

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
January 8, 2019 – 0900-1000
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Travis Nichols, Randy Olson, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Johnnie Sylvester

Guests Present:

Dean de Guzman (FAFB), Deb Dodson (SCFD3), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Bryan Hanley (INHS Training), Tim Loncon (SFD), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (SHMC), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Steve Tevlin (NQ),

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the December 2018 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

- EMS Awards nominations for 2018 service:
Please submit nominations to Cindy. Deadline for nominations is March 31. The awards presentations will take place at the May 14, 2019, Council meeting.
Action: Cindy will email the nomination form to the Council members and post on the EMS office website as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Update on 990 back tax filings for 2015 and 2016:
Tax filings have now been completed and submitted for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.
- December 2018/year-end Financial Report:
Patrick reviewed the December and year-end reports. No problems were noted.
- Update on EMS Office fees invoices:
All invoices were mailed to Spokane County agencies and hospitals in December. Quite a few checks have already come in.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Triage tag exercise and letter to DOH – update: Mike Lopez
Mike reported that he is working on a letter to DOH regarding triage tag exercise and using WaTRAC. According to Travis Nichols, the East Region Council is also working on a letter of support to DOH. Travis said the planning meeting this morning was cancelled but the sub-committee plans on having a meeting in February before the Council meeting. He said it might also be possible to move forward with a paper

exercise and that it might also be an option to use Hoopfest and Bloomsday for training as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ INHS Training Course Applications:

- Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 1/28/19 – 4/3/19
- Initial ESE Date: 2/8/19

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

- Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 2/14/19 – 3/1/19

Action: It was M/S/P to not approve the application at this time due to concerns regarding the timeline for the course. Mike Lopez and Cindy will follow-up with INHS and DOH regarding the application. It was also M/S/P to leave open the ability to vote online when more clarification is received from INHS and DOH.

➤ SCFD9 Training Course Applications:

- Initial EMT-SGA Date: 2/11/19 – 5/11/19 (approved)

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

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- ### ➤ Update:
- Tom said that today the QI Committee will be discussing protocols that are currently under review. Hopefully will have drafts to review and potentially approve at the February Council meeting.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

At the next meeting on Jan. 24, the EMS Rules workshop will focus on WAC 246.976.960, -970, dealing with rules for regional and local councils.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash

The sub-committee is looking at talk-groups and coordination with SREC. Making the frequency available at hospital level would help with registration and info that can't be passed by HEAR.

➤ 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach

The group is working on financials. Want a new-world CAD with everyone (fire, law enforcement) on that. Will need to verify that it works and then it will be a 1-2 year project to get it up and running.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) will be conducting an assessment of the EMS and Trauma Care System in 2019. The assessment has begun with assembling of documents and pre-review questions about the system. The ACS review team will conduct an on-site visit in Tumwater the week of April 22, 2019. After the site visit, ACS will submit a final report with recommendations to help improve patient care system wide.

➤ REDi Healthcare Coalition: Travis Nichols/Carolyn Cartwright

- The AAR findings regarding the recent carbon monoxide poisoning will be available when complete. Dr. Nania asked David Sewell what HBO services were currently available at Deaconess for these types of cases. David said that the current HBO vendor contract with Deaconess will be expiring soon and he's not

sure what changes that will bring. Also, the chambers are older and can't take certain patients depending on whether the patient has an IV, is intubated, what medications the patient is on. He also said there is currently not much after-hours availability, even for urgent cases. There is some ability to transfer patients out of town.

- Travis said that a draft Patient Placement Plan is ready for the entire region to review. The plan has two major components. The first is a narrative that will be integrated into the response plan including process stakeholder roles and responsibilities. The second is a protocol that will be used as a stand-alone tool for patient placement stakeholders including DMCC hospitals. To send feedback to the Coalition on this plan (<https://srhd.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5121de6c081c91b18867119b7&id=5e99c0baaf&e=5b7a804ebb>), please email comments to hcc@srhd.org by Friday, January 18.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Brian Hanley was present and standing in for Michelle. He said the Advisory Committee met recently and discussed expanded paramedic training. INHS is researching all options at this time and will present more info in the future.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Dean de Guzman was in attendance for Jason Satcher. He had no report but did note that FAFB does have an HBO chamber.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - ACS KPI Summary for 2017 data
Dr. Nania reviewed his Power Point.
 - Drug shortages?
None noted at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite Jan. 2019 classes:
 - Jan. 8 CVA/TIA (Medical Assessment/Oxygen Admin)
 - Jan. 24 Infectious Disease (Skills Make-up)
 - Jan. 30 Trauma to head, neck, and spine (supine/seated trauma assessment)

MEETING ADJOURNED

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 12, 2019 – 0900-1000
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Joseph Kocon, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Sharon Rainer, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell

Guests:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Deborah Bried (Valley Hospital ER), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Tim Loncon (SFD), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (Providence), Dr. Todd Putren (Valley Hospital ER), Vince Speziale (SCFD4), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest)

EMS Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Office Administrator

MINUTES:

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the Jan. 2019 minutes (Feb. meeting was cancelled).

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

➤ State Stroke Conference:

Mike said that several of our local folks were recognized for their contribution to stroke care in the state: Beth Perkins (Providence), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Dr. Nania (MPD), and Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess). Dr. Nania noted that Mike Lopez was also recognized along with the others listed. Mike said it was a good conference with great presentations.

➤ EMS Awards nominations for 2018 service:

Mike reminded agencies to submit nominations to Cindy by March 31. Awards presentations will take place at the May 14, 2019, Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Lopez

➤ Update on EMS Office fees payments:

Except for two agencies, all invoices have been paid. These two agencies are processing checks at this time.

➤ Financial reports for Jan. & Feb. 2019:

Mike reviewed the reports. The Council members also received the reports prior to the meeting with the agenda.

