

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom D

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Robin Albrandt, Josh Ambach, Jim Akramoff, David Baird, Jack Busch, Dan Cecil, Tom Chavez, Ashley Christoff, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Anne Raven, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

Bill Dennstaedt, Tiarra Dreckman, Emily Fleury, Jake Grant, Nathan Jeffries, Tom Jenkins, Kris Johnson, Deanna Jones, Don Malone, Dr. Luis Manriquez, Denise McCurdy, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Ken Mitchell, Diane Morgan, Jaclyn Numata, Lindsay Payton, Shaun Pitts, Jake Pirtle, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Ethan Senn, David Sewell

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of December 2023 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

- Recognition of Tom Chavez, Executive Chair
Anne presented a plaque to Tom Chavez for his outstanding performance as Spokane County's EMS Council Chair the past 2 years.
- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence: Lindsay Payton reported that effective March 6th, all overhead updates at providence hospitals will be switched to plain language. Tiara Dreckman added that staffing capacity remains to be a challenge, and that patients are overfilling into the ER. Respiratory illnesses are on the rise which has impacted staff as well. Providence is working on plans for the no divert policy that is expected to take place at the end of the month.
 - MultiCare: Ken Mitchell reported that respiratory illnesses are keeping the ED exceptionally busy at Valley Hospital. They are requesting that masks be worn in clinical areas and stated that MultiCare has also been planning for the no divert policy.
- BLS Report:
Tom Chavez stated he spoke with some BLS agency representatives who shared that there is interest from BLS providers to be a part of the protocol committee, and to have more engagement at the EMS Council meetings. Tom will extend the invite for the next Protocol Committee meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for December 2023
Jack shared the reports with the group and shared that the EMS Office is currently working to find an investment option for additional funds.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Frost bite: Dr. Luis Manriquez:

Dr. Manriquez, the lead provider for CHAS street medicine, gave a presentation about frostbite. The presentation has also been shared at shelters to give the public a better understanding of the steps to take for anyone with a concern of frostbite. CHAS street medicine is in the community Monday through Friday making rounds to shelters and to the homeless community working to bring healthcare to people on the street. There is a rising concern of frostbite in the community as the temperatures are dropping to record lows this month. Dr. Manriquez explained that they are seeing patients back into the community without proper follow up leading to greater risk of infection and amputation, as most of these patients do not have phones or transportation for follow up appointments and are at risk for refreezing. CHAS street medicine uses 911 services and AMR for transport. Following the presentation, Dr. Manriquez opened the floor for questions and comments. Concern about busy emergency departments and getting patients to warm beds was brought up as hospital staff have not been successful finding available shelters for homeless patients and with long wait times, some patients are leaving the hospital before being seen. It was suggested that CHAS street medicine create a form for hospital staff that states what the patient is being seen for, as often the report does not get passed along. It was also suggested to transport to all local hospitals, as the downtown hospitals are the busiest most of the time. If patients have a form stating that they are waiting to be seen for frostbite, it is possible that hospital staff can begin rewarming in the waiting room. Dr. Manriquez shared that House of Charity has available beds. EMS and hospital staff can contact CHAS street medicine at (509) 481-3152 for patient follow up, which is a protected line to leave a message with patient demographics.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Recently Approved Training Course Applications:

- Providence Health Training: Refresher Paramedic Course (01/29/2024-02/03/2024)
- Providence Health Training: Refresher AEMT Course (01/29/2024-02/03/2024)
- Providence Health Training: Refresher EMT Course (02/05/2024-02/10/2024)
- Providence Health Training: Refresher ESE Instructor Course (02/23/2024)
- EMS Connect: Initial ESE Instructor Course (02/05/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: The protocol committee met today following the QI portion of the EMS Council meeting and continued to work on pediatric protocols.
- Handtevy update: Tom reported that issues getting agencies listed under the Spokane County account should be fixed soon. Protocols that were recently approved were updated on the EMS council website.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris WYROBEK reported that there have been conversations regarding updates at SREC and they are working on document updates in 2024 including resource planning, FOG chapters, and documentation to support the rescue task force program. Updates will be sent as available.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach reported that SREC is working on strategic planning and goal planning for the new year. The board made a final decision to proceed with the Hexagon CAD system, which will go live in 18-24 months. SREC has had recruitment staffing challenges but have a good number of trainees going through the training process now. There was a discussion at the Fire Chiefs meeting about evacuation zone planning and how dispatch would play a role. They are working to front load evacuation zones before events take place and improving interactive maps for the public.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.

- SRHD: Robin Albrandt stated that the MRC has been working with Clark County on the opioid response system to utilize pulse point. More information will be shared as the project progresses. There has been an increase in flu and covid numbers at resource centers and shelters. If anyone is interested in receiving long term and congregate care updates, reach out to Robin.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff reported that some agencies may have received rider agreements, as they are working on streamlining the process for rider and clinical agreements. AEMT patient contact requirements have increased at the state level, so there will be more AEMTs needing training in the field. Please reach out to Jim or Emily Fleury if you have questions.
- FAFB: Jeff Sanborn not present
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania encouraged agencies to send representatives to the NAEMSP meeting each year and reminded hospitals and EMS agencies to get their data into the CARES registry.
 - Today's meeting agenda includes:
 - Case review

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for January:
01/24/2024 @ 1:00 p.m. “CHF management & LVAD emergencies” with Dr. Dierks
- Providence Live at Nite Classes for January:
01/09/2024 @ 6:30p.m “Delivery Emergencies” with Rebekka Berg, Paramedic
- Zoom meeting license Agreement: Tom Chavez made a motion to have the EMS Council purchase a license agreement with Zoom to have an EMS Council account to run meetings. The Council is currently using Tom’s account. The account would allow access for the current Council Chair and the EMS office administrator, which would cost approximately \$345.70 per year.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the EMS Office purchase their own zoom account.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A

EMS Council Vice Chair, Dan Williams, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

Robin Albrandt, Josh Ambach, Jim Akramoff, David Baird, Jack Busch, Dr. Greg Cover, Tom Chavez, Ashley Christoff, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Jeff Reid, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present:

Scott Cosner, Dr. Madeleine Geraghty, Zack Holmes, Deanna Jones, Tim Loncon, Denise McCurdy, Emily Mercer, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Bethany Osgood, Lindsay Payton, Beth Perkins, Shaun Pitts, Treena Russel, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Jim Walkowski, James Young

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of January 2023 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Dan Williams (Vice Chair)

➤ Hospital Status Report

- Providence Holy Family: Scott Cosner stated that the no divert policy is going well. There have been minor complaints, but overall volume has not had significant change.

➤ BLS Report:

Dr. Travis Dierks stated that the goal moving forward is for the Protocol Committee to adjust protocols to define which protocols and skills BLS providers follow in the manual. The Protocol Committee Chair, Tom Chavez, stated that he has had interested BLS personnel reach out to be included in Protocol committee invites. If agencies have interested BLS providers, please reach out to Tom to be included in the Protocol process.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

➤ Financial reports for January 2023

Jack shared the financial reports.

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

➤ Finance Committee

- Investment Account/High Yield Savings Account

Jack shared that the Executive Committee has begun looking into adding funds from the Council's current savings account into a high yield savings account and/or a brokerage account. Options will be presented at the next Council meeting in March.

- Executive Board Funding Approval

Jack stated that last year, the funding request process was created for agencies to request funding from the EMS Council by filling out a Funding Request form which is reviewed by the Finance Committee, and then voted on by the Council. The Executive Committee requested a cap amount that they can approve without going to the Council for a vote, and Jack suggested a \$3,000 cap. Tom Chavez explained that any annual funding such as subscriptions could also be voted on by the E-Board if it was under the chosen cap amount. Following the discussion, it was agreed upon that the Executive committee can vote on funding request under \$5,000 and requested that an appeal process be made for

requests that get denied by the E-Board to be reviewed by the entire Council for approval. **Action:** It was M/S/P to approve the Executive Committee voting on any funding requests of \$5,000 or less. The finance committee will work on creating an appeal process.

