal of Deer Park Ambulance's current Training Program
- **Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications**
 - Providence Health Training Refresher AEMT/Paramedic Course (09/08/2022-09/10/2022)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (09/13/2022-12/15/2022)
 - Providence Health Training Refresher ESE Instructor Course (09/16/2022)

- Providence Health Training Refresher Paramedic & AEMT Course (10/03/2022-10/08/2022)
- Providence Health Training Refresher EMT Course (10/13/2022-10/14/2022)
- Providence Health Training Initial EMT-IV Course (10/03/2022-11/05/2022)
- Providence Health Training Initial Paramedic Course (10/17/2022-05/17/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: Next meeting is Thursday, September 22nd
 - All protocols that were passed by the Council at the July meeting have been updated on the app and EMS website. Another group of protocols will be sent to the Department of Health for approval this month.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: No representative
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
No new report as they have not met since the last EMS Council meeting. Chris made an old business request of to get a report of the long term financial plan of the EMS Council funds.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Currently budgeting for 2023 and are working with the merger of city dispatch and SREC. They had a check in from priority dispatch and continue to improve, as they are only 3 points away from accreditation, which they believe they will achieve at first quarter of next year.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau
The next meeting is October 12th at 1100 PST
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff
Not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
The next PM Advisory meeting is October 4th at 0900 PST. There will be an open house prior at 0800 PST for anyone who would like to see their new location.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Proposal for Expansion of Verified Responder Program
 - The meeting agenda includes:
 - Follow up of Trauma KPI
 - Stroke KPI

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for September:
 - 09/13/2022 @ 1800 PST “To Seize or Not to Seize” with Dr. Travis Dierks
Link to register and join
LIVE: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7664549747516029453>
- EMS Live @ Nite for September:
 - 09/13/2022 @ 1830 PST “Care of the trauma patient” with Cassie Brantingham, Paramedic.
 - 09/29/2022 @1830 PST “Patient Assessment/Differential Diagnosis” with James Akramoff, Paramedic SEI
- Region 10 Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Center (RESPTC)

- 10/06/2022 @ 1400-1500 PST “EMS Consideration for Special Pathogens” (Virtual Live event) Presented by Dr. Alex Isakov, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS
 - Following topics will be presented:
 - Covid-19 EMS lessons learned
 - Special Pathogen EMS self-assessment tool
 - Current EMS Monkeypox issues
 - Special Pathogen transport best practices for EMS partners
 - + more with a Q&A

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 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:

Brian Barton, Tom Chavez, Mike Dawson, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Gino Palomino, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Adam Richards, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

James Akramoff (Providence), Jack Busch (AMR), Dan Cecil (SCFD9), Scott Cosner (Providence), Tamara Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Jess Hopson (Airlift NW), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West, Jaclyn Numata (Multicare), Randy Olson (Consumer Rep) Bethany Osgood (ALTCEW), Lonnie Rash (SCFD8), Dan Ward (SVFD)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of September 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- EMS Office: Request from Berkley to EMS agencies to update their personnel rosters by Nov. 1st
Agencies are reminded to review and update their rosters with the Department of Health. Berkley will begin verifying rosters and invoicing agencies for EMS Council share fees in November.
- Hospital Status Report:
 - Providence: Adam Richards stated that status remains the same as last month.
 - Multicare: David Sewell reported that significant amounts of patient holds continue in the ED and have increased the past few weeks. With the Multicare reduction and reorganization taking place, David stated that his position has been eliminated and his last day will be October 28th. He wants to thank everyone for their support and willingness to work with him. Members of the group expressed their gratitude towards David for his partnership with EMS over the years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Min/Max Update
Tom Chavez reported that all agencies' data that he received is with the East Region EMS and Trauma Care Council. The East Region's next meeting is Wednesday, October 12th and he hopes that an update will follow. Tom continues to work with a few other agencies to get the rest of the data in, but the East Region will move forward with the data that they have.
- Behavioral Health Patient update:

