

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2021, 9 a.m. via Microsoft 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 Present:

MINUTES: Approval of December 2020 minutes
Approved.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards
None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for 2020:
Mike reviewed the report. Some cost savings realized due to COVID and virtual meetings.
Asked Cindy/Cathy to compare actual cost to budget.
- Financial reports for Jan/Feb. 2021:
Agencies have all paid, still awaiting some payments from hospitals.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS COVID vaccine update: Mike Lopez
Recognize key people involved in EMS vaccine task force/implementation: Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Jeff Reid, Kasey Austin, Kayla Myers (SRHD). Tom Chavez (staffing), Kasey Austin (medical), Tim Loncon (staff support), IEFCA committed funds for staff support. Fully immunized over 1000 EMS responders. Reconstituting vaccine task force to schedule another round of vaccines for first responders. SRHD created a scheduling app that eventually included 1B folks. Only three cases of wasted product due to dropping syringe, etc. Several instances of reaction to vaccines but more likely reaction to getting a shot not the vaccine.
- Training Program Applications:
 - Deer Park Ambulance (amendment to Training Program (adding AEMT to EMR & EMT))
Action: It was M/S/P to approve this application.
 - Central Washington University (initial application)
Mike Lopez, EMS Council Executive Chair, explained that Doug Presta, Central Washington University, is requesting an extension of the previously approved one-time Pilot Program paramedic course to host another class at Spokane Community College on March 31, 2021. There are currently no standards at the state level for this type of paramedic training program (online courses done via Zoom/TEAMS platform). The state would like to craft some standards for this type of program, so would like another pilot class to be approved. Mike also noted that CWU is required to show evidence-based need for another paramedic training program in Spokane County.
Doug Presta was given time for a presentation on the CWU paramedic program including Needs Assessment review (see attached Power Point presentation). The program wants to reach people, including students in outlying areas, that can't meet the time constraints or location of currently-offered in-person programs by offering a satellite class. He said this

would be the third time this paramedic course is being done. It has been revised somewhat by moving some classes to 'live days' to increase student interaction. The program is holding students to the same standards as an in-person class. Dr. Maika Dang, the program Medical Director, said the students are being provided a quality product in the program and Dr. Joel Edminster who has worked with some of the students said the folks he's met with are capable and ready to be quality paramedics.

The Council agreed that another class could inform future WAC regarding online programs. It was also agreed that metrics should be developed for non-traditional training programs such as this and that an EMS Council ad hoc committee should be created to take an objective look at course models and submit their findings to PHTAC and DOH. Mike Lopez said the ad hoc committee should be comprised of an ER physician, INHS representative, CWU representative, as well as paramedics.

Action: Mike Lopez made a motion to (1) approve an additional CWU pilot program paramedic course class to be conducted in Spokane and (2) establish an ad hoc committee to identify objective metrics to evaluate the various types of paramedic courses and submit this information to PHTAC and DOH. The motion was seconded and passed.

➤ Training Course Applications approved since Oct. 2020:

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| • Initial EMT-SGA (DPA) | 1/4/2021 – 4/16/2021 |
| • Refresher ESE (INHS) | 1/29/2021 |
| • Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) | 2/8/2021 – 4/23/2021 |
| • Refresher EMT-SGA (INHS) | 2/15/2021 – 2/27/2021 |
| • Initial ESE (INHS) | 3/5/2021 |
| • Refresher Paramedic (INHS) | 3/11/2021 – 3/13/2021 |
| • Refresher ESE (INHS) | 3/26/2021 |
| • Initial Paramedic (CWU) | 03/31/2021 – 03/16/2022 |
| • Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) | 4/13/2021 – 07/10/2021 |
| • Refresher ESE (INHS) | 5/7/2021 |
| • Refresher EMT-SGA (INHS) | 5/31/2021 – 06/12/2021 |
| • Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) | 6/14/2021 – 08/18/2021 |
| • Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) | 06/14/2021 – 09/03/2021 |
| • Refresher ESE (INHS) | 07/09/2021 |
| • Initial ESE (INHS) | 08/06/2021 |
| • Initial EMT-SGA (INHS) | 08/30/2021 – 11/19/2021 |
| • Refresher ESE (INHS) | 09/17/2021 |
| • Refresher EMT-SGA (INHS) | 10/04/2021 – 10/15/2021 |
| • Refresher ESE (INHS) | 12/10/2021 |

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- Protocols needing Council approval before sending to DOH for approval – approved
- Update on work on other protocols
- Working to update COVID-19 Spokane County Response Plan. It's about a year old now so needs to be updated.
- Next mtg March 18, 0900. All are welcome to attend.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

Process is nearing conclusion of first phase. May revisit education portion re paramedic education as discussed earlier. Probably mid to late summer before process is complete.