Action: There were no issues noted and it was M/S/P to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- INHS Training Course Applications:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 4/23/19 – 7/27/19
 - EMT Refresher Dates: 5/3/19 – 5/18/19
 - ESE Refresher Date: 5/10/19
- SCC Training Course Application:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 4/2/19 – 6/13/19
- SCFD4 Training Course Applications:
 - ESE Refresher Date: 3/28/19
 - ESE Refresher Date: 4/3/19
 - ESE Refresher Date: 4/10/19

Action: It was M/S/P to approve all of the above courses.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- New and revised protocols to be approved:
 - New Reference Document: Cadaver Intubation Credit Requirement
Action: Following discussion it was agreed that more homework needed to be done on this document before making any changes.
 - New Reference Form: Training, CME, Skills Maintenance Documentation
Action: Hold on this form pending further review on the above reference document.
 - Revision Procedure Protocol: Spinal Immobilization
Action: None. Ok as shown.
 - Revised COP: Restraints (pg 2)
Action: In #8, replace “counter” with “treat” Emergency Phenomenon and insert period after 10mg; then new sentence “Midazolam may also be used....”.
 - Revised COP: Suspected Ebola Virus Disease
Action: Change first sentence in Background to “the Ebola threat raises...”.
 - Revised COP: Patient Treatments Rights
Action: None. Ok as shown.
 - Revised COP: On-Scene Medical Authority (and Assistance)
Action: None. Ok as shown
 - Revised COP: Moonlighting (changing to Providing Subsidiary Services)
Action: Replace all instances in document of word *moonlighting* to reflect new title of COP.
 - Revised COP: Non-Transport of Patients
Action: None. Ok as shown.
 - Revised COP: Medications and Allergies
Action: None. Ok as shown.
 - Revised COP: Medical Control
Action: None. Ok as shown.
 - Revised COP: General Guidelines for All Patients
Action: Change last line of page 1 to state “will be transported to the highest appropriate level facility” instead of Level II facility.

- Revised Drug Protocol: Midazolam (Versed®)
Action: Change *counter* to “treat” Emergency Phenomenon.”
- New/Draft Protocol: Vascular Emergencies
Action: None. Ok as shown.
- Delete following COP pages: Non-Transport of Patient Form, Patient Refusal of Treatment/Transport Form, Non-Transport of Patient Form
Forms all combined into one document.
Action: None.

Action: M/S/P to approve as amended in the meeting today. Changes will be sent to East Region Council and DOH as required for approval.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
There is another meeting next Thursday, March 21. The group will be reviewing initial certification, reciprocity, etc. There will also be discussion about dropping the CAHEP piece.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie was not present at today’s meeting but sent word that he was out of town for last Chiefs’ meeting so didn’t have a report.
- 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach
Good forward progress. Still working on draft financials; service level agreements would be maintained and it appears there would be good cost savings.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
Adam reminded the group about the upcoming ACS survey of EMS and Trauma Care System. Details have been provided previously.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Travis Nichols/Carolyn Cartwright
Travis provided the following update by email:
 - On March 7th REDi HCC hosted the initial planning meeting for the Coalition Surge Test. With a scenario based on an improvised explosive device to complement the Greater Spokane Emergency Management community trainings, the scenario will focus on a hospital evacuation. Objectives for the exercise will focus on patient placement, patient movement, and patient tracking.
 - On March 14th Deaconess Hospital is hosting a WATrac training focused on Alerting, Command Center and updates from 8:00 – 10:00 for interested agencies. Please RSVP through <http://healthcarecoalition.eventbrite.com/>
 - I-90 Quincy UW Bus Crash MCI After Action Report and associated context video have been posted to srhd.org/HCC after they were shared at the February 2019 Healthcare Coalition general meeting. [November 22, 2018 I-90 Bus Crash](#)
 - REDi HCC is hiring for a planner! Please send interested candidates here: <https://cho.tbe.taleo.net/cho02/ats/careers/v2/viewRequisition?org=SPOKREGI&cws=37&rid=113>
 - Other updates and announcements can be found in the REDiLink Newsletter archive: <https://us15.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5121de6c081c91b18867119b7&id=06ea9d2fa3>
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
INHS is now accepting applications for the Fall 2019 paramedic class. The current 25

paramedic students will be starting their clinical rotations in May. The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting will probably be in Sept or Oct.

- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Next Protocol Committee Dr. Nania would like discussion on LR and updated Stroke Triage Tool.
 - Airway stats for 2018 will be presented at today's QI meeting. Summary will be presented at April Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite Feb. 2019 classes:
 - Mar. 12 Autism/Special Needs Patients (Medical Assessment)
 - Mar. 20 Professional EMS (Skills Make-up)
 - Mar. 28 Mass Casualty Incident (Trauma Assessment/Bleeding Control)
- Life Flight Network joined State Ambulance Association.
- Dr. Geraghty offered to provide a stroke conference update at the April EMS Council meeting.
- Free mini conference for EMS providers will be offered at Deaconess March 27. Flier will be sent to the agencies.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR April 9, 2019 – 0900-1000
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Joe Kocon, Mike Lopez, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Tim Highfill (Valley ER Medical Director), Thomas Jenkins (Cheney FD), Beth Perkins (Providence), Todd Putren (Valley ER), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest),

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator

MINUTES:

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

- EMS Awards for 2018 service will be given out at the May 14, 2019, meeting:
EMS QI will run from 9-10 am followed by a short EMS Council business meeting at 10:00 and awards presentation at 10:30. Lunch will follow the awards.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Update on EMS Office fees payments:
Only one agency payment is still outstanding. The check has been lost and they are re-issuing a new one.
- Financial reports for March 2019:
Patrick reviewed the reports, which were sent out to the Council ahead of the meeting. There were no issues noted with the reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ECMO CPA Program: Dr. Tehrani, MultiCare Deaconess
Dr. Tehrani explained the ECMO CPR program. He said that Deaconess initially would use this procedure on patients who arrest during surgery, then other inpatients who arrest, then patients in the ER who arrest, then pre-hospital arrest patients. He said that survivability has increased with increased use of the procedure.
Dr. Edminster said the county protocols would need to be changed to outline how to identify appropriate patients for the procedure. The procedure could eventually be

incorporated into Pit Crew CPR training. Dr. Tehrani said that equipment would have to be delivered quickly to the scene and it was suggested that the equipment could potentially be delivered to the scene by a fire or AMR supervisor.