- County Ultrasound Training Request: Cheney FD

Cheney Fire Department submitted a funding request for \$1,300 for a Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) training course for interested Paramedics in Spokane County. Dr Travis Dierks gave an overview of the course and stated that the training course would be limited to paramedics only during the initial training of this program. The course would be available to any medic in the county, with the obligation to have their agencies Physician Advisor or somebody that can oversee and review scans and complete follow up for QA. For training, Dr. Brooks Lasalle from Providence Sacred Heart has agreed to help with training. The course would be 2 days, approximately 8 hours per day. Butterfly, a cloud-based platform for scans to be uploaded, is also willing to send representatives to demo their program. The funding request is specifically for the training aspect, not for the purchase of the devices for any agency. Chief Chris Wyrobek (SCFD8) asked if this program would have ongoing subscription fees, which there would be. There is an option for the EMS Council to create a subscription with up to 100 profiles, or the involved agencies would purchase their own subscriptions. Dr. Dierks amended the request to \$1,700 to cover the Physician training of the course.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve \$1,700 to fund a POCUS training course. The course will be held on March 11-12, 2024, 12-4pm. More information about the course and a link to sign up will be sent out.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Train the Trainer Update:

At the 2023 annual meeting in December, the EMS Council approved to fund up to 20 individuals from multiple Spokane County EMS agencies to attend an Airway Train the Trainer course, and to fund the course host coming to Spokane. Agencies have submitted their lists of interested individuals to the EMS Office, and Tom Chavez stated that he has moved forward with contacting the course host to get a date selected. Some agencies had requested to send more individuals, but the EMS Council approved up to 20 individuals only for discounted pricing. If agencies have additional personnel that would like to attend, they will be able to pay and register directly through the registration link once the course is set up. Information regarding the course dates and location will be sent out once available.

- Frostbite: CHAS Street Medicine-EMS-ED Handoff:

At last month's meeting, Dr. Manriquez from CHAS gave a presentation on frostbite and lead a discussion for ways to improve patient care between the street medicine team, EMS transport, and hospitals. Dr. Manriquez created a handoff form that the CHAS street medicine team would complete on scene, which would be handed off to EMS, and then left with the patient when they arrive at the hospital. The Council reviewed the form and stated that the form would be helpful if the street medicine team is responsible for filling out the form.

- Hospital No Divert Policy Update:

Tom Chavez gave an update regarding the newly in place no divert policy for the 5 local hospitals that went to effect on January 31st. A workgroup made up of hospital representatives, AMR representatives, and EMS Council representatives have met weekly to discuss the progress and continue planning for improvement. After the first week of no divert, hospitals reported that census slightly decreased, but picked up during the second week. Tom brought up two major concerns that the workgroup had after the first 2 weeks of the policy being in place. The first concern was having no appropriate contact information for updates on hospital status, as hospitals are contacting transport crews directly giving status updates regarding wait times. The no divert workgroup will begin working to create a process for hospitals to send updates to transport agencies and other local hospitals as a 'heads up' but EMS transport will still determine patient

destination based on the Spokane County protocols and the WA State guidelines for determination of patient transport destination. The second concern was related to direct to triage status, and hospitals are working on a process and guidelines for direct to triage to move patients quickly and to get the most critical patients where they need to be. Dr. Edminster brought up that there are two EMS bills in legislation, and one includes House Bill 24-66 which will require a 30-minute patient handoff from transport agencies to the hospital if passed. Dr. Maika Dang added that AMR has tracked transports to hospital data since the no divert policy went into effect and reported that average time for delays have remained stable, but there has been an increase in the total number of delays and requested that the Council come up with ideas to help shorten the transfer of patient care at the hospital. Dr. Dang also stated that it was requested by the no divert hospital workgroup that the EMS Council create a formalized process for direct to triage for all hospitals to create standardization of what a triage appropriate patient means. There was a presentation at the NAEMSP Conference that shared a direct to triage protocol that Dr. Dang offered to share. Tom emphasized that hospitals have been working well together and moving patients within the hospital to clear beds in the ED, but space remains to be a challenge. There is currently no end date for the no divert policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- County FOG-MCI Chapter: Chris Wyrobek:
Chief Wyrobek shared an update that the MCI chapter of the County FOG has been put on pause due to changes in triage procedures. The Fire Chiefs are requesting approval from this group to include the DMCC-MCI workflow chart as an appendix in the FOG chapter to be used as a handoff in the field. The SALT triage update will be a key factor in finishing this chapter. The Ops group has begun looking at the chapter for Incidence of Violence, which will also relate to the MCI chapter. Chief Wyrobek stated that the Fire Chiefs are looking for feedback from hospital partners regarding the status of 800-megahertz radio hardware in the emergency departments to have consistent and reliable radio systems for communication in the event of an MCI.
- Dispatch Run-Card for Machinery Rescue: Michael Forbes SFD
Mike explained that the Region 9 Tech Rescue team, which is made up of Spokane City Fire, Spokane Valley Fire, and SCFD9, each have a dedicated apparatus with a variety of tools for machinery rescue. The team provides annual and small group trainings for rescue responses and have recently revised dispatch codes for tech rescue response. Typically, there is a large response for these dispatch codes, but Mike stated that there have been instances that tools are needed in the emergency department and a full tech rescue team response is not appropriate. Mike shared that the Tech Rescue team is currently working with SREC to create a separate response code and run card that would be specific to the addresses of the 5 local hospitals to get one apparatus to respond rather than the full response team. The goal is to create a run card and a training program for hospital staff. This process is expected to go live by March or April 2024. Any questions can be directed to Mike Forbes.
- Recently Approved Training Course Applications:
 - EMS Connect: Initial EMT- Supraglottic Airway Endorsement Course (02/27/2024-05/05/2024)
 - Providence Health Training: Initial IV Therapy Endorsement Course (03/04/2024-04/05/2024)
 - Providence Health Training: Initial EMT- Supraglottic Airway Endorsement Course (03/05/2024-06/22/2024)
 - Providence Health Training: ESE Instructor Course (03/15/2024)
 - Providence Health Training: Initial AEMT Course (03/29/2024-08/31/2024)
 - Providence Health Training: Initial EMT- Supraglottic Airway Endorsement Course (04/18/2024-07/30/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - Handtevy Update:

Tom reported that the Handtevy app update is complete, and agencies should have access to their account under the Spokane County EMS Council account. If anyone has issues with their account, please reach out to Tom. The EMS Council has the only administrative rights over the account, but Handtevy is working on creating different levels of administrators which would allow agencies to have administrative rights to make edits for their individual agencies. The current Spokane County Protocol app subscription will expire in May 2024, and unless the EMS Council decides otherwise, the protocol app will no longer be used once the subscription ends this year. SCFD10 and SCFD13 requested to be added to the Handtevy account. Tom will reach out to get a quote to add the two agencies to the account.
 - SALT Triage/MCI Update