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Met Mar. 4. IEFEC were happy to help, watching the process and see agencies work together. Met to talk about prep for wildland season. Law enforcement implementing live 911 system. Officer can hear the actual 911 call. Not sure how this will apply to fire and EMS side.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
See email
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Meets next month. Some training for regional administrators and chairs regarding deliverables. Recommended approved in min-max numbers for Adams County. East Adams County hoping to establish ALS system. There is no local council in Adams County so this is the responsibility of the East Region Council.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Not present.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Added NRP back in. Next mtg probably in the fall. Working on re-accreditation. Next class open for applications. INHS is fully a division of Providence. Probably see a logo change.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Air show for 2021 cancelled. Hopefully in 2022.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Scope of practice – DOH approved. Other things can be done if training done that is approved by MPD. Proposal to make cardiac and stroke a part of public health.
 - April is Airway data presentations.
 - Today – Preliminary Field Medical Report, is this still needed?

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes for March:
 - Opioids and the Crisis by Dr. Ryan Stanton (check EMSConnect FB page for dates/link)
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - March 9 – The Isaac Foundation: Autism in the Wild Part 1
 - March 25 – The Isaac Foundation: Autism in the Wild Part 2
 - DOH requires in statute EMS education regarding patients with disabilities. This would meet that requirement.
- Other items:
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**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

April 13, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting

Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and Cindy checked off on her roster those present at the TEAMS virtual meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Darren Brieher, Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Joel Edminster, John Leavell, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Lonnie Rash, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Dan Williams

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Amy Black (SRHD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of March 2021 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

Adam had no remarks but Dr. Nania asked for an update on hospital covid cases. Both the Providence and Multicare representatives said that their critical care covid patient counts were low.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand (Mike Lopez provided report for Cathy, who could not attend.)

➤ Financial reports for March 2021:

Balance sheet shows the Council is in a good financial position. Profit & Loss report shows no unusual expenditures.

➤ 2020 Actual vs. Budget Report:

Mike reviewed this spread sheet prepared by Cindy. Some savings in 2020 were noted due to health insurance costs being less than expected, no legal expenses incurred, less travel and conference cost, no in-person Council meetings so no refreshments costs, and no EMS Awards plaques and lunch.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

Tom said there are some new members to the committee including representatives from AMR and SVFD. Work continues on new and revised protocols that are almost ready to present to the Council for approval including some final tweaks to the approved skills sheet for EMT's. The next Protocol Committee meeting is Apr. 22 and Tom will be sending out the meeting link and agenda soon. Contact Tom at tchavez@scfd8.org if you wish to participate in the committee meetings.

Dr. Edminster asked that the Protocol Committee prioritize work on new protocols to address use of the autopulse/LUCAS devices as well as the new ventilators that will be arriving soon. Tom Chavez said these new protocols are on the Protocol Committee agenda.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike reported that there have been no meetings since February and that the next meeting is in May. The committee is in the final throws of WAC revision at this time, cleaning up some language, and then will send the proposed revisions on to the next stage of the review process.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash, SCFD8
The last meeting was April 1:
 - The group discussed resurrecting the joint public safety leadership soon. If someone on the EMS Council has something they want this group to investigate, let Lonnie know.
 - Fire communications: law enforcement is currently using live 911. They can tap into the conversation between 911 and the caller and can hear call details in real time. This may be considered for fire but will observe for a time and see how it works for LE.
 - There is an interlocal agreement with Avista to request fire response to a tripped power line.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
 - Cody noted that in its early days the joint public safety leadership forum was a product of relationship challenges between fire and law enforcement.
 - Live 911: Cody said he is excited about the 911 updates and said that with 911-I, the caller will be able to send a video link to 911 to show what is happening at the scene.
 - SREC strategic planning is ongoing.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Mike said the April meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be in May due to the current work being done to modifying the regional plans. Changes are being proposed to the injury and violence prevention programs to include senior falls/fall risk, Safe Kids for bicycle safety and helmet fittings, Child Passenger Safety, and Stop the Bleed. Also, the Steering Committee did approve the change to the min-max numbers in Adams County.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Amy Black reported for Carolyn. She said that although there has been an increase in Covid cases, Covid hospitalizations have so far not been increasing. Admission levels are still low, and hospitals report plenty of capacity and available staff.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present, no report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The current paramedic cohort is running as scheduled and clinicals will be in June. INHS is currently taking applications for the next class. The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting will be this Fall with the date TBD.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present, no report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Spokane County WEMSIS Data 2020
Dr. Nania reviewed this report and said the percentage of complete data for Spokane County is very high.
 - Airway KPI data for 2020 will be reviewed at today's QI meeting.
 - Preliminary Field Medical Report: This has been discussed at QI and Protocol Committee. Dr. Nania recently made the rounds to hospitals with Mike Dawson and visited with hospital physicians and staff regarding transmission of information to the