Action: Mike Lopez said he would bring the issue forward to the Integrated Medical Services meeting next week for further discussion. Steve Cooke from Deer Park Ambulance also thanked Dr. Tehrani for the recent half-day conference for prehospital personnel provided at Deaconess. Steve said it was great information and very much appreciated.

- INHS Training Course Applications:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 6/3/19 – 9/20/19
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 6/17/19 – 8/26/19
 - Refresher ESE Date: 7/12/19
- SCC Training Course Application:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 7/1/19 – 8/22/19
- Lincoln County FD #4 Training Course Application:
 - Initial EMT-IVT Endorsement

Action: M/S/P to approve all applications.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

The Protocol manual changes have now been sent to Cindy, who will then send them on to DOH and/or Regional Council as appropriate.

Protocol Committee members will be meeting after EMS QI meeting today instead of next week since the QI agenda is short.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
The group met three weeks ago and reviewed reciprocity and CAHEP requirements. The group recommended removing the CAHEP requirement from the WAC and DOH accepted that recommendation. The next meeting is Apr. 24 and the group will be reviewing recertification and renewal requirements.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
No report.
- 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody was unable to be present at the Council meeting but sent this report: The Board reviewed proposed budget and cost allocations to ensure consistency between current uses and potential future uses. This includes cost allocations for previously identified 1/10th priorities that had been unfunded up until this point. This is a positive for the county/EMS, as it is a progression in the process of ensuring we are planning and budgeting for future needs. The City of Spokane has workshops planned between now and the end of May with the intent of making an in/out decision. The SREC Board supports the “everyone in” concept.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
The next East Region meetings are tomorrow. Adam also reminded the Council that the ACS survey is coming up the end of April.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Travis Nichols/Carolyn Cartwright

Carolyn and Travis couldn't be present at today's Council meeting but sent a report that will be attached to the minutes.

- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
The clinical rotations for the current paramedic students start mid-May. The students will be doing MCI training this Saturday. Applications are now being accepted for this fall's paramedic class and entrance exam testing has begun as well.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - 2018 Airway Data Summary: Dr. Nania reviewed the 2018 airway data information that was submitted. He noted that there was missing data from the larger agencies and hoped that would improve in the future. He also said that documentation needs to improve.
 - Verified responder update: Recently an off-duty firefighter received notification that someone nearby had suffered cardiac arrest, he responded and shocked the patient and got ROSC. Dr. Edminster cared for the patient in the ER and the patient survived and went on to do well.
 - Dr. Nania said the study of high risk cardiac patients received IRB approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite March 2019 classes:
 - April 9, 2019 – OB/GYN (Medical Assessment)
 - April 25, 2019 – Pediatric Care (Medical Assessment)

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
May 14, 2019, 10:00-10:15
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

Council Executive Chair, Cathy St. Amand, called the meeting to order. Introductions were skipped due to time constraints.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Steve Cooke, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Casey Schooley, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Laura Freibott (Deer Park), Bryan Hanley (INHS Training), Tim Loncon (SFD), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Beth Perkins (PSHMC),

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the April 2019 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Cathy St. Amand

- EMS Awards for 2018 service:
The awards presentation will take place today following a short Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Update on EMS Office fees payments:
All fees have been paid.
- Financial reports for April 2019:
Patrick reviewed the reports. No issues were identified.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- INHS Training Course Applications:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 8/6/19 – 11/2/19**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve this course application.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

The next meeting is May 23, 0900-1100 at the Fire Training Center. The committee will continue reviewing procedure protocols.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

Mike is out of town; no report.

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
 - Work continues on SREC integration and process.
 - Working to tie GSEM and Law Enforcement into Fire Service Significant Events: anticipated (red flag), and actually happening (Rescue Task Force – Active Shooter).
 - Working on updating regional fire service terminology that better reflects our current practices and adoption into the Spokane County Field Operations Guide.
- 911 Board: Cody Rohrbach
Goal is “everybody together”. Focus on providing good information to agencies to help them make their decision.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
Adam is out of town; no report.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Casey Schooley
 - Developing core member advisory committee.
 - Working on preparedness plan (this was sent out for input).
 - Planning for next year.
 - Position open for planner.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
There are 25 students starting clinical rotations today. INHS is accepting applications for the 2019 paramedic course.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Not present, no report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
CARES summary was presented at QI Committee today and will be presented in full for the Council meeting in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite May 2019 classes:
 - May 14, 2019 – Care of Mental Health Patient (Medical Assessment)
 - May 23, 2019 – Pharmacology (Addendum Skills Sheet)
- David Sewell said the EMS appreciation lunch at Deaconess will take place on Monday, May 21.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

June 11, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Adam Richards, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, David Sewell, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Matt Albright (Providence), Kasey Austin (SFD), Craig Bakker (PSHMC), Jim Bradley (PHS), Deb Bried (Valley Hospital), Tim Churchill (REDiHCC), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS), Bryan Hanley (INHS), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley Hospital), Dr. Ken Isaacs (PHS), Deanna Jones (PSHMC), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Dr. Todd Putren (Valley Hospital), Steve Tevlin (NQ)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Officer Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the May 2019 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

- Successful EMS week celebrations and awards took place the week of May 19-25.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Financial reports for May 2019:
No questions or issues.
- 2020 Budget: Any Council member who would like to participate in the EMS Council budget planning meetings should contact Mike Lopez, Patrick Ramsey, or Cindy. The plan is to present the proposed 2020 budget at the July 9 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- AMR Request:
Mike reviewed AMR's request to the Council for approval of a temporary workforce plan should there be an AMR labor work action resulting in a significant reduction in available ambulances. AMR submitted their original request to DOH who in turn told AMR to consult with local emergency management. The committee discussed the issue.
Action: It was M/S/P to have the Chair draft a letter to DOH explaining that AMR's request was discussed at today's EMS Council meeting and that:
 1. The Council believes it is outside their purview to make this decision.