The Protocol Committee will continue to work on the SALT triage protocol and there is an MCI workgroup that will discuss protocols and begin looking at the logistics for a county wide MCI training.
 - All new and revised protocols since September will be reviewed for approval by the EMS Council at the next meeting on March 12th.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek reported that the last meeting was held on February 1st and stated that most of the discussion was centered around the current legislative short session, discussion regarding SREC and the new CAD software, and research going on with the MDC software options. The Critical Incident Management team is working on upcoming training courses and wildland team rosters.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported that the Spokane Regional Health District's health advisories are posted on their website which include a series of the [Measles outbreak in Southwest WA, and an increase in syphilis cases](#). The Long Term and Congregate care COVID-19 updated and non-COVID outbreaks for RSV, Flu, and Shigella was sent last week. If you would like to receive these updates, please reach out to Robin. The Health Equity and Disasters task force is in the process of finalizing surveys to help better understand the barriers and challenges in helping those with access and functional needs during a disaster. The survey will be shared once it is finalized. Robin also reported that SRHD will be hosting an ICS 300 with a public health focus on April 16-18. If interested, reach out to Robin for registration. SRHD is also hosting a G 402 NEMS overview for executives, seniors, and elected officials on April 24th. Lastly, SRHD will be placing a kiosk at the STA Plaza that will offer free COVID-19 and flu test, and Naloxone in addition to other health care supplies. A link for more information about these kiosks is [here](#).
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff reported that applications for the next cohort starting in October are now open. The application process is changing as there will be an application deadline which will likely be at the end of June or early July, and the testing and interview process will begin from there. The next PM Advisory Committee meeting will be April 4th.
- FAFB: No representative. Withdrawing from the EMS Council.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania not present
 - Today's meeting agenda includes:
 - Protocol committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for February:
 - 02/26/2024 at 1:00pm “Asthma/COPD & Future of EMS” with Dr. Travis Dierks and Dr. Joel Edminster
- Providence Live at Nite Classes for February:
 - 02/13/2024 6:30 pm “Language Matters” with Carrie Gigray MSHS/ Paramedic
- Zodiac Trial: Dr. Madeleine Geraghty from MultiCare Deaconess summarized the Zodiac Trial which was presented at the International Stroke Conference. The trial has not yet been published but was presented as one of the most important trails that was presented at the conference. The trail focused on large vessel stroke patients awaiting mechanical thrombectomy and compared patients that had a 0-degree head of bed positioning to patients with a 30-degree head of bed positioning and looked at primary endpoints of neurological worsening and found that patients with a 0-degree head of bed had only a 2.2% chance of worsening either greater than 2 or greater than 4 on NIH stroke scale, which is used to determine stroke severity in the Hospital. Patients with a 30-degree head of bed positioning had a 55% chance of worsening by 2 or more points. Dr. Geraghty emphasized that these results are pre-publication but felt it was important to share. Once the trail is published, Dr. Geraghty will bring the trial back to the EMS Council and will bring this trial to Physicians at the hospital to consider changing the head of bed positioning. Dr. Cover asked if these considerations should be used by transport agencies for all stroke patients and transport, and Dr. Geraghty responded that there was not data available to change the protocol for all neurological patients yet.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom D

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present:

James Akramoff, Robin Albrandt, Josh Ambach, David Baird, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Ashley Christoff, Dr. Maika Dang, Bill Dennstaedt, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Anne Raven, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guest Present

Kelsey Alexander, Deb Breid, Dr. Greg Cover, Tamara Drapeau, Jacob Grant, Tom Jenkins, Denise McCurdy, Bethany Osgood, Lindsay Payton, Austin Pea, Dr. Ben Preiss, Shaun Pitts, Dillon Russell, Treena Russell, Leah Salmon-Conroy

EMS Office Staff Present:

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of February 2024 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

➤ EMS Awards Nominations

Anne reminded everyone to submit nominations for 2024 EMS Awards by March 31st. The awards presentation will be held on Tuesday, May 14th following the EMS Council and QI meetings.

➤ Hospital Status Report

- Dr. Nania reported that Providence Holy Family Hospital and Sacred Heart Medical Center had their Trauma Site surveys and thanked everyone who participated in giving feedback.
- No Divert Policy Update: Tom Chavez reported that the no divert workgroup has continued to meet weekly to discuss challenges with the no divert policy for local hospitals and stated that there has been good communication to resolve issues, and the workgroup is moving forward with a direct to triage protocol. Tom thanked everyone for devoting time each week to discuss improvements for the system.

➤ BLS Report

Tom Chavez stated that an email has gone out requesting any interested BLS providers to attend future Protocol Committee meetings, and the Protocol Committee will continue to work on adding BLS skills to protocols.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

➤ Financial reports for February 2024

Jack shared the reports with the group.

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

➤ Finance Committee

Jack stated that the Executive Board will be meeting to discuss investment options and will have more information at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Butterfly: Pre-hospital Ultrasound Device

Kelsey Alexander from Butterfly attended the meeting to share information about the ultrasound devices and software that Butterfly offers. Butterfly had representatives in town to attend the Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) training hosted by Cheney Fire Department and SCFD 3. Dr. Travis Dierks stated that the goal would be for the EMS Council to purchase a membership to keep all agencies under one system if enough agencies were interested. Kelsey shared the ultrasound device hardware to the group and gave a demonstration of the software capabilities. The software allows access to worksheets, ability to QA the exams, and includes access to education which includes over 250 educational videos and over 50 exams and courses. Images are uploaded in real time where an administrator can review the scans and add notes for QA purposes. Kelsey provided a quote that included pricing for 55 users at \$9,500 per year, and memberships can be set up as annual memberships or multi-year memberships up to 5 years. Jack Busch asked about IT support for the software and probes, and Kelsey stated that the hardware comes with a 3-year manufacture warranty, and that customer support is very responsive. Following the presentation, the group discussed future possibilities and decided that individual agencies would need to purchase the probes for their own personnel, but if enough agencies purchase devices and choose to use Butterfly's software, the Council could discuss the possibility of a County wide membership. Anne Raven emphasized that some agencies would likely have to budget for next year, as budgets for this year are already set. Kelsey included that agencies have used grant funding to purchase hardware in other states.

➤ Spokane County Sheriff's Department- RTF: Detective Samuel Turner

○ Detective Samuel Turner introduced himself and Paramedic Chris Jones from SCFD 9 and stated that they attended the meeting to discuss the Rescue Task Force (R.T.F) and their plan to create a unified deployment model response for all of Spokane County for criminal MCI events. The R.T.F is organizing a 40-hour R.T.F train the trainer academy for EMS providers to teach a unified response model and stated that Spokane Fire Department, Spokane Valley Fire Department and Cheney Fire Department have begun this training. Det. Sam Turner emphasized that the goal of the academy is to train department leaders, who would then train their agency's personnel. Tom Chavez asked if all Law enforcement officers are trained in R.T. F tactics, and Det. Turner stated that they are. The Rescue Task Force team is hoping to get support in annual MCI trainings for the County. The academy will be held in June and is being funded by the Sherriff's Office. Anyone interested in attending the academy, please reach out to Detective Sam Turner.

○ Following Det. Turners report, Chris Jones shared an MCI backpack that the R.T.F team uses and stated that the backpacks are a simplified compilation of medical equipment that are found in the MCI trailers that agencies received following 9/11. The goal of these backpacks is to allow quick access to medical equipment during an event rather than waiting for trailers to be deployed to the scene. The cost of the backpacks was quoted to be approximately \$1700 per bag. Questions regarding the deployment of the MCI trailers was brought up, and Chief Tom Jenkins stated that the MCI trailer deployment model is in the County F.O.G for agencies to review. Det. Sam Turner and Chris Jones instructed agencies to reach out to them with any questions regarding the training academy or the MCI backpacks.

➤ Skilled Nursing Facility Call Assistance: Spokane Fire Dept.

Anne Raven stated that SFD has continued to get an increase in calls to skilled nursing facilities for lift assists or other non-emergent assistance. SFD is working to find a solution as resources are being held up for non-emergent duties. Dillon Russell added that SFD had a letter available in the past that came from the Fire Chief to private entities requesting that inappropriate calls stop and asked if the Council had other suggestions. Dr. Travis Dierks stated that he will reach out to one of his contacts who is an EMS attorney for advice, and Jack Busch mentioned that the 911 abuse rules for Spokane County could assist in finding a resolution. It was also suggested to add a

reference document into the protocol manual for EMS crews to follow, and to share with private entities that would explain the process. The Spokane County MPD, Dr. Jim Nania, stated that drafting a letter suggesting that reporting to the DOH will occur if non-emergent calls continue to occur could be helpful, and suggested that agencies should reach out to the healthcare coalition for recommendation.

➤ SREC Cardiac Arrest Calls Follow Up: Brad Kane

Brad Kane stated that SREC is requesting assistance in getting survival feedback for cardiac arrest patients to improve their QA process. Dr. Joel Edminster stated that he is currently submitting feedback and has been forwarding messages to corresponding agencies, but requested creating a contact list for SREC to make direct inquiries. David Sewell stated that hospital cooperation might be required to get discharge summaries. The group discussed the possibility of having a county wide ESO account for the MPD or MPD Delegates to access charts, which would likely be an additional cost for the Council. Dillon Russell stated that he has spoken to ESO before regarding a main account with sub users and said that there is an option to have users pay a fee to gain access under a main account. Chief Tom Jenkins stated that a few agencies have not integrated to ESO yet due to budgets. SREC will contact hospital representatives to request summaries.