ER's from EMS. It was obvious that the EMS prehospital patch report to the nurse and a good verbal report on arrival is what the ER staff is relying on at the current time. Dr. Nania recommends keeping the hardcopy reports on hand for use when needed (I-pad down times, need to jot down notes, etc.).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes for April:
 - “LVADs Made Easy”: Dr. Jake Rabe
April 19, 6 p.m. (CAPCE-approved for NREMT credit)
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - April 13: Shaun Pitts “Motor Vehicle Crash”. Michelle said there is a change in the presentation tonight since Shaun isn't available.
 - April 22: Mike Helbock “Sick or Not Sick Pediatrics”

MEETING ADJOURNED.

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting**

Adam Richards, Council Chair, called the meeting to order and Cindy noted on her roster those present at the meeting.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Darren Brieher, Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, John Leavell, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Kurt VandeVanter

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Amy Black (SRHD), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Tyler Hickman (FAFB), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Olivia Logan (AMR), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator/EMS County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of April 2021 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

➤ **F/U to QI Committee reps meeting with ESO representative:**

Adam showed the quote from ESO for \$995/year to create an MPD oversight account allowing him or his appointee access to agency information for those agencies using ESO. There was lengthy discussion regarding this access, getting ESO reports that provide the KPI data Dr. Nania wants to see, and hiring of a QI employee.

Action: As Chair, Adam said the Council financials do not support hiring a QI person at this time and that the group needs to assess other QI solutions and fully assess the costs of hiring a QI analyst.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

➤ **Financial reports for April 2021:**

Cathy was not present, and Mike Lopez reviewed the reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

➤ **Teresa Fuller's Request for Reappointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council**

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

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ **Protocol Committee update:**

• **Preliminary Field Medical Report update:**

Tom said this is no longer a Protocol Committee issue and it is up to the Council how they wish to handle use of this form. There was discussion on the issue.

Action: Mike Lopez made a motion to adopt the content of the medical report form

currently in the COP and to assist only the small agencies in the purchase of these forms and that the agencies must brand the forms with their agency name and contact info. He also moved to assist these small agencies in upgrading to electronic reporting. It was M/S/P to approve this motion.