2. The Council agreed that this is DOH's responsibility and they should follow their own policies in this regard.
3. The local past practice has been that the MPD has vetted/approved incoming personnel to help staff if there is a need.
4. Spokane County would not be able to meet patient needs if there is a work stoppage due to AMR labor action.

Mike will draft letter today and Cindy will send out to Council for approval.

➤ MultiCare Deaconess Hospital Triage Destination Inquiry:

Mike Lopez read the letter from MultiCare requesting a rotation between hospitals, based on odd/even days of the month, to be utilized after meeting patient request, physician practice preference, etc. Mike noted that this change would require a change to the County Operating Procedures. Dr. Nania reminded the committee that diversion is not allowed for trauma, cardiac, stroke patients.

Dr. Edminster said that interacting with EMS is an important way to encourage them recommending your facility to patients. ER physician involvement with EMS personnel and agencies also creates hospital preference. David Sewell, EMS Liaison for Deaconess would like to see EMS personnel educated on what is available at both hospitals. Options could include an ad hoc sub-committee to look at this further, or agencies could spend time educating their personnel further in what is available at both hospitals. There will need to be a response to MutiCare's request either way.

Action: The Council feels the system is working as is and does not believe that an odd/even day rotation is necessary. Council encouraged agencies to further educate their EMS personnel as to care offered at both hospitals. Also suggest that Deaconess encourage their ER physician staff to participate in EMS Council and look at getting involved with EMS agencies that want/need medical advisors.

It was M/S/P to have the Chair draft a letter to MultiCare reviewing the Council discussion and decision.

➤ Stroke Program – Dr. Isaacs, Regional Medical Director, Providence Health Care

Dr. Isaacs thanked Fire and AMR for recent care they provided to him.

He reviewed the stroke program at Providence as well as some statistics on care provided the last several years. He stated the program is here to serve the community and work with EMS.

➤ INHS Training Course Applications::

- Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 9/2/19 – 12/20/19
- ESE Refresher Date: 9/27/19

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

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Update: Tom reviewed what will be discussed at the next meeting on June 20.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez

The next meeting is Thursday and Mike has crafted a proposal for airway requirements that he will present at the meeting.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash

No report.

- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
 1. Cody said the Board is working toward full integration of EMS and Law Enforcement with everyone working together. All communication priorities are now funded.

City Council issues:

 2. Timeline (moving towards July 1)
 3. Mitigation for employees
 4. City Council wants board position on SREC. Fire and law have equal representation on board.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
The next meeting is tomorrow. The ACS survey is done but don't have results yet.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
June 6 was the Coalition Surge Test. The AAR will be coming soon. New staff includes Tim Churchill, Communications Coordinator.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Bryan Hanley thanked the Council for their support of the program. Many folks from the 2017-2018 cohort have passed the NREMT on their first attempt. Cohort 2018-2019 is currently in hospital clinical rotations. INHS will be contacting field agencies to schedule clinical rotations. The application process for the 2019-2020 cohort will close the end of this month.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
Sky Fest is on June 22nd and starts at 0900.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today the Committee will be reviewing Trauma KPI data from 2018
 - CARES and JAWS reports were reviewed by Dr. Nania.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite June 2019 classes:
 - June 4, 2019 – Velocity Injury (Trauma Assessment)
 - June 11, 2019 – OD/Narcan Administration (BVM Ventilation)

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

July 9, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Joel Edminster, Amber Jones, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Ray Moeckel, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Karrie Austin (Dispatch Health), Dave Baird (SVFD), Jim Bradley (Providence), Deborah Bried (Valley Hospital ER), Stephanie Crawford (REDi HCC), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Dr. Madeleine Geraghty (Deaconess), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley Hospital ER), Deanna Jones (Providence), Patrick Kunkel (Resident), Tim Loncon (SFD), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Denise McCurdy (Providence), Beth Perkins (Providence), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P to approve the June 2019 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Adam Richards

- None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Financial reports for June 2019:
Patrick reviewed the reports and no issues or concerns were noted.
- 2020 Budget – 1st Review:
Patrick reviewed the proposed 2020 budget. The proposed budget will be reviewed again at the September meeting and then a vote taken to approve/not approve at that time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- MultiCare Dispatch Health Presentation – Karrie Austin:
Karrie provided information on this mobile urgent care service set to launch in Spokane on Aug. 14, 2019. (See handout for details on hours, staffing, injuries and illnesses the service will treat, etc.). She said the cost for patients with insurance or Medicare is a co-pay similar to an urgent care visit, for patients paying in cash the cost is \$275. Phone triage is done to establish that the patient fits the services provided and the average

response time is 60-90 minutes but can be up to 2 hours. Karrie also noted that they are looking for a local ER physician to be the Medical Director in the area.

Action: Dr. Nania said he would like Dispatch Health to provide a report to the EMS Council in about 6 months with statistics and outcomes.

➤ SCC Training Course Applications:

- Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 9/18/2019 - 3/19/2020

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

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Update: No final word on approval of protocols sent to DOH. There was no physician at the last Protocol meeting so nothing new was finalized. Next meeting is Thursday, July 18, 9 a.m., Fire Training Center.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
No report since Mike is on vacation.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
No report since the meeting was cancelled due to July 4th holiday.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody not present today so no report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
Adam said the East Region Council recently elected new officers.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
Developing a position for a clinical advisor
July 17: [WATrac Advisory Committee summer meeting](#)
August 2: [Patient Tracking WATrac training at Kootenai Health](#)
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
- 2019 NW Emergency Medical Services Conference Sept. 28, Northern Quest Resort & Casino
 - Paramedic students will be starting their EMS clinical rotations soon.
 - Interviewing and testing has started for those applying for the fall 2019 paramedic class.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
- Prehospital and hospital 2018 stroke data will be presented at today's QI meeting.
 - Defib Report – Dr. Nania reviewed a short Power Point on defibrillation statistics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- Pulsara:
David Sewell, Deaconess EMS Liaison, said that AMR and Deaconess want to do a pilot of the Pulsara mobile communication application (Pulsara has a Prehospital package that is free to both EMS and the hospital) to evaluate the efficiency of the system. There was lengthy discussion on this topic including the fact that not all agencies can carry personal phones and potential inconsistency as to how the hospitals are contacted by EMS.
- Action:** Dr. Nania said that he wants careful evaluation of this system and a full