The Protocol committee met last month to discuss the Determination of General Patient Transport Destination protocol and added a section specific for behavioral health patients. Tom proposed that Hospitals will be given this updated protocol to be sure that they are aware and on board with this update, but that this addition will get EMS agencies more involved in the transport destination process. Dr. Edminster request that Law Enforcement be given an update as well. Tom suggests that this protocol will depend on hospital status unless the patient requests a specific hospital. The Deaconess free-standing Emergency Department has a 'list' of appropriate patients who should be going to the free-standing ED. Dr. Dierks stated that because it is called an Emergency Department, that they are able to complete behavioral health screenings and are able to transport those patients who need to be admitted. David Sewell input that security and behavioral health personnel at the free-standing ED is the other hospitals which may make it challenging to handle Behavioral Health incidents. The protocol committee will investigate adjusting the appropriate patient list for the free-standing ED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Non-invasive CPAP Protocol consideration: Brian Schaeffer
SFD Chief, Brian Schaeffer is requesting the Protocol Committee consider including the use of CPAP for CO poisoning within Spokane County Protocols. This topic will be added to the next Protocol committee meeting agenda.
- Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications
 - SCFD3 Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (01/07/2023-04/01/2023)
 - Deer Park Volunteer Ambulance Training Program- Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (11/07/2022-02/11/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - The last meeting was September 22nd. The group worked on the Behavioral Health Transport Destination protocol, as well as continued to review and update the following protocols:
 - Adult Seizure/Midazolam
 - LVAD: now has a QR code on protocol for more information
 - Drug Reference Guide
 - Tom reminded the group that protocol updates will only be sent to the Department of Health in September and March. The following protocols have been edited and will be brought up to the EMS Council at the meeting in January to be reviewed and voted on.
 - Pulmonary Edema
 - Stable Narrow-complex tachycardia
 - Stable Wide-complex tachycardia
 - The next meeting is Oct. 20th at 0900 via zoom.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative present
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
Regarding Chief Wyrobek's request at the last meeting for a long-term financial plan from the EMS Council, Tom stated that the executive council will be creating a 2-year and 5-year development plan of how unallocated EMS Council funds will go into supporting the county. Chris said that he will report this back to the Fire Chiefs. Chris reported that the group had met with Jess Hopson of Airlift Northwest and were given an overview of their capabilities and operation procedures. Individual agencies were asked to reach out with any questions.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

Not present. Brian Schaeffer gave report that Spokane City Fire Department is moving to SREC on November 1st.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau
The next meeting is Wednesday October 12th. St. Luke's will be giving a presentation on a case study and EMS Disaster preparedness.
 - REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff not present.
 - SRHD: Kira Lewis not present.
 - Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
The next paramedic class begins October 17th. The Advisory committee met last month, and the meeting minutes are available to anyone who wishes to view them.
 - FAFB: Jason Satcher not present
 - QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - ACS KPI reporting will take place at the November 8th meeting.
 - Summary of Stroke KPIs
- Today's meeting agenda includes:
- Summary of Trauma/spine cases

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for October:
 - 10/26/2022 @ 1800 PST "Case Review" with Dr. Dierks, Dr. Stanton & Dr. Ernest
This will be a live physician round table event. Cases will be presented to the physicians and discussed. Anyone who wishes to participate can reach out to Shaun Pitts.
- EMS Live @ Nite for October:
 - 10/11/2022 @ 1830 PST "Cardiology" with Josh Bradbury, Paramedic
 - 10/24/2022 @ 1830 PST "Neurology Assessment" with Trevor Haley, Paramedic

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 13th, 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:

Brian Barton, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Mike Dawson, Dr. Joel Edminster, Chris Gibbar, Amber Jones, Dr. Mike Metcalf, John Leavell, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Anne Raven, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, Cathy St. Amand, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

Jim Akramoff (Providence), Jack Busch (AMR), Dan Cecil (SCFD 9), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence), Missy Griffith, Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Dr. Matt Layton (WSU), Nicole Michaud-West (Multicare), Brittany Pascoe (RediHCC), Beth Perkins (Providence), Doug Presta (CWU), Jeff Reid (SCFD 9), Deanna Redmond (Airlift NW), Kyle Richardson (SRHD), Lee Venning (SFD), Deborah Walker (Multicare), Jim Walkowski (SCFD 9), Dan Ward (SVFD), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of November 2022 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Tom Chavez