- Additional approved skills for EMR's and EMT's:
Take back to Protocol Committee for further review.
- New oral glucose gel protocol: no changes
- Revised albuterol protocol: no changes
- Revised bradycardia protocol: some changes needed
- Revised Pit Crew CPR:
Take back to Protocol Committee for further review.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve oral glucose and albuterol protocols as presented. It was M/S/P to approve bradycardia protocol with the agreed-upon changes.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Process continues. All proposed revisions are being put into a document for internal review. This is delayed due to COVID spike.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
The last meeting was May 6, 2021. A guest speaker from Washington State Department of Emergency Management discussed the importance of communication for declaration of FMAG fires. Specifically, early communications on wildland fires that significantly impact urban areas where a federal or FEMA declaration may assist in paying for firefighting resources and recovery.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Updates for dispatch; call receivers have begun triage to save time in call transfers. Have recently taken on fire as well. Agencies are reviewing fees.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Meeting tomorrow to finalize 2021-2023 state plan in preparation for presentation at the state's July meeting.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Amy Black reporting. COVID cases declining or at least plateauing. Vaccination rates are plateauing. Hospitalizations are down a bit. Please read information on their website regarding open positions on their Core Member Advisory Committee. There are only 2 weeks left to apply for a position.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
Not present, no report.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
James Akramoff reported that the current cohort is getting ready for clinicals and in the process of onboarding now. INHS is taking applications for the next cohort and testing for application will take place at the end of this month.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Tyler Hickman for Jason reported that base medics are gone currently to assist in giving vaccinations.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Summary of 2020 Airway Data was reviewed.
 - Today at QI the committee will be looking at a case referred from Providence Trauma Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSCoconnect Classes for May:
 - Monday, May 17, 6 p.m.: Hyperthermia & Anaphylaxis
Dr. Eric Ernest, State EMS Director for Nebraska
Free link to participate is on social media. Adding content soon.
- EMS Live @ Nite:
 - May 11: Mike Helbock, King County: “HP-CPR: An Insider’s Story”
 - May 27: Mike Helbock, King County: “Emergency Field Deliveries, A View from the South Side”

ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting

Adam Richards, Council Chair, called the meeting to order and those present were noted by the Chair.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Deb Bried, Darren Brieher, Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Dr. Greg Cover, John Leavell, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Todd Putren, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS Training), Josh Bowen (SRHD), Carolyn Cartwright (REDi HCC), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley Hospital), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC Trauma), Doug Presta (CWU), Brandy Tarala (United We Rescue), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Jim Walkowski (SCFD9), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishak (excused due to family emergency)

MINUTES: Approval of May 2021 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards - None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for May 2021:
The reports were reviewed, and no problems or issues were noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

- SCSO application for ESSO Renewal:
Action: M/S/P to approve the application.
- United We Rescue – Brandy Tarala:
Brandy provided a Power Point presentation on United We Rescue, a new non-profit with a mission to bring resources and awareness regarding mental health for first responders.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
The following protocols were reviewed with the Council:
 - Pre/Post Cardiac Arrest Checklist– M/S/P to approve
 - OSI – M/S/P to approve
 - Endotracheal Intubation – M/S/P to approve
 - Field Resuscitation – M/S/P to approve
 - Pit Crew Resuscitation – M/S/P to approve

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike said there was nothing new to report. Review is scheduled to be finished in September.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
 - 2021 could be a record fire season
 - DEM is supporting an Active Shooter training and there will be a Fall Active Shooter drill
 - The Chiefs are working on FOG revisions particularly related to HAZMAT and RTF
 - The joint law/fire group is re-engaging
 - Chris Wyrobek is the new IEFEC representative to the EMS Council meeting. There will be a formal handoff next month
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
CAD updates occurred this past month and went well. The Annual Report for SREC can be downloaded from the following link: <https://srec911.org/documents-1> .
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The next meeting is tomorrow, June 9. There will be a meeting each month for 2 months in order to review the biennial strategic plan. This year there are no decreases in regional funding.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
There is increased hospital capacity and decreased COVID census in hospitals. Core Advisory Group are voting on new members and the link to the voting is in the REDi newsletter.
- SRHD: Mark Springer – no report
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The current class is entering clinical rotations. The next Advisory Committee meeting is in the Fall (date TBD).
- FAFB: Jason Satcher – no report
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - CARES Summary PowerPoint – Dr. Nania reviewed the report and will have Cindy send it out to the Council members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes for June:
 - Thursday, June 10, 6 p.m.: Immunology & Oncology
Presented by Dr. Travis Dierks
Free link to participate is on social media website
- EMS Live @ Nite for June:
 - June 8: Jim Akramoff - Anatomy of a Crash
 - June 24: Jim Akramoff – The Art of Patient Assessment

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 14, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting

Adam Richards, Council Chair, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the roster by Cindy.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Brian Barton, Darren Brieher, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, John Leavell, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

James Akramoff (INHS), Brian Bowcutt (DPA), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital Trauma), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (MultiCare Deaconess), Tom Jenkins (Cheney), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West (MultiCare Deaconess), Bill Neckels (SCFD4), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator/EMS County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of June 2021 minutes (the July meeting was cancelled due to wildfires)