presentation to the Council prior to any pilot project. He said it would need to be used by all agencies or not at all. This item will be added to the September 2019 Council agenda for further discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
September 10, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Patrick Ramsey, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Deb Bried (Valley ER), Katlynn Cochran, Dr. Colin Croshaw (Deaconess ER), Stephanie Crawford (REDi HCC), Nathan Denison (INHS), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS), Dr. Tom Highfill (Valley ER), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Dr. Todd Putren (Valley ER), Steve Tevlin (NQ)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES:

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

➤ FAFB Exercise: Sept. 8-28, 2019

Info provided by Jason Satcher, FAFB:

A Large scale Mobility Guardian exercise will be conducted at Fairchild AFB from Sept. 8 – 28, 2019. The Mobility Guardian exercise is the premiere Air Mobility Command exercise designed to put U.S. and partner forces through the most realistic scenarios possible to prepare them for working together in situations ranging from humanitarian assistance to operating in contested environments. There will be an increase in personnel on and off base, increase in traffic on Hwy 2, and an increase in air traffic from Fairchild AFB. Please contact Jason Satcher for any questions. There was also a press release over the weekend.

➤ Concerns expressed following July EMS meeting:

Mike noted that he was on vacation during the July Council meeting and said he was contacted by several Council members who were concerned about discussions/interactions that took place at the meeting. There is a perception that recent Council meetings have had more discussion about where appropriate patient destinations are and who provides the best care. We are fortunate to have two very robust and committed hospital systems in Spokane. Mike said that the role of the Council is defined within state law and patient destination is guided by State, Regional, and Local protocols. In the future, we need to avoid discussions of this nature as our protocols and operating procedures will determine patient destination. Similarly, if there are conflicts in the prehospital setting, those discussions are best held between the organizations and not the Council meeting unless the issue is truly a systemic issue. The long-time success of the

Spokane County system is directly related to the level of cooperation and collaboration that is present. That is not something that exists in very many EMS systems in the State. All Council members and guests need to work together in a spirit of collaboration at the Council meetings. Mike asked that, in the future, organizations try to deal with transport issues and patient destination issues, by working directly with transport agencies to address any concerns. The time for highlighting the positive elements of any of our system pieces is during the focused CQI sessions that occur regularly throughout the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patrick Ramsey

- Financial reports for July/August 2019:
Patrick reviewed the reports and no issues were noted.
- 2020 Budget – 2nd review and vote on adoption of the budget:
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the 2020 proposed budget as presented. Mike reminded all agencies to go online now and update their roster so Cindy has access to the correct information to calculate statements for fees due in 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for Reappointment to Regional EMS & Trauma Care Council:
Dominic Pomponio, LFN
Jack Busch, Deer Park Ambulance
Action: It was M/S/P to approve these applications.
- INHS Training Course Applications:
 - Initial Paramedic Dates: 10/16/19 – 5/12/20
 - Initial ESE Date: 11/08/19
 - Refresher ESE Date: 11/15/19
 - Refresher EMT Dates: 12/13/19 – 12/18/19
- SCFD4 Training Course Application:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 11/4/19 – 02/15/20**Action:** It was M/S/P to approve all of the above classes.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- The State of Washington Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure was updated by DOH in Feb. 2019 and will be updated in the Protocol manual. This requires that the Spokane County Acute Stroke Protocol be revised as well.
- Revised Acute Stroke protocol:
Tom reviewed the changes to this protocol and asked for the Council's approval of the changes.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the revised Acute Stroke Protocol. This protocol will now be sent to DOH for their review and approval. The East Region Council and DOH will be notified that Spokane County EMS has revised its Acute Stroke Protocol to reflect the revised State Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure.
- Tom said he will have several more revised protocols to review/approve at the October Council meeting.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Mike said the next WAC Revision meeting is Thursday, Sept. 19. Last month the group completed review of the recertification requirements for all levels. The goal of this process is to streamline the three sections and eliminate redundant language. The common, general requirements will now all be reflected in WAC 246-976-161. The CME method of recertification and the OTEP method of recertification will have their separate requirements. The stakeholder group recommends modification to intubation requirements for both CME and OTEP. The group reached agreement to replace the required number of intubations with a requirement to successfully complete a cognitive and psychomotor skills advanced airway management curriculum over the entire three-year certification period. The modified language includes an allowance for MPD's to require some OR time for individuals who do not satisfactorily demonstrate psychomotor skills in endotracheal intubation. The group will probably be looking at educational requirements and instructor requirements in the near future.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie could not attend today but said he had no report. Cody Rohrbach reminded everyone that fire season is not over yet.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody said the SREC board is working on updates to communication with border counties and is going through its first annual budget review. There has not been much change to the dispatch center under SREC. National metrics show there is opportunity to potentially reduce call dispatch time by 45 seconds or so.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Adam Richards
The next meeting is in October. He had nothing else to report at this time.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
The REDi HCC is updating their regional response plan this year through the development of the patient placement, patient tracking, patient movement and pediatric medical surge annexes. They are hosting multiple planning meetings for each annex throughout the region, with call-in options available. They are also soliciting feedback from local and regional EMS council. All annex drafts and meeting information can be found in our [newsletter](#).
Action: Chair Mike Lopez suggested it might be a good idea to create an ad hoc committee to work on this and that Carolyn could chair said committee and bring their suggestions back to the full Council. Mike asked for Council members to volunteer to be on this ad hoc committee and the following agreed to help: Cathy St. Amand, Patrick Ramsey, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Dr. Nania, and Mike Lopez.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
 - Michelle said that Gary Hoertz is retiring but will be on call. She introduced Nathan Dennison, the new lead instructor.
 - She also reported that they are in day 2 of a 2-day accreditation audit.
 - The Paramedic Advisory committee meets again in October.
 - The next paramedic class cohort starts in October and is a smaller class this year.
 - Mike said that the EMS Council would like to recognize Gary at the October Council meeting to thank him for his contribution to the paramedic program. Michelle will contact him and ask him to attend.