➤ Recently Approved Training Course Applications:

- SCFD 9: Initial IV Therapy Training Course (05/08/2024)
- SCC: Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (04/01/2024-06/13/2024)
- SCC: Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (07/01/2024-08/21/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update

- Airway Train the Trainer update: Tom reported that he has been in contact with the course host and stated that the first available dates for an Airway train the trainer course is September 13th & 14th. The EMS Office has made location requests for the course, and once a facility is confirmed more information will be sent out. The EMS Council approved to fund 20 individuals to attend the course, and for agencies that are interested in sending additional personnel, there will be a website set up to register. This will be a 2-day course that will include pre-course online materials. Tom reminded the group that there are currently 4 individuals who took the course last year and can teach a course in the meantime. More information will be sent as it becomes available.
- Handtevy update: Tom stated that the Handtevy app is updated with newly approved protocols, but they are continuing to work on allowing administrative access for personnel to make changes that pertain to each individual agency. Tom is currently the only administrator on the account and will continue to add protocol updates as they are available. Dr. Edminster asked if it is possible to create a hazmat tab on the app to organize and list all hazmat protocols, and Tom responded that he would investigate this, as he is working with Handtevy support to consolidate all protocols into one place. Tammie Drapeau from AMR requested that adult weights be added to the Handtevy app as well, which Tom will also investigate. Tom reminded everyone that the Protocol manual will continue to be on the EMS website as a PDF version, and that the current protocol app subscription will expire in May. The Council will need to decide to keep the protocol app or not.
- SALT Triage Update: Tom reported that he is working with Dan Ward from SVFD to review protocols from other counties that have implemented SALT triage and will continue to work with the protocol committee to create a new protocol. There has been discussion of a county wide training for SALT triage, but some agencies have requested separate training within their agency before a county wide training occurs. Once a protocol is complete, it will be brought to the Council for review and approval.

➤ Protocols for Approval by the EMS Council: The following protocols were reviewed for approval by the EMS Council.

- Acetaminophen
- Magnesium Sulfate
- Adenosine
- COPD
- Asthma
- Pediatric Fever
- Come of Unknown origin

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the protocols. The approved drafts will be sent to the WA Department of Health for review.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Dr. Jim Nania stated that there was a recent review session to discuss possible rule changes for EMS. Jim Akramoff from Providence Health Training reported that he attended the review session in Olympia WA and stated that there was a proposed rule change that would affect the capabilities for Senior EMS Instructors who are not affiliated with a specific agency, and that he and other Senior EMS Instructors attend the review to voice their concerns if the changes get approved. A request for public comment will be going out.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek was not present. Chief Tom Jenkins reported that the Fire Chiefs are working on the county F.O.G chapters that incorporate all acts of violence, including RTF. At the last meeting, there was a presentation for nurse navigation which is a 24/7 nurse hotline that would allow IT to direct calls to a live nurse if appropriate. Dispatch would maintain navigation of the calls that can be transferred back to dispatch if necessary. There have been negotiations regarding the Ambulance Service Board.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present. Chief Jenkins reported that SREC is continuing to work on getting the new CAD system running, and that there will be training for the new CAD soon.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present for report.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported that SRHD has been getting questions from healthcare providers about the CDC updated COVID isolation/quarantine recommendations. These are just for the public, so the previous infection control guidance still applies to healthcare settings. The DOH is reviewing CDC's guidance, and SRHD will send out an advisory if there are any changes.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff stated the next Advisory committee meeting will be on April 4th at 9am. Providence Health Training is currently taking applications for the next Paramedic cohort and have made changes to the process. There is now a deadline for applications for the end of June, and interviews will begin after.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine is hosting another Cadaver lab for Airway training on April 23rd. The EMS Office will send information to sign up, and Dr. Nania stated if any agencies have items to donate for the labs, it would be helpful.
 - Today's meeting agenda includes:
 - MPDD lead meeting.
 - Protocol Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for March
 - 3/20/2024 at 1:00pm "Medication Del. & Pain Management/Opioids"
- Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes for March
 - 03/12/2024 @ 6:30p.m "Endocrine Emergencies" with Carrie Gigray MSHS/ Paramedic

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

Josh Ambach, David Baird, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Ashley Christoff, Rinita Cook, Dr. Greg Cover, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Joel Edminster, Chris Gibbar, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Mike Nokes, Paul Priest, Anne Raven, Jeff Reid, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guest Present

LaDonna Beaumont, Tamara Drapeau, Jake Grant, Chris Maehren, Don Malone, Mike Metcalf, Jaclyn Numata, Lindsay Payton, Joey Rodriguez, Dillon Russel, Treena Russel, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Chris Wyrobek

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of March 2024 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

- Anne Raven asked if any EMS agencies other than Spokane Fire Department are using the DuCanto suction catheter and stated that it is her hope that all agencies move towards using it. Anne will bring more information about this topic to a future meeting for more discussion.
- EMS Awards Presentation on Tuesday, May 14th, 2024
The meeting schedule will be different this day to accommodate the EMS Awards presentation. The QI Committee meeting will be held at 9:00am, followed by a short EMS Council business meeting at 10:00-10:15am. The awards presentation will begin promptly at 10:30am, and Council members are welcome to stay for the awards presentation and lunch. The EMS Office is working on adding the EMS Awards nomination form to the website to access at any time.
- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence: Lindsay Payton reported they are doing well. Nothing new to report.
 - MultiCare: Dr. Joel Edminster asked for a status report from Deaconess regarding the ambulance divert due to an electrical issue at the hospital. ED Manager, Chris Gibbar stated that the initial plan was to divert all trauma and STEMI patients in case of another power outage during scheduled electrical work, and Executive leadership made a last-minute decision to divert all ambulances due to possible power outage. Chris apologized for the miscommunication of the last-minute decision. Dr. Nania asked if the divert status was posted on WATrac, and Chris stated that the original message was sent via email to transport agencies and hospitals, and that the last-minute decision to divert all ambulances was shared by the supervisor to the other hospitals, AMR, and airlift partners. Anne Raven asked that fire agencies be included in these notices as well to allow better communication regarding patient transport destination. Anne asked if there had been a major incident during the outage, how the DMCC would be activated. Chris will discuss with Deaconess leadership what the plan for DMCC would be if Deaconess was unable to respond. Dr. Nania asked who the backup DMCC is, and Lindsay Payton shared that Providence Holy Family was the backup in the past but no longer is. Lindsay connected with the MultiCare coordinator who is working on a brochure to share the

outlined capabilities and processes of the DMCC, which will be shared once available.

- BLS Report: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for March 2024

Jack shared the financial reports to the group.

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

- Finance Committee

- STCU Account Proposal- LaDonna B.

Jack introduce LaDonna from STCU, and LaDonna gave a presentation to share account options for the EMS Council to invest some of its current assets. Following the presentation, Anne Raven opened the floor for discussion, and Chief Chris Wyrobek (SCFD 8) asked if the legalities of how the Council can reinvest unused fees have been determined, as that could help narrow down the options. Jack stated that legalities have not been clarified and suggested that the group create a 3–5-year strategic plan for spending and decide if funding request should continue to be approved for individual agency's requests, or if the goal is to approve county wide requests only. Council Chair, Anne Raven, suggested that the EMS Office expand by staffing a data analyst for county QI and/or a training coordinator to organize multi-agency training for protocol updates. Chief Don Malone (SCFD10) asked if the annual share fees that agencies pay to the Council should continue to increase or be lowered until a strategic plan is in place. Chief Wyrobek suggested hiring a vendor to assist in creating a strategic plan which could be a \$20k-\$50k project. Jeff Anderson from Cheney fire stated that he has been working with the Inland Empire Fire Chiefs on FOG chapter revisions and stated that revisions used to go out in an email, but there are specific training standards now that agencies have desired to come from the EMS Council. Jack suggested a meeting to discuss how the Council wants to move forward with a strategic plan and stated that if anyone has ideas to send them to him. LaDonna thanked the group for having her to reach out to her with further questions.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Advanced Life Systems: Interfacility Trauma Verified Licensure