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- Shortened meeting today (30 min for Council and 30 min for QI)
- Dr. Nania asked that the hospital representatives give a quick update on beds, COVID cases, and staffing, which they did.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for June, July, August 2021:
Reports were sent to the Council for review prior to the meeting. No problems or issues with the reports was noted.
- 2022 Budget (1st presentation):
The budget was sent out a week prior to the meeting for the Council members to review. Adam showed the budget. There were no comments or questions. The draft budget will be presented again at the October meeting and then voted on.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Bill Neckels, SCFD4, re: ambulance transports for SCFD4:
Following Chief Neckels' report and description of the situation in Fire District #4, Mike Lopez provided a summary of appropriate next steps to take. The RCW and WAC are very clear on how to deal with an agency that is significantly out of compliance with the East Region EMSTC Plan. In situations as described in this discussion, the East Region EMSTC Committee is charged with working with the impacted agencies, the Local EMSTC Council, and the MPD of the County where the concern of non-compliance exists. Clearly, what is being described represents non-compliance with the East Region Plan's Goal 1 "Maintain, Assess, and Increase Emergency Care Resources". The Spokane County EMSTC Council should refer this to the East Region for actions consistent with RCW 70.168.080. This statute requires the Regional Council to work with

the parties involved to develop a mitigation plan that corrects the area(s) of non-compliance. Typically, there is a 6-12- month period, once the Department of Health approves the plan, to implement and monitor progress towards correcting the deficiency. Mike recommended that the Spokane County EMS and Trauma Care Council evaluate the current min/max numbers of trauma verified transport agencies to determine if the data suggests that a modification to the current numbers is required. Doing this concurrently with the East Region's activities will position the County to establish another transport service should the mitigation plan fail to correct the current non-compliance issues. A question was asked as to whether the County Council can compress the time that the mitigation plan can be used to correct the problem. The answer to that question is squarely in the hands of the Department of Health as the regulatory body. The Region will pose that question to the Department of Health and advocate for a more compressed timeline given the current state in North Spokane County.

Action: This issue will be brought before the East Region EMSTC Council at their October meeting.

A small workgroup will be assembled with volunteer participation to evaluate concerns and potential solutions as well as how to best support SCFD4 and the community that they serve. DPA and AMR volunteered to be part of this workgroup with SCFD4.

- Request for Reappointment to Regional EMS & Trauma Care Council – Cindy Pavlischak & David Sewell:

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

- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
 - Deer Park Initial ESE 08/28/2021
 - INHS Initial AEMT 08/30/2021
 - INHS Initial EMT-SGA 09/07/2021
 - SCC Initial EMT-SGA 09/20/2021 (AM only)
 - SCC Initial EMT-SGA 09/20/2021 (PM only)
 - DPA Initial EMT-SGA 09/30/2021
 - SCC Initial EMT-SGA 01/04/2022

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - EMS Non-Compliant Patient review of draft document.
The discussion was limited due to time constraints and mostly informational since it had already been released to the County. Tom mentioned that this is a “living” document and changes can be made at any time if new information is developed. DOH is working on statewide guidance for this very topic. There was no vote on the protocol and no comments were offered by the group.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No report.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs:
Chris Wyrobek, SCFD8, said that going forward he will be providing this report.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
No report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
No report.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
No report.
- SRHD: Mark Springer

No report.

- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Michelle Ensminger
Michelle said that the Providence Health Training (previously INHS) website has been updated.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - At QI today Dr. Nania will be presenting a Power Point summary of 2020 Trauma KPI data from agencies and hospitals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSCConnect Classes for September:
09/09/2021 @ 1800 PST with Dr. Travis Dierks and the topic is: “Dialysis Patients and Other Lines, Fistulas, & Caths”
- Flight Bridge ED is coming to Spokane in November. The sign up is on their website at:
<https://www.flightbridgeed.com/>
Class will be held at AMR (1425 N Washington), November 12th- 14th. Registration is now open.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the roster by Cindy.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Brian Barton, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, John Leavell, Mike Lopez, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

Cassie Brantingham (Providence Health Training), Jack Busch (AMR), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Janet Deandre (MultiCare Deaconess), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence Health Training), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Nicole Michaud-West (MultiCare Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Orlando Sandoval (SCFD10), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Andrea Yousef (AMR)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlishchak, EMS Council Office Administrator/EMS County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of September 2021 minutes