Action: Item will be added to the October agenda.

➤ FAFB: Jason Satcher

Mike Lopez read update from Jason Satcher in the Chair's Report.

Two new attendees from FAFB introduced themselves, Parker Miller and Katlynn Cochran. SSgt Miller said that some of their personnel went through ACLS recently with help from INHS.

➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania

- Stroke KPI Summary:

Dr. Nania reviewed his Power Point on 2018 Stroke KPI's.

- At today's EMS QI Committee there will be three case reviews as well as Trauma QI follow-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ 9/11 BBQ at SHMC ER to thank and celebrate our EMS providers:

11 am – 3 pm

➤ EMS Live@Nite Presentations:

- Altered Mental Status Patients – Sept. 10
- Death, Dying, and the Art of Self Care – Sept. 26

➤ NW Emergency Medical Services Conference:

Reminder the conference is Sept. 28 at Northern Quest Resort & Casino.

➤ Dr. Geraghty:

Look for good information coming out on extending the time window for thrombolysis.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

October 8, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dave Baird, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Rinita Cook, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Dr. Jim Nania, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Lonnie Rash, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, Johnnie Sylvester, Cathy St. Amand

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Jim Bradley (Providence), Greg Brown (Pulsara), Deborah Bried (Valley Hospital ER), Darren Brierher (AMR), Nathan Denison (INHS), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Michelle Ensminger (INHS Training), Sara Huston (FAFB-EMS), Deanna Jones (Providence), Tim Loncon (SFD), Valerie Long (McKesson), Karyn Manor (Deaconess), Denise McCurdy (Providence Trauma), Beth Perkins (Providence), Todd Putren (Valley Hospital ER), Christen Soria (Providence), Steve Tevlin (Northern Quest)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & Spokane County Coordinator

PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: Approval of September 2019 minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the Sept. 2019 minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

➤ ACS Assessment of the Washington State EMS & Trauma Care System:

The American College of Surgeons conducted an assessment of Washington's EMS & Trauma System in April 2019. The written assessment report was released this summer and offered some recommendations for improvement. The DOH will be holding forums across the state to engage stakeholders and gather community feedback on the assessment from EMS and Trauma care providers, community members, legislators, Tribes, and others. These are open public forums and all are welcome. Secretary of Health, John Weisman, will lead these forums. A forum is scheduled in Spokane on Nov. 19, 9 am to noon, at the Spokane Fire Training Center. This will include four breakout sessions (Access to Emergency Medical Services, Community and Patient Safety, Improving Patient Outcomes, Resource Investments). Agencies and hospital members are encouraged to attend. This is really an effort to identify opportunities to improve the State's EMS and Trauma System. Since its inception in 1990, there have been few opportunities to take a critical look at the State's nationally recognized EMS and Trauma System and these forums are intended to engage the stakeholder community in identifying needs and improving the robust system of care in Washington State.

➤ Election of Officers for 2020/2021 (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer) coming in December:

Send any nominations to Cindy by mid-November. (Nominations will also be accepted at the December meeting.) Council members will vote at the December meeting.

➤ Treasurer position vacant:

Mike announced that Patrick Ramsey is no longer a member of the EMS Council, leaving the Treasurer position unfilled through the rest of his term. The vote two years ago for Treasurer was tied between Patrick and Johnnie Sylvester and a coin toss determined the new Treasurer was Patrick. The EMS Council Executive Board has asked Johnnie Sylvester if he would be willing to fill the Interim Treasurer position until the election of officers in December and Johnnie has agreed to do so.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Lopez

➤ Financial reports for September 2019:

Mike reviewed the reports and no issues were noted.

- Cindy reminded the agencies to review and correct their rosters as she will be sending an email out the first week of November to confirm rosters before generating invoices for 2020 share fees.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Regional EMS & TCC Membership Reappointment: Chris Clutter

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

➤ INHS Training Course Application:

- Paramedic Refresher Dates: 10/09/19

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

➤ Deer Park Ambulance Training Course Application:

- EMT-SGA Date: 11/4/19 – 02/21/20

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

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Four protocols were sent to the medical writer last week to be added to the Protocol PDF:

- New Vascular Emergencies
- Updated Midazolam
- Updated SMR
- Updated DOH Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure

➤ The Revised Acute Stroke Protocol was sent to DOH for approval and was approved Oct. 8. This will also be sent to the Protocol medical writer.

➤ Tom reviewed revisions to the following protocols:

- Blood Tubes
- Capnometry
- CPAP
- Endotracheal Intubation
- Failed Resuscitation
- Stable Narrow Complex
- Surgical Cric
- Needle Cric
- BVM

Action: It was M/S/P to approve all revised protocols with agreed-upon reworking of

- Needle Cric and BVM. These will now be sent to DOH for approval.
- The following documents will be removed from the Protocols:
 - Carotid Sinus Massage
 - ET Drug Administration
 - King Airway
 - The following documents were reviewed but no changes were needed:
 - AED
 - Estimating ET Size
 - I-Gel