Jacob Grant, General Manager for Advanced Life Systems Ambulance (ALS), introduced himself and Joey Rodriguez, Executive Director of Olympic Ambulance, who attended the meeting to present a request for ALS to upgrade from a non-trauma verified license to a trauma verified license for interfacility transport. This was not a formal request, and an application has not been completed by ALS. The goal of the discussion was to continue to build trust in the local system, express IFT needs that have been brought up by customers and get feedback from stakeholders. The WA Department of Health suggested that trauma verification is necessary for ALS to avoid the current limitations of who they can transport, and Joey expressed that *if* trauma verification is necessary that the license would be for interfacility transport only, and that the trauma service areas would be only the facilities that ALS is servicing. ALS's goal is to eliminate limitations of IFT, and to expand from one 24/7 facility to 6. Following the presentation, Joey opened the floor for any questions, and Anne Raven asked about ALS's mobile integrated health system operating in Spokane and Joey explained that ALS has a contract with Kaiser Permanente for an advanced care at home program for Kaiser patients only. Anne then asked if ALS was requesting another review of the Min/Max numbers, which were just reviewed in 2023, and Joey stated that upgrading their license would require a needs assessment and an increase to the current Min/Max numbers. Rinita Cook, the Executive Director of the East Region EMS and Trauma Care Council, introduced herself and stated that if an application was submitted, the East Region would look at the requirements for the trauma services standards for facilities which states that all trauma

patients must be transported by a trauma verified prehospital transport agency, and confirmed that the Min/Max numbers would need to be increased for prehospital. Rinita reminded the group that the current minimum is 2 and maximum is 3 for ALS verified license, which is currently being met. The increase would be suggested by the East Region to the Steering committee based on what the Spokane County EMS Council requested. Rinita suggested to include the facilities if this request moves forward and to get data that supports a need for more services. Paul Priest from AMR advised that the Min/Max assessment that was recently completed in 2023 expressed that the community is being substantially served and the need for trauma level IFT is very low, and that AMR is 100% compliant with IFT requests. Tammara Drapeau (AMR) shared concern of an IFT Trauma verified request turning into a request to complete 911 services, and Joey expressed that is not the intention and that ALS wants to be compliant in transferring their patients, as Jason Norris from DOH explained that patients are considered a trauma patient until they are no longer in the system, including those that get transferred to rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities. Chief Chris Wyrobek asked if it would be appropriate to ask the East Region to assist in getting data to review to have an educated conversation about this topic at a future meeting, and Rinita agreed to pass along the request to the East Region. Rinita will request data from AMR, ALS, Deer Park Ambulance, Life Flight, and Pend Orielle County FD 2 for the total number of interfacility transports, where patients are being transferred to, types of patients, and response times. Joey thanked the group for their time and consideration and expressed that this discussion was intended to socialize the group to the idea, and that he understands if a needs assessment is not necessary at this time.

➤ PD Medical Clearance

Chief Dave Baird from Spokane Valley Fire Department stated that he has been asked by personnel for clarification on what to do when law enforcement requests EMS medical clearance to take patients directly to jail rather than to the hospital, as there is not a guideline in the EMS protocol manual. Dr. Nania emphasized that if other agencies begin to experience these same requests for medical clearance, the Council or Protocol committee can make recommendations. It was suggested that agency supervisors advise their personnel to treat all patient as they would if a bystander had called and take law enforcement out of the scenario. Chief Chris Wyrobek stated that he has requested that this topic be brought up as an education point during the next meeting with stakeholders from law enforcement and fire agencies in a collaborative leadership setting and hopes to get feedback from their perspective. Anne Raven added that she recently went to the jail and described that intakes are not thorough, and not done by nurses. Dr. Nania stated that that the Department of Health is working on the WAC regarding alternative destination, and that the criteria requires that patients be screened and identified as being in stable condition in the field prior to an alternative destination decision.

➤ Recently Approved Training Course Applications:

- SVFD: Initial ESE Training Course (04/18/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: The protocols that were approved by the EMS Council at the March meeting have been sent to the WA Department of Health and are awaiting approval.
- SALT Triage Update: The protocol committee has continued to work on a SALT triage protocol, and Tom spoke with Lt. Jason Howell from Pierce County about how they have implemented SALT triage. Pierce County has shared their protocols and guidelines which will be brought to the Protocol Committee to create a protocol for Spokane County. Agencies will begin training SALT triage once the protocol is finalized and approved, and a multi-agency training will take place next year which will include all transport agencies, hospitals, and the DMCC.
 - Next Protocol committee meeting: April 25th at 9:00a.m.
- Handtevy Update: SCFD 10 and Newman Lake Fire and Rescue (SCFD 13) have been added to the Handtevy account. Adult weight based has also been added and agencies should see the updated on their app. If there are any issues or questions about the app, please contact Tom.
- Airway Train the Trainer Update: This course is currently scheduled for September 13th and 14th

at the Spokane Fire Training Center. More information will be sent out once the course registration is opened.

- Protocol App Renewal: Subscription ends June 1st, 2024.

REPORTS:

- EMS WAC Revision: Rinita Cook stated that WAC 246-976 had public comment on the CR 102 on March 7th and suggested changes will be looked at by the department and will soon be in the CR 103 process. The goal is to have revisions implemented by the end of June 2024. The WEMSIS rules that state that all EMS agencies, regardless of transportation or not, will need to submitted data is currently in the CR 102 process and a public hearing is scheduled for April 16th, 2024.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chief Chris Wyrobek stated that the DMCC FOG chapter is currently in revision, and if the backup DMCC needs to change to let him know. At the last meeting, the new Incidence of Violence chapter in the FOG was approved and will be added to the next update. This chapter includes a variety of different incident types, including Rescue Task Force (RTF) which was discussed at the last Council meeting. There is collaboration between the operations group and the training group to work towards a joint RTF training, and Chief Wyrobek encouraged the protocol committee to connect with Chief Jeff Anderson from Cheney Fire who is a part of the training group to work together on a SALT triage training and protocol. Chief Anderson added the FOG guidelines break out 3 training standards for RTF specifically. An awareness level RTF training will likely include 2 to 4 hours of video-based training for agencies that are not going to need RTF operational training with safety equipment or medical gear. Departments that decide to staff an RTF operational component will be trained to a 16-hour curriculum that follows ALERT, and training on a technician level is also being planned. More information about the RTF training will be sent out soon.
- SREC Board: Chief Cody Rohrbach reported that City Fire is continuing work with Nurse navigation, and many agencies are waiting to hear about the anticipated benefits of that program. Regarding the new CAD system, there has been evaluations of a mobile application which has received good input from the field, and there has been discussion of the potential to unify all agencies in the county onto a single platform. Recent bills to look at the distribution of tax funds for 911 have begun to be reviewed, which could affect distributions of funds between the city and county. It is still undetermined if City of Spokane will move to the Hexagon CAD system, which would result in there being two different CAD systems between the regionalized center and the City of Spokane. Chief Rohrbach stated that there could potentially be discussions around another public safety answering point (PSAP) for City of Spokane as well. There are impacts of having 2 separate CAD systems and the interoperability and impacts to having a second PSAP. A decision is getting closer, but it is unsure what the outcome will be. Trying to plan is challenging with uncertainty, and there have been discussions about a new dispatch facility to support operations in the future based on potential growth, and not knowing if the City of Spokane will be a part of that could have big impacts. This topic and a potential timeline for decisions will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau next meeting April 10th at 11:00a.m at AMR.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt sent a report via email. The Emergency Response Specialist Karsyn Hason, and MRC Coordinator, Kyle Richardson, have resigned from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program. SRHD extends their gratitude to them for their work and wish them much success in their new adventures. The MRC Coordinator positions is posted, and the Emergency Preparedness Response Specialist position will be posted soon. If you need MRC support, please send your request to mrc@srhd.org. In addition to the weekly flu and outbreak reports, a snapshot of the weekly respiratory illness dashboard season overview will be posted to the SRHD website soon.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff not present. Emily Fleury reported that students will begin clinicals in the hospitals starting May 17th, and their ride time and field time will begin in July & August. Emily thanked agencies that are

allowing students to ride along. Providence is now accepting applications for their next course that will start in October.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania reminded agencies to submit individuals to attend the Airway Cadaver lab on April 23rd to Berkley.
 - Today's meeting agenda includes:
 - Case review from MultiCare Deaconess
 - PD Transports to Hospitals
 - Airway KPI reporting