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the September 2021 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- EMS Council Office Update
Adam reported that on Sept. 16 Cindy submitted her written notice that she would be retiring at the end of December 2021 after 8 years as the EMS Council Office Administrator. Adam and the Council Executive Committee believe the duties of the position should be kept as is for now. Discussion with other Washington State County EMS agencies revealed that trying to find one person to function as both the office administrator and the QI coordinator was like trying to find a unicorn and very costly. It was also costly trying to fill two separate positions and isn't doable with the current EMS Council budget. Adam is working on a job posting to go up later this week.
- Request from Cindy to EMS agencies to update their personnel rosters:
Agencies are reminded to update their rosters as soon as possible as Cindy will begin the process of verifying rosters Nov. 1 and invoicing Dec. 1 for EMS Council Share Fees for 2022.
- Dr. Nania asked the hospital representatives how their staffing levels will be affected by the vaccine mandate. Both hospital system representatives said they are already short nursing staff even without the mandate so they will still be at a critical deficit.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for Sept. 2021:
Cathy couldn't be present for today's meeting, so Adam presented the financial reports. No issues or concerns were noted.
- 2022 Budget (2nd presentation):
The proposed 2022 budget was provided to the Council prior to this meeting. Hearing no questions or concerns, approval of the budget was put to a vote.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the proposed 2022 budget.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for reappointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council: Leah Salmon-Conroy
Action: It was M/S/P to approve Leah's request for reappointment to the East Region Council.
- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
 - INHS Initial Paramedic 10/18/2021 – 10/18/2022

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
The next Protocol Committee meeting is Thursday, Oct. 21, at 0900.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Working toward finishing the WAC Revision by the end of the year. The next East Region Council meeting is tomorrow via GoToMeeting at 1100.
Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek
Chris said he was unable to attend the meeting last week. He said review of the FOG regarding MCI will begin soon. Adam asked him to pull in hospital partners when looking at MCI.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody reported that he was able to attend the Fire Chiefs and he provided an update on items covered at the meeting including that DNR funding has increased resources for the state during fire season. Also, Peer Review Committee looked at task books.
SREC Report: It is budget season for SREC; good capital improvement plan; some increased fees. They continue to be understaffed from where they would like to be.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
Tomorrow's agenda includes transport concerns from SCFD4 presentation last month to the Spokane County EMS Council and need to develop a mitigation plan. There will also be some discussion regarding min-max numbers in Stevens and Whitman counties.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
No one present.
- SRHD: Mark Springer
No one present.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The 24-student Paramedic Class will start Oct. 18. INHS staffing updates were reviewed. The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting will be in February 2022.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No one present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today's QI Committee meeting will include: Review of 2020 Stroke KPI data from agencies and hospitals; CARES data on time-to-first shock numbers for 2020; follow-up discussion regarding case reviews for Trauma KPI's

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes for October:
10/13/2021 @ 1800 PST with Dr. Jake Rabe presenting "Endocrine Emergencies and Diabetic Management"
- Providence Health Training:
10/12/21 @ 1830 PST with Brandy Tarala & Jim Akramoff presenting "Critical Incident Stress Management"
10/28/21 @ 1830 PST with Hayley Kamitz presenting "Morals, Ethics and Advocacy"

- Dr. Nania said that the Verified first responder program could be further improved in the future by obtaining more AED's via pursuing a grant proposal in 2022.

ADJOURNED at 0940:

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting**

EMS Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and Cindy noted those present on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Brian Barton, Darren Brieher, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

Brian Bowcutt (AMR), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Mike Dawson (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (Providence Health Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Kristie Hills (Deaconess Cardiac), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Kira Lewis (SRHD), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Jaclyn Numata (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Dan Williams (SCFD4)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, Office Administrator & County Coordinator
Berkley VanHout, Incoming Office Administrator

MINUTES: Approval of October 2021 minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the October minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- EMS Council Office Update:
Adam introduced the new EMS Council Office Administrator, Berkley VanHout. She started training with Cindy on Nov. 8. Cindy will be working through the end of December.
- EMS Office Share Fees Reminder:
Adam reminded all agencies to update their rosters prior to December 1 as Cindy will begin the process of creating and sending invoices on Dec. 1 for the 2022 share fees.
- Upcoming EMS Council elections:
Adam said that elections for EMS Council Vice Chair will take place at the December meeting. Please submit nominations for this position. Any Council representative is qualified to hold the office (please refer to Council membership document). For 2022/2023 Adam Richards will be the Executive Chair, Tom Chavez will be the Chair. Cathy St. Amand will continue as Treasurer for 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for October 2021:
Cathy reviewed the reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for reappointment to East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council: Veronica Mitchell-Jones:
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the reappointment of Veronica Mitchell-Jones.

- Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:
 - INHS Initial EMT-SGA (11/15/2021 – 02/18/2022)
- Dr. Geraghty: New stroke telehealth process at Deaconess
 Dr. Geraghty explained the new stroke telehealth pilot project in which Deaconess will be a test site. EMS responders delivering a patient to the ER will be giving report to the ER physician and virtually to the Neuro physician. She said that the number of stroke neurologists countrywide has declined so telehealth is becoming very important. What this means for EMS responders is that they may see the neurologist virtually rather than in-person in the CT area.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 The committee is still working on the following protocols:
 - Fine-tuning the non-compliant patient protocol as is DOH
 - SMR protocol as to what an appropriate exam is
 - ALS/BLS handoff procedure (DOH may be looking at this as well)
 - Improving sexual assault protocol with the help of SFD paramedic McCalle Feller's input.

The next meeting of the Protocol Committee is Nov. 18 at 0900. Steve Tevlin asked about updated BLS medications and Tom said he will check on this.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
 The revision process continues and will probably be done by the first of the year.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris WYROBEK
 Nov. 4 was the last meeting.
 - There have been staffing changes to the board
 - Working on FOG updates
 - DEM has some PPE available
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
 Working on staffing and recruiting, looking at call metrics, stats look good.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
 - Last meeting was in October and the group discussed a change in min-max numbers for Stevens County as they will be adding ALS services. This was approved by the East Region Council and has been forwarded on to DOH for review and approval.
 - The committee also reviewed ambulance response concerns in the north Spokane area and will be conducting meetings with the principals to discuss the concerns and a strategy to address the concerns.
 - East Region counties were encouraged to request funds for injury and violence prevention as well as EMS training.
 - The next meeting is December 8.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
 Not present.
- SRHD: Kira Lewis
 - Kira is the health nurse and will be attending the EMS Council meetings in the future for SRHD.
 - Kira reported that the county is still seeing about 200 COVID cases/day and an increase in school cases. SRHD is currently prioritizing COVID vaccines in children and teens.
 - SFCC has a drive-through PCR testing site (results within 24 hours); about 300/day can be seen. Testing is also taking place in homeless shelters and SRHD is helping EMS agencies with free rapid testing for employees.

- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Paramedic class started in October with 25 students. Last year's class is nearing graduation. The next paramedic advisory committee meeting will be in February.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today's meeting will include: Review of 2020 ACS KPI data from agencies and hospitals; further follow-up discussion regarding case reviews for Trauma KPI's
 - 2020 Stroke Data Summary Power Point was reviewed by Dr. Nania.
Action: Great work by EMS and hospitals. Improve alert to hospitals of incoming stroke patients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMSConnect Classes for November:
11/15/21 @ 1800 PST Chest and Abdominal Emergencies with Dr. Ernest
- Providence Health Training:
11/16/21 @ 1830 PST Head Injuries with Rebecca Bordeaux, Paramedic
11/30/21 @ 1830 PST Cold Emergencies with Rebecca Bordeaux, Paramedic

MEETING ADJOURNED.

**Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021, 9 a.m. via Teams Virtual Meeting**

EMS Council Chair, Adam Richards, called the meeting to order and Cindy noted those present on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Darren Brieher, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Tim Loncon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Gino Palomino, Paul Priest, Cody Rohrbach, Brian Schaeffer, David Sewell, Chris Wyrobek

Guests Present:

Jack Busch(AMR), Dr. Maika Dang (SCFD3), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Dr. Madeline Geraghty (Deaconess), Carlos Hardesty(AMR), Tom Jenkins (Cheney FD), Deanna Jones(PSHMC), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC),Nicole Michaud-West (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Kurt VandeVanter (SFD), Dan Williams (SCFD4), Ashley Christoff (RediHCC)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, Office Administrator & County Coordinator
Berkley Van Hout, Incoming Office Administrator