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
The next WAC Revision meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 2-4 p.m. Conference call option is available. The focus will be WAC 246-976-022, -023, -024 (regarding training program requirements, training course requirements, and specialized training). INHS and any training agencies should attend in person or by phone. Mike said that overall the review is going well but slowly and probably won't be done until at least next spring.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
 - The group is working on updating the "code plugs" for the mobile and portable radios. There are no significant changes to the radio talk groups but primarily cleaning up some of the talk groups before next year's fire season.
 - At the recent Spokane County Interstate Fair there was a request to Verizon to pre-empt or provide priority cell phone use to emergency services because of the saturation of cell use at the Fair. We learned a lesson in that emergency services priority pre-emption is only for the cellular phone service and does not prioritize text or data.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody reported that the Board just adopted its first annual budget and said there was some cost savings with the new entity. The Board will do some research on more accurate user fees.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez for Adam Richards
The East Region meetings are tomorrow starting at 0930.
- REDi Healthcare: Carolyn Cartwright
 - The EMS Council ad hoc committee meeting to give input on the regional response plan is Oct. 28, 1:30–3:30, Classroom A, Spokane Fire Training Center.
 - Carolyn extended an invite to the following planning meetings. Details, agendas, and RSVP can all be found here:
<http://healthcarecoalition.eventbrite.com>
 - Patient Placement DMCC protocols: October 24
 - Patient Placement DMCC Categories of Care: October 30
 - Patient Placement DMCC Designations: October 31
 - Patient Tracking: November 4
 - Pediatric Medical Surge: November 14
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
Michelle reported that the 19 members of the new paramedic class are starting next week. The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting will be in November.

- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Airways and spinal immobilization cases from Providence facilities were reviewed by Dr. Cover and Edminster last month and they will be reviewing the cases from Deaconess today at the QI Committee meeting. The takeaway from the spinal immobilization cases was to watch out for spine injuries in elderly ground level fall patients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
October 8: EMS Detective with Shaun Pitts
October 24: Penetrating Trauma with Dr. Sparrow
- Speaker in November:
Dr. Casey Patrick, Assistant MPD in Montgomery County, Texas, will speak on his county's Esmolol experience at the November EMS Council meeting.
- Resuscitation Summit Nov. 7:
Dave Baird announced an all-day educational event at the Center Place Event Center on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019. The information has been emailed to the EMS Officer at all Spokane County agencies and is also posted on the EMS Office website at www.emsoffice.com.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
November 12, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium

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

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Darren Brieher, Jack Busch, Carolyn Cartwright, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Steve Cooke, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Adam Richards, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, Johnnie Sylvester, Malia Nogle,

Guests Present:

Craig Bakker (PSHMC), Jess Callahan (Deaconess), Mike Dawson (SFD), Stephanie Ellis (Deaconess), Michelle Ensminger (INHS), Sara Huston (FAFB), Ken Isaacs (PSHMC), Tim Loncon (SFD), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Aaron Possin (SHMC ER), Todd Putren (Valley Hospital), Steve Tevlin (NQ), Jen Wells (INHS),

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator/County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of October 2019 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

- Nominations for EMS Council Officers for 2020/2021 (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer):
Please turn in nominations to Cindy by the end of November.
- Personnel changes:
 - Tim Loncon is moving to SCFD3 as Division Chief and Capt. Mike Dawson will be the new SFD Medical Service Officer replacing Tim.
 - Aaron Possin will be the new EMS contact at SHMC ER.
 - Darren Brieher is the new Operations Manager at AMR.
 - Jack Busch is the new Training & Compliance Officer at Deer Park Ambulance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Johnnie Sylvester

- Financial reports for October 2019:
Johnnie reviewed the reports and there were no issues.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recognition of Gary Hoertz, retiring from INHS Paramedic Training Program:
Mike Lopez and Michelle Ensminger thanked Gary for his years of service and contribution to EMS in Spokane County. Michelle said that Gary has agreed to stay with INHS in an on-call position.
- Highlights from other EMS Systems – Dr. Casey Patrick, Assistant MPD, Montgomery County, Texas: (30 minutes)

Esmolol and Refractory VF: Dr. Patrick said Montgomery County started giving these patients Esmolol back in March. He reviewed the data they have so far as well as their protocol for Esmolol.

Dr. Patrick said he also developed the MCHD paramedic podcast at Google.

cpatrick@mchd-tx.org

Action: Dr. Patrick will provide their data on Esmolol to Dr. Edminster to share.

- EMS Training Program Application - SCFD3 (Amendment):
- EMS Training Course Application – SCC:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 1/7/2020 – 3/19/2020
- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 12/2/19 – 2/21/20
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 1/7/20 – 4/4/20
 - Refresher ESE Date: 1/31/20

Action: M/S/P to approve all applications listed above.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Update:

Tom said the committee had a good meeting last month following the QI meeting. Recently found out that DOH lost track of the COPS we sent them for review due to change in personnel there. They are working on them now. The next Protocol meeting is Nov. 21, 0900, Fire Training Center.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
The next meeting has been moved to Nov. 13.
 - Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Lonnie is not present today; no report.
 - SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Cody is not present today; no report.
 - East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The next meeting is December 11. The committee is looking at min-max numbers and need the agencies to reports their needs to the East Region Council.
 - REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright
 - Thanks to EMS Council ad hoc group that met regarding Patient Tracking Planning. The next meeting will be Nov. 21.
 - Next Patient Placement Meeting is Nov. 13.
 - The next general meeting is Nov.14, 10 a.m., Enduris Training Center.
 - Adam Richards has been hired as a clinical advisor.
- SRHD: Malia Nogle
- There has been an increase in hepatitis A cases, mostly in the homeless and/or those who use drugs. EMS providers should check that their vaccinations are current. No flu deaths in Spokane County.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger
 - The newest paramedic class of 19 students started in October. Some of the students from the last class have finished up and others are still completing their ride along shifts. Graduation is Dec. 17th.