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for April
 - 04/24/2024 at 5:00p.m “Immunology & Cancer Patients” with Dr. Joel Edminster
- Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes for April
 - 04/09/2024 at 6:30p.m “Now I know my ABC’s...What Now?” Pediatric with Jason Doonan, EMS Instructor MSN
- EMS Journal Club
 - 04/15/2024 at 7:00p.m at No-Li Brewing: Tranexamic Acid

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

Jim Akramoff, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Dr. Joel Edminster, Chris Gibbar, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Paul Priest, Anne Raven, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guest Present

Tom Jenkins, Jacob Grant, Brad Kane, Tim Loncon, Beth Perkins, Joey Rodriguez, Dillon Russell, Treena Russell

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of April 2024 minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

- Meeting Updates: Anne shared that at all future meetings, voting members will have name tags, and reports will take place following the Treasurer's report, followed by any old and new business.
- Hospital Status Report: no report.
- BLS Report: no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for April 2024
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the reports.
- Investment/Strategic Planning Update: Jack shared that the Executive Board will be meeting with the Inland Empire Fire Chiefs Association to discuss strategic planning options and will share more information at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Protocol Updates for Approval & Protocol App Subscription Renewal
Protocol committee Chair, Tom Chavez, shared that the EMS protocol app that is currently used and available to all providers is up for renewal and costs \$2,250. Now that the EMS Council is funding the Handtevy app, Tom asked the group if both subscriptions were needed. The group decided that the protocol app should be renewed for one more year while all agencies get transitioned to using Handtevy.
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the renewal of the protocol app subscription for one more year.
- Recently Approved Training Course Applications:
 - EMS Connect: Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (05/13/2024-06/10/2024)
 - Providence Health Training: Initial EMT-SGA Training Course (06/06/2024-09/06/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - Protocol updates for approval:

- MCI SALT
- Tranexamic Acid (TXA)
- Direct-to-triage protocol tool

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the protocols. The Direct-to-triage protocol will be added to reference documents in the protocol manual, and the MCI SALT protocol, and TXA protocol, will be sent to the WA Dept. of Health for review for approval.

REPORTS:

Council Chair, Anne Raven, asked that reports be emailed due to the time limitations of the meeting.

- EMS WAC Revision: no representative
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek no report.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach no report.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau no report.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported that the MRC Coordinator position and EPR Specialist positions have been filled and will begin their duties between now and mid-June.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff reported that Paramedic students officially complete the Didactic portion of their program on May 15th and will begin Clinicals in the area Emergency Departments, Operating Rooms, Labor, and Delivery, and SHMC ICU on May 16th. We appreciate Providence Sacred Heart, Holy Family, MultiCare Deaconess, MultiCare Valley, and Kootenai Health for allowing students the opportunity to learn at their Facilities. Applications for the next cohort will be accepted until June 30. Reach out to Jim Akramoff if you have any questions or click link.
<https://www.providence.org/locations/wa/health-training>
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today's meeting agenda includes:
 - Airway KPI Summary
 - Lights & Sirens data

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for May
 - Endocrine Emergencies & Diabetic Management
- Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes for May
 - 05/14/2024 at 6:30p.m “Trauma” with Cliff Hadsell, Paramedic
- EMS Week Events
 - May 21st 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. EMS BBQ at Holy Family Hospital
 - May 22nd 11:00a.m.-2:30p.m. EMS BBQ at Sacred Heart Medical Center
 - May 23rd 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. EMS BBQ at Deaconess Hospital

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2024, 9:00-10:30a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A & Zoom Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

Jim Akramoff, Robin Albrandt, Josh Ambach, David Baird, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Chris Gibbar, Tom Jenkins, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Anne Raven, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek

Guest Present

Liz Ciais, Jacob Grant, Treena Russel, Deanna Jones, Lindsey Payton, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Jaclyn Numata, Hailey Karnitz, Tim Loncon, Kara Welchel, Joey Rodriquez, Logan Sargent

EMS Officer Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

- Hospital Status Report:
 - Providence: Lindsay Payton introduced Liz Ciais, the new ED manager for Holy Family. Hospitals are preparing for busy summer months and Providence is working on an active shooter exercise and evacuation trainings. Outside agencies are welcome to join. Please contact Lindsay if interested.
 - Multicare: no report.
- BLS Report: Tom Chavez reported the protocol committee is continuing to work on finding interested BLS providers to be involved in protocol work, as the protocol committee will begin editing protocols to clearly identify provider level skills and interventions. The BLS report will be included under reports for future meetings to be included each month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for May 2024

Jack shared the reports to the group.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the financial reports.
- Strategic Planning Update

The Executive committee met last month to discuss strategic planning options for the EMS Council which will be discussed at next month's meeting with the initial review of the 2025 budget.
- Funding Requests
 - Protocol Manual work group
Dr. Travis Dierks submitted the request for \$10,000 for a protocol workgroup of 6 providers to receive a monthly stipend over a 12-month time frame to update all Spokane County EMS protocols to a new user-friendly template that clearly defines BLS, AEMT, and Paramedic skills and interventions. The Protocol committee chair, Tom Chavez, suggested that the workgroup report to the protocol committee who would then report to the EMS Council and the Medical Program Director. Tom also stated that protocol updates are currently being sent to the Dept. of Health for approval twice per year and

asked when these updates would be submitted in addition to other protocol updates, and the group agreed to follow the same process of submitting revised protocols in bulk every 6 months.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the Protocol Manual Work group funding request. A vote was taken and was unanimously approved. A link will be emailed for providers to sign up.

- **Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol Lucas Device**

The request was sent by Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol for the purchase of a LUCAS device for the ski resort due to the impossibility of rescuers delivering effective compressions inside a rescue toboggan during emergency transport, and for extended CPR times due to ALS delays to the mountain. Following discussion, the group agreed that this request does not meet the requirement to benefit all Spokane County agencies, and it was suggested to follow up with the sender to advise inquiring about grant funding for non-profit organizations.

Action: It was M/S/P to deny the funding request with the amendment to deny with recommendations and guidelines to request grant funding, as the EMS Council does not purchase individual agency devices. A vote was taken and was unanimous to deny the request.

REPORTS:

- **EMS WAC Revision:** Dr. Jim Nania stated there have been no recent meetings. Jim Akramoff stated that the CR 102 was updated and that training centers were added back in for continued certification for providers that are working specifically at a training facility.
- **Inland Empire Fire Chiefs:** Chris Wyrobek reported that there is a communication revision in the County FOG that is out for discussion which includes changing helicopter ambulance ground coordination to red net as a practice during fire season. More details will be shared once the revision is finalized. The training group is continuing to work on a rescue task force training that will be available to everyone, and the group is preparing for wildland fire season.
- **SREC Board:** Cody Rohrbach spoke about the history of SREC which was created to form a regional dispatch center for the entire county and includes almost all agencies except for Spokane Police Department. SREC and City of Spokane are reaching a decision of whether City of Spokane will join the regional center or go on their own, which could result in another dispatch center being built. There has been a 3-month extension for a decision which will put them into August. City of Spokane has concerns regarding the regional center's board governance, service levels and finances and have requested 60% of board composition based on population and call volumes. Chief Rohrbach explained that the board composition is created by the Board of Commissioners, but that City of Spokane has requested that SREC board submit a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners if they are willing to adjust the composition. The remaining SREC board members do not desire any majority shareholders and Chief Rohrbach explained that he represents the EMS Council on the SREC Board and asked for input from the group relating to board composition and intends to bring input back to the board. The group discussed, and shared apprehensions of if two dispatch centers would provide the highest level of service, as call transfers would likely have to take place again, and that different dispatch centers would follow different practices. There was also concern that currently, agencies do not get SPD information because SPD has their own dispatch which has put providers at risk when arriving on scene without prior notice of a dangerous situation. Chief Rohrbach explained that that agency's service is based on the service level agreement that they have with SREC, and that there is a solution to concerns if agencies discuss their needs with SREC. The board is determined to reach a decision by August to plan for funding the new CAD system, building and relocating to a new facility, and to figure out the future regarding 911 excise tax dollars and where those funds will go. Chief Rohrbach will take back the recommendation that board composition should remain equitable with no majority shareholders.
- **East Region EMS & TCC:** Tamara Drapeau stated that the next meeting is June 12th, and they

will be reviewing the annual budget as June marks the end of their fiscal year. Also, will discuss trauma services analysis which will be required to be completed every 2 years.

- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported that the MRC Coordinator position was filled by Ginifer Wallace.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff reported that all paramedic students are currently completing clinicals in hospitals, and AEMTs will also be doing clinicals as part of their accreditation which will require clinical hours. Applications for the next cohort beginning in October and will be accepted until the end of June, and testing will begin in July.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - CARES data report. Dr. Nania gave a summary of the 2023 CARES data and encouraged agencies to submit their data.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: The Protocol Committee meeting was rescheduled to meet following the QI Committee. The SALT triage protocol was sent to the WA Department of Health for approval and was sent back with questions. Tom is addressing the questions and will resubmit. Tom reminded the group that Spokane County is switching to SALT Triage and that agencies will complete individual in house training this year, and a county wide drill will take place in 2025 to include all transport and hospital partners, and the DMCC. An update will be shared once the SALT triage protocol is approved by the DOH.
- Handtevy Update: Tom shared that Handtevy has finalized the EMS Council account as the parent account to allow Tom to update the account which then updates all sub accounts as well. Handtevy is now working on getting all individual agencies an agency level administrator to make agency specific edits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for June
 - June 26th @ 1800 "Don't Be Wheezy: Strategies for Allergy and Anaphylaxis" With Dr. Ernest. The link to register AND join: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2880848447653434205>
- Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes for June
 - 06/11/2024 at 6:30p.m. "Patient Assessment and Differential Diagnosis" with Hailey Karnitz, Paramedic Instructor
- Providence Trauma Talks: July 11th at 5pm at the Sacred Heart auditorium open to all providers. A link to register will be sent out.
- Jim Akramoff introduced Providence Health Training instructor, Carrie Gigray, who is working on creating interprofessional healthcare simulation training opportunities for EMS providers.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2024, 9:00-11:00a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A & Zoom Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

Robin Albrandt, James Akramoff, David Baird, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Liz Cias, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Anne Raven, Jeff Reid, David Sewell, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guest Present

Jacob Grant, Jason Hartman, Carrie Christiansen, Tamara Drapeau, Deanna Jones, Jaclyn Numata, Beth Perkins, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Cassandra Doyle, Kayla Kramer, Brad Kane, Kara Welchel, Mel Rabel, Joey Rodriguez, Treena Russell

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

➤ Hospital Status Report

- Providence: Lindsey Peyton reported that Providence held an active shooter exercise that went well and had a good turnout including SFD, SPD, and AMR. The goal is to have annual exercises, and the safety plans committee will continue to provide resources and education to the community. Lindsey will write a report of the exercise and can share with anyone interested.
- Multicare: no report
- Transport: no report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

➤ Financial reports for June 2024

Jack shared the financial reports.

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

➤ Initial Review of 2025 Budget

Jack presented the initial proposed 2025 budget that was constructed by the Executive committee. The proposed budget included items that would be involved in a 3-5-year strategic plan and allow for organizational growth and service delivery. The current system relies on part time and volunteer work for data requests, training opportunities, and protocol updates. Two items that were added to the 2025 budget proposal include a paid part time QI/QA Program Coordinator and a full-time paid EMS Systems Program Coordinator, which would include the need of additional office space and an increase in employee benefits and operating expenses. Jack reviewed a brief job description for each position and explained that the goal of these positions is to take the burden off agencies to collect and review data and implement their own trainings. The total expenses from 2024 to 2025 was proposed to be a \$202,000 increase which would be used from reserved funds. Jack emphasized again that the plan is to create a 3-year pilot program to develop the positions and services as part of a strategic plan. The final review of the budget will be voted on at the September meeting, and if approved, a review of a strategic plan would take place in October. Jack opened the floor for questions regarding these positions or the budget, and James

Young (Life Flight Network) asked how these positions would affect annual share fees. Jack explained that the share fees increase would remain at a 5% increase, which is the same rate as the past two years, while the new programs are being built and tested with use of reserved funds. Share fees are currently based on the number of providers at different certification levels, which could change in the future if the Council decided to review and change the process. Randy Olson asked if there was consideration of purchasing an office building instead of renting, and Jack explained that is an option. Chief Chris Wyrobek asked if there was any consideration for cost of expanding employees in a computer system for IT support, online security, and cloud-based archiving, and Jack will continue to investigate costs for this. Software costs were based off the cost of Microsoft office programs. Jack explained that if costs end up being more than \$5,000, that the EMS Council would vote to approve that purchase. Chief Wyrobek also asked if there was consideration of offering contract work instead of hiring additional employees, which was not considered but can be discussed prior to the final review of the budget in September. A motion was made by Randy Olson, and concern regarding the uncertainty of share fee increases in the next few years was brought forward by members. Chief Wyrobek stated that with the addition of these programs and increase in expenses, after 3 years the EMS Council will have a snapshot of what these programs can offer and will likely reduce the workload of officers from other agencies that are volunteering their hours to complete jobs for the Council. The Executive Chair of the EMS Council, Tom Chavez, expressed that the Executive Committee created this plan to benefit all of Spokane County, and can offer these positions because of the fees that have been paid in the past. The EMS Council can decide over the next 3 years how to improve these additional positions and programs. Another motion was made by Randy Olson to approve the initial proposal of the 2025 budget, and Dr. Maika Dang seconded the motion.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the initial proposed 2025 budget. A vote was taken and was unanimous. A final budget will be reviewed and voted on at the September meeting.

REPORTS:

- BLS Report: Dr. Travis Dierks not present.
- EMS WAC Revision: no representative.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek reported that it was approved and updated in the FOG that air ambulance partners moved to Red Net as a landing zone frequency effective July 1st. At the next Fire Chiefs meeting, they will discuss and vote on implementing a whiskey zone as a backup in case there is a failure in the 100-megahertz system county wide. Reach out to Chief Wyrobek with any questions.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau reported that the annual budget was approved at the last meeting which included an increase for EMSConnect to support OTEP for rural areas. The Department of Health gave an extensive report about WAC changes that are anticipated to be approved by end of August. The East Region EMS&TCC is reviewing positions on the board and have vacant positions and have increased the number of verified ambulance agency positions to 4. Please reach out to Rinita Cook if you are interested in holding one of the positions on the East Region Board.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported there has been an increase in Covid outbreaks in long term care facilities. SRHD sent an announcement about the launch of the Spokane County respiratory illness data dashboard and shared the [link](#).
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff reported that the East Region EMS Council has agreed to help with the cost of traveling instructors to rural areas and will be sending instructors to an AEMT class at the end of August in Garfield County and Stevens County. East Region also offers tuition for rural areas, and Providence Health Training has had many EMT and AEMT students able to attend classes because of the East Region. Paramedic course registration closed at the end of June, and testing will begin this month. Interviews will take place in August, which will include a practical exam. They are continuing to work on the curriculum for a skills-based class instead of a lecture type class.