MINUTES: Approval of November 2021 minutes
It was M/S/P to approve the November minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- EMS Council Office Updates:
Adam announced that this was Cindy Pavlischak's last EMS Council meeting before retiring at the end of December. Thank you Cindy for your commitment and support to Spokane County EMS and the Council. Cindy will receive a plaque on behalf of the Council for all her hard work and dedication to EMS over the years.
- Hospital Status Report:
 - Adam stated that Covid-19 numbers are down in hospitals across the region. The Omicron/Delta variant across the world is very high so hospitals are nervous that systems may become overwhelmed with cases. Encouraging vaccinations for best prevention strategy.
 - Adam stated that hospitals are continuing to catch up on emergent surgeries, but are still not performing elective surgeries due to being close to full capacity.
 - David Sewell (Deaconess Hospital) inputs that Emergency Department bed capacity is filled with many Psychiatric patients and that mental health holds are high. Full capacity and staffing shortages are making it hard for healthcare workers.
- EMS Share Fees Reminders:
Adam reminded all agencies that all 2022 EMS Share Fees invoices have been sent and to begin submitting checks in January to the Spokane County EMS Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cathy St. Amand

- Financial reports for November 2021:
Cathy St. Amand not present. EMS Council Chair, Adam Richards, reviewed the reports.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve financial reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Vote for Vice Chair EMS Council

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the appointment of Gino Palomino as Vice Chair EMS Council.

- 2022-2023 The Spokane County EMS and Trauma Care Council Executive Committee will be as follows:

Chair, Tom Chavez

Vice Chair, Gino Palomino

Executive Chair, Adam Richards

Treasurer, Cathy St. Amand

Secretary/EMS Office Administrator, Berkley Van Hout

➤ Recently approved EMS Training Course Applications:

- SCFD3 Initial EMT-SGA (01/12/2022-04/02/2022)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

- The recently approved protocols have been updated on the EMS website and the app. These protocols have been sent to all EMS Officers/Agency supervisors and Agency Physician Medical Advisors
- Continuing to work with SFD paramedic McCalle Feller to improve the Sexual Assault protocol

The next Protocol Meeting is Dec. 16 at 0900 via zoom

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

The revision process continues towards the recommended changes that are required. There has been a change in the AG position who oversees EMS/Trauma. Date of conclusion is not set but most likely by the first of the year

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek

Last meeting was at the beginning of the December.

- Met with Hillary Franz to discuss new funding for local fire services
- Local and regional committee assignments have openings
- Skeleton crew will be off for the holidays from Dec. 20th- Jan. 3rd

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach

- Continuing to work on staffing and recruiting
- Working with Fairchild AFB to allow people on FAFB to call 911 during an emergency, as the current phone number for an emergency on FAFB is a 10 digit phone number

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez

Dec. 8 was the last meeting

- Continuing to work with North Spokane County on the ambulance response concerns
- East Region counties were approved \$12,000 dollars for financial support for initial EMS training courses for EMR, EMT, and AEMT courses for rural counties that are needing more advanced care training in their agencies. These funds would help support tuition and book costs
- East Region counties were approved \$30,000 in funding for injury and violence prevention programs

➤ REDi Healthcare Coalition: Ashley Christoff

Ashley is replacing Carolyn Cartwright as she recently left HCC

- SRHD: Kira Lewis
Not present
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Not present
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today's meeting will include: A case review
 - CQIP Plan renewal
 - **Action:** it was M/S/P to approve moving forward to discuss plan renewal with QI committee and send to state for approval before end of the year
 - ACS Report Summary – 2020 ACS KPI PowerPoint was reviewed by Dr. Nania

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for December:
12/20/21 @ 1900 PST Burns and Fluid Resuscitation with Dr. Ryan Stanton.
- EMS Live@Nite:
12/14/21 @1830 Provider Fatigue and Burnout with Olivia Logan, Paramedic
12/29/21 @1830 TBA
- SCFD8
Dr. Mike Metcalf will be retiring from his SCFD8 Physician Advisor position at end of December. Dr. Maika Dang will be taking over as SCFD8 Physician Advisor. Dr. Metcalf will continue in his role with Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol

MEETING ADJOURNED.