- The date of the next Paramedic Advisory meeting is yet to be decided since INHS is waiting for the final review report.
- INHS is offering scholarships to rural agencies for EMT classes.
- EMT curriculum is being reviewed and revised.
- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - At today's meeting: 2018 ACS data from hospitals and Spokane County Agencies.
 - DOH public forum here at Training Center Nov. 19. Please attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
 - Nov. 12 Scene Safety
 - Nov. 21 Cardiac Emergencies
- IO classes at SHMC (dates/times) Dec. 10 & 11:
- Next Trauma Tuesday EMS conference at Deaconess is Nov. 19, 5-7 p.m., DHEC.
- MultiCare Deaconess EMS Conference is Dec. 17.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

**SPOKANE COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING**

**December 10, 2019, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center Auditorium**

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

Members/Alternates and Ex-Officio Members Present:

Darren Brierher, Jack Busch, Mike Charter, Tom Chavez, Sharon Colby, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Travis Dierks, Toni Halloran, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Aaron Possin, Paul Priest, Sharon Rainer, Lonnie Rash, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jason Satcher, David Sewell

Guests Present:

Kasey Austin (SFD), Carolyn Cartwright (Redi HCC), Dr. Colin Croshaw (Deaconess ER), Hannah Cylkowski (Redi HCC), Mike Dawson (SFD), Nathan Denison (INHS), Tammie Drapeau (AMR), Sara Huston (FAFB), Tim Loncon (SCFD 3), Denise McCurdy (PSHMC), Beth Perkins (PSHMC), Doug Presta (CWU), Todd Putren (Valley Hospital), Ben Sabori (SCC), Carleen VanDerostyne, Andrea Yousef (AMR)

Office Staff Present:

Cindy Pavlischak, EMS Council Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of November 2019 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Mike Lopez

➤ Nominations and Vote for Officers: (these appointments will take effect Jan. 1, 2020)

- Chair 2020/2021 (2-year term)
There was one nominee submitted by email: Adam Richards. The Chair called for any other nominees. There were no further nominees and it was M/S/P to close nominations for Chair leaving Adam Richards as the only nominee.
Action: It was M/S/P to appoint Adam Richards as Chair.
- Vice Chair 2020/2021 (2-year term)
There was one nominee submitted by email: Tom Chavez. The Chair called for any other nominees. There being no further nominees, it was M/S/P to close nominations for Vice Chair leaving Tom Chavez as the only nominee.
Action: It was M/S/P to appointment Tom Chavez as Vice Chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financial reports for November 2019: Johnnie Sylvester.
Johnnie was not present at the meeting so Chair, Mike Lopez, reviewed the reports. Mike said there was a recent suggestion that the Council explore other investment options for the Council funds.
Action: Cindy will get money market info from STCU and Johnnie will present that info at the January Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recognition of Toni Halloran's retirement:
Mike spoke recognizing Toni and presented her with a plaque honoring her years of service in EMS.
- Training Course Applications:
Mike Lopez presented the course applications for upcoming training courses as well as one that is for a course that has already started. Mike reminded the Council of the WAC submission requirements for approving training courses. There have been several cases during 2019 when course applications fell outside of the WAC requirements resulting in special meetings to recommend approving the courses. In the future, there will not be special meetings to address delinquent applications. All of the Programs understand the requirements and should adhere to this schedule to avoid delays in starting training courses or having course applications denied by the Department of Health.
- EMS Training Course Application – Central Washington University:
 - Initial Paramedic Dates: 3/31/2020 – 3/16/2021
- EMS Training Course Applications – INHS:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 1/6/2020 – 5/22/2020
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 2/10/2020 – 4/24/2020
 - Refresher EMT Dates: 2/17/2020 – 2/29/2020
- EMS Training Course Applications: - SCFD 3:
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 2/10/2020 – 5/2/2020
 - Initial EMR Dates: 1/6/2020 – 2/1/2020
- EMS Training Course Application – SCC
 - Initial EMT-SGA Dates: 9/18

Action: It was M/S/P to approve all of the courses.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

Updates: The committee will meet today following the QI Committee meeting rather than next week on Dec. 19.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Mike Lopez
Next session is Dec. 18. The meeting focus will be WAC 246-976 024, 031(EMS specialized training and SEI approval).
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Lonnie Rash
Work continues on radio frequency changes. GSEM has a tabletop evacuation exercise coming up.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach
Kim Arradondo named as Deputy Director of SREC. The Board is still adopting some new policies and working with a contractor to determine equitable user fees.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Mike Lopez
The next meeting is tomorrow at SLRI.
- REDi Healthcare Coalition: Carolyn Cartwright

Upcoming planning dates:

Patient Placement

- Upcoming meetings:
 - DMCC designations meeting – TBD, second full week of January
 - Categories of Care report out – January 8 – [Register here](#)
 - January 24, 9-11:30am: Full Annex review and input meeting – [Register here](#)
 - February 12, 10-Noon: Final Annex Review meeting – [Register here](#)

Patient Tracking

- Upcoming meetings:
 - Patient Tracking planning meeting, January 22, 2020 from 1-3 pm – [Register here](#)
 - Final Plan Annex review webinar: February 4 from 10 am to 12 pm – [Register here](#)

Pediatric Medical Surge

- Upcoming meetings:
 - January 13 planning meeting – [Register here](#)
 - Final Plan Annex review webinar – TBD

There has been an increase in flu diagnoses. The Hepatitis A outbreak continues. Last week there were 56 cases, most of those in the homeless population, and at least 2 confirmed deaths from Hepatitis A.

- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/INHS Training: Michelle Ensminger/Nathan
 - Nathan noted the upcoming EMS Live@Nite presentations.
 - Next Tuesday, December 17, at 6:45 p.m., will be the paramedic class graduation at the Spokane Fire Training Center.

Action: Mike asked Doug Presta to provide updates in the future regarding the CWU classes.

- FAFB: Jason Satcher
No report.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - ACS Summary for 2018 data
Dr. Nania reviewed the data.
 - ✓ Nitroglycerin administration is only about 50% and this needs to improve.
 - ✓ Consider giving more analgesic.
 - ✓ EMS reports do not capture when hospital are alerted.
 - ✓ Discussed EKG misinterpretation numbers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Live@Nite:
 - Dec. 10 Head Injuries
 - Dec. 19 CVA/TIA
- Doug Presta said that CWU would host a physician-lead paramedic conference on May 1, 2020. He will send more info when he has it.
- David Sewell said the EMS education conference coming up at Deaconess is almost full but he encouraged anyone interested to submit an application.

MEETING ADJOURNED.