- Nominations and Vote for Treasurer Position (appointment takes effect Jan. 1, 2023)
Tom thanked Cathy St. Amand for her dedication and involvement to the EMS Council over the last decade and acknowledged Cathy's great accomplishments in all the Council positions that she has held over the years, including being the first female Council Chair. The Treasurer position is a 2 -year term. The only nomination received prior to today's meeting was for Paul Priest, who then nominated Jack Busch. A vote was taken.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve Jack Busch as the EMS Council Treasurer effective January 1, 2023
- EMS Office Administrator Pay Raise for 2023
Tom stated that the December 2022 CPI-U for the West Region report came out, which has been used in previous years to determine the pay raise for the EMS Office Administrator.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the EMS Office Administrators pay raise
- EMS Office Share Fees Invoices sent Dec. 1st
Tom reminded agencies to check their emails for their Share Fees invoice, and any questions or concerns should be emailed to Berkley.
- January meeting: In-person and Virtual:
The next Council Meeting will be held in person at the Spokane Fire Training Center (1618 N. Rebecca St. Spokane, WA) in Classroom D, as well as be available to join via Zoom.
- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence: Adam Richards reported that patient volume has continued to increase as all kinds of illness and injury increase during the winter months. Pediatric departments continue to stay very busy, and the adult census is high as well. They continue to try to

keep surgeries going to keep patients moving, but hospitals are working at high capacity with continually low staffing numbers.

- Multicare: Nicole Michaud-West stated that Multicare is experiencing the same trend of increasing patient volumes and have continued efforts to keep surgeries going.
- Transport/Fire Agencies: Paul Priest of AMR reported that transport has been extremely busy, and that their daily average number of transports has increased from approximately 200, to 215-230 transports per day. Paul brings up that they appreciate the communication with the local hospitals to ensure that EMS crews are being seen quickly when arriving to the hospitals, so that they can get back out to assist more calls. Fire agencies informed that they have also been seeing record call numbers recently. The importance of patient transport destination continues to be emphasized as the hospitals remain close to capacity.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Behavioral Health Patient update
Tom updated the group that the Washington Department of Health sent back the Determination of General Patient Transport Destination protocol for editing. Tom requested that the group go over the protocol again to make edits and send it back to the DOH as soon as possible. Once the protocol is approved, the Medical Program Director, Dr. Jim Nania, and EMS Council Chair, Tom Chavez, will draft a letter to send to Spokane County Law Enforcement, and Hospitals explaining the new update. The Protocol will be reviewed and edited today during the QI portion following the Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- "Train the Trainer" Course Presentation: Missy Carter
Dr. Nania introduced Missy to the group, and Missy presented an outline of the Prehospital Emergency Airway Course. The course is a 3-year program which is customizable content that the MPD may tailor to fit the current County Operating Procedures. Missy stated that at least 20 individuals would need to sign up at the cost of \$300 per person. Transport and Fire agency's Physician Advisors have requested to review the curriculum to see if it meets training needs, and the group agreed to discuss this topic again at the next meeting to decide if agencies would like to move forward with this program. EMS Council Funds would also be considered to fund this program.
- BLS Stroke Assessment: Dr. Edminster and Beth Perkins
Beth Perkins requested that the group discuss the possibility of allowing BLS to transport Stroke patients without ALS backup. This was brought up due to some delay of transport from agencies that are distant from Stroke Centers and do not have ALS units easily available. It was suggested that a protocol could be developed for case-by-case scenarios where BLS units would transport stroke patients to hospitals, and that those cases would be reviewed by the agency's Physician Advisor. The group agreed to add this topic to the agenda for January for further discussion.
- EMS consistent Medical Control
Dr. Dang raised the issue of inconsistent on line Medical Control to EMS responders. The group discussed and agreed that a letter from the MPD should be sent to the emergency department personnel to familiarize themselves with local EMS scope of practice, and the contents of the Spokane County EMS Protocol manual, as there is a lot of value in reaching out to a doctor that is familiar with the EMS system and protocols in the circumstance of a difficult case. Dr. Nania

agreed to send a letter to ER Medical Directors to request that their colleagues familiarize themselves with local EMS Protocols and download the Protocol app.

➤ Suboxone administration: Dr. Matt Layton

Dr. Matt Layton from the WSU Elson S Floyd College of Medicine was invited to the meeting to present his current work with Behavioral health resources and transport agencies in EMS Suboxone administration in the field, as an effort to get the Spokane County EMS Agencies on board with this program. Similar pilot programs have taken place in other states with great success in getting continual opioid users into medication-assisted treatment programs directly from the field. A grant is coming out on December 30th to increase the number of EMS and Behavioral Health personnel for this kind of program to work towards having better outcomes of treatments from overdose calls. This program would require the EMS County Operation Procedures to allow all EMS personnel to administer Suboxone. The next steps in moving forward with a program like this would be to create a protocol that is appropriate for Spokane County and bring it to the Council for review. Dr. Dang shared a concern that patients would not be transported and evaluated at the hospital. Dr. Layton stated this program serves as a great alternative to those who refuse transport, and that patients willing to be transported to hospitals would continue to do so. There are also concerns regarding if EMS personnel would be allowed to give medication to somebody who is refusing transport. Dr. Layton is requesting support to move forward to show what this would look like for Spokane County.

Action: The group decided to bring this topic to the protocol committee, and Tom will keep in contact with Dr. Layton to move forward.

➤ “Infectious Disease Precaution” update- Includes respiratory PPE

Tom presented the updated protocol and stated that the protocol committee discussed and made changes regarding respiratory precautions. The protocol now states that gloves, eye protection, and masks shall be worn when treating patients suspected of having respiratory illness. The group also discussed whether masks need to continue to be worn for all EMS calls.

Action: It was M/S/P to include that EMS responders shall wear an isolation mask prior to any patient contact.

➤ Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications

- SCFD 9 Initial ESE Evaluator Course (12/28/2022)
- Deer Park Volunteer Ambulance Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (1/23/2023-6/16/2023)
- SCFD 9 Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (01/17/2023-04/01/2023)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update: The protocol committee will meet today during the QI portion, as the QI meeting agenda is light. The protocol committee meeting scheduled for December 22nd will be cancelled. The following protocols were sent back by the Department of Health for editing. The group will edit and resubmit these protocols:

- Midazolam
- Adult Seizures & Pediatric Seizures
- Determination of General Patient Transport Destination

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: No representative

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek

The December meeting was cancelled. No new report.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

The 2023 Budget was approved and the integration of SFD continues, which seems to be going well operationally. Some significant improvements for SREC in 2022 include the hands to chest times developments, as well as an increase in their protection class rating from the WA Survey

and Rating Bureau, which can impact insurance rates for residential and commercial insurance. At the November meeting, they discussed user fees with the potential to decrease fees in the future.

- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau
Next meeting is December 13th. A new report will be coming at the January meeting.
 - REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff not present.
 - SRHD: Kira Lewis not present.
 - Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
Jim Akramoff reported that there are currently two cohorts going on. One is finishing up, and there are 11 of 19 individuals that have finished their requirements and are in the field practicing. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be in February. Date and time TBA.
 - FAPB: Johnpatrick Adams not present.
 - QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - ACS Summary Report: Dr. Nania presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the ACS KPI data that was collected at the November QI Committee meeting.
- The QI meeting agenda includes:**
- Voting for 2023 KPI reporting dates

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for December:
 - 12/19/2022 @ 1700 PST “Practice to Penitentiary: Documentation & Liability” with Dr. Stanton

Link to register and JOIN: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6536012114463499861>

- EMS Live @ Nite for December:
 - 12/13/2023 @ 1830 PST “Autism in the Wild Part 1” with Holly Goodman, Isaac Foundation
 - 12/29/2022 @ 1830 PST “Autism in the Wild Part 2” with Holly Goodman, Isaac Foundation
- Chief Schaeffer (SFD) stated that they are planning to meet with responding agencies that responded to the Lewis and Clark High School hoax on December 9th, and that the time to scene was overall good.

MEETING ADJOURNED.