- QI Committee: Dr. Nania shared a CARES summary at the June Council meeting and the QI Committee reviewed and discussed a case.
 - Today's meeting agenda includes:
 - Trauma KPI reports
 - 2 case reviews

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Behavioral Health Transport: SPD Sargent Jason Hartman

Sargent Jason Hartman from Spokane Police Department attend the meeting to discuss the change in the Spokane County triage transport destination protocol. Sargent Hartman supervises the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) for SPD and brought up concern that involuntary psychiatric patients are being taken to the nearest hospital and is looking to identify criteria for mental health and substance abuse issues to get patients to a facility that is better equipped with staff and security. SPD has experienced an increase in elopement risk, as violent patients do not have access to a locked room at all hospitals and are leaving the hospital prior to being seen, and/or becoming aggressive towards hospital staff. Dr. Maika Dang asked if concerns are being addressed with hospitals, and Carrie Christiansen, the Mental Health Coordinator for SPD, explained that they could do a better job of speaking directly with hospitals, but rely on AMR. Dr. Nania asked if there are locked rooms or remotely monitored rooms at all hospitals in Spokane, and members shared that Deaconess has 8 lock rooms, Deaconess North has 1, and Holy Family and Valley Hospital do not have any. Concern regarding staff safety at facilities that do not have lock rooms was brought up, and Dr. Jim Nania suggested that there would likely be more proportional distribution of behavioral health patients to emergency departments if they were appropriately equipped and staffed, and that hospitals might need to make that commitment due to the magnitude of this problem. The lack of single bed certification at hospitals has also become a challenge, as patients that are detailed by a DCR must be transferred to a hospital that has single bed certification, which some do not. Carrie Christiansen explained that single bed certification means that facilities get reimbursed from the state to provide mental health treatment for patients that are detained by a DCR, and that facility would be the patient's mental health placement. Carrie also explained that the law does not differentiate between mental health and substance abuse, and law enforcement and behavioral health units have impressions that certain hospitals are better equipped to handle involuntary psych patients. Dr. Dang explained that all emergency departments can accept mental health emergency patients, and that there may need to be direct communication with hospitals for cases of extreme violence to be moved to a facility with a locked room, as Deaconess and Sacred Heart do not always have their lock rooms available, and some patients don't get placed into a locked room. Lindsay Payton from Providence shared that the hospitals, SPD, and AMR have begun meeting quarterly and recently discussed the lack of mental health resources in the community and are working to gather data to bring to state representatives in hope that funds can be reallocated to different resources. Holy Family has begun tracking the number of elopements, and the group agreed that more data needs to be collected to bring to state representatives. Lindsay Payton asked what data the group would like to collect and have presented to state representatives, and the group agreed that the number of mental health patients transported by EMS to each facility and the distribution between all hospitals, how many of those patients are voluntary vs involuntary, the total number of elopements at each facility, and average boarding time would all be important information. The group also agreed that it would be beneficial to have a behavioral health representative to attend the meetings to get a better understanding of the facilities in Spokane and include them in the discussion to create options and criteria for less severe patients. Sargent Hartman thanked the group for the discussion.

- Recently Approved Training Course Applications
 - EMS Connect Initial EMT-SGA (07/26/2024-08/27/2024)
 - Spokane Community College Initial EMT-SGA (09/18/2024-12/11/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: The SALT triage protocol and the Tranexamic Acid (TXA) protocol were recently approved by the Department of Health, and both protocols have been updated on the Handtevy app. The concentration used in the Handtevy app for TXA is 10mg/ml. There will be a proposal for the EMS Council to purchase SALT triage tags for the entire county, and Dr. Nania requested considering a printed card with officer job descriptions and duties to be placed in EMS vehicles as well. The County FOG will be updated, as they were waiting for the triage protocol to be completed.
 - Handtevy Update: Individual agencies can now have agency administrators that can change personnel listed under their agency.
 - Airway Train the Trainer Course: The Prehospital Emergency Airway train the trainer course has been confirmed and will be held September 13th & 14th. Agencies were given a specific number of individuals that they can send to be funded by the EMS Council, and a registration link was emailed out. Agencies will be able to send additional personnel if they wish to fund those individuals on their own. Spots are limited, and all individuals that register must also complete the online pre course prior to the class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for July & August
 - 07/30/2024 “Culture of Safety & Crew Resource Management”
 - August (date TBD) “Evidence Based Guide & Research”
- Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes for July & August
 - No class in July.
 - August class TBA
- No meetings in August. Next meeting September 10th.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:48am

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024, 9:00-11:00a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A & Zoom Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

James Akramoff, Tom Chavez, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Chris Gibbar, Amber Jones, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Anne Raven, David Sewell, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guest Present

Jeff Anderson, Liz Ciais, Jill Collier, Tamara Drapeau, Tiarra Dreckman, Todd Farina, McCalle Feller, Dr. Madeleine Geraghty, Robert Greenhalgh, Chris Jones, Deanna Jones, Kayla Kramer, Tim Loncon, Chris Maehren, Jason Mayfield, Denise McCurdy, Dr. Mike Metcalf, Joseph Rodriguez, Treena Russel, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Dan Springer, Bill Storey, Ginifer Wallace, Kara Welchel

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of July 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

- Hospital Status Report
 - MultiCare: nothing new to report. Randy Olson asked if there has been an increase in covid cases, and it was reported that there has been an increase recently.
 - Providence: no report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for July & August 2024

Jack was not present. Anne Raven shared the financial reports for July and August.
- Final Review of 2025 Budget

Anne shared an amended 2025 budget proposal which included an increase for office rent, and annual operating expenses due to the rent increase. The job descriptions for the two new proposed positions for the EMS Office were also reviewed, and the group requested that the job descriptions be emailed out for further review and discussed at the October meeting.
- RTF Funding Request for review & discussion

Rescue Task Force (RTF) Program Lead, Chris Jones, submitted a funding request of \$142,386.95 for RTF trauma supply and gave a summary of the work that the Spokane Regional RTF Working group has been doing with direction from the Inland Empire Fire Chiefs Association. The workgroup and Fire Chiefs have been working on adding an RTF training and deployment model into the County FOG, with the goal of standardizing training and equipment between all county Fire, EMS, and law enforcement agencies for incidence of violence, MCI, CMCI and other active threat calls. Following the presentation, questions regarding recurring costs and recycling equipment were brought up, with concern that there are MCI trucks with equipment that have not been used. Chief Chris Wyrobek explained that the funding request is for the initial front-end cost of the program and gear, and that involved agencies would be responsible for replenishing equipment as it expires. Tactical body armor is not included in the request, and participating agencies would need to purchase their own. Chris Jones shared the

equipment that would be included in the bags and explained that any agency committing to Ops level would be carrying the MCI and hip bags. Chris was asked to provide a breakdown of what each agency would receive with the funds requested and agreed to provide a list. The group agreed that the MCI trailers have valuable items and requested information for how to access and deploy the trailers, and to possibly use expired equipment for training. Randy Olson asked if the group has investigated grant funding options, and Jeff Anderson, who is involved with the RTF workgroup, stated that grant funding has been requested, but very delayed, which will also delay deployment of the program implementation. Chris Jones explained that every front-line apparatus will be trained to go into warm zones, and that some equipment can be used by paramedics only, but training will include alternatives when scope of practice is a concern. Jack Busch, the Council Treasurer, sent Chris Jones a list of questions regarding the funding request and Chris stated that he will submit the answers to Jack for further review. The funding request will be brought up for additional review and discussion at the October meeting.

REPORTS:

- BLS Report: Dr. Travis Dierks no report.
- EMS WAC Revision: Dr. Nania reported that agencies should have been notified of WAC revisions, and reminded agencies that rules will become effective September 30th. The Department of Health is hosting webinars in September to go over the revisions and will host virtual open office hours in October to answer questions. Dr. Nania stated that skills requirements for recertification may need to be revisited based on the WAC changes.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek reported there has been a lot of work with the new RTF FOG chapter and stated that the group is working to ensure that revisions are compliant with the law, best practices, and protocols.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau reported that the East Region Council is working on getting education and training out to assist in the WAC revisions. The next meeting will be held on October 9th at AMR, and there is a virtual option to attend. At the meeting, they will be discussing new formatting for the strategic plan.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt not present
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff reported that 20 individuals have been selected for the upcoming cohort that will begin October 14th. The next Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting will be held October 3rd at 8:00a.m, and an invite will be sent out via email for anyone who wants to attend.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Trauma KPI Summary:
Dr. Nania gave a presentation and shared a summary of the trauma data that was reviewed at the QI committee meeting in July.
 - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - Case review referred by Providence Sacred Heart
 - Stroke KPI reports

OLD BUSINESS:

- Advanced Life Systems Service Update & Trauma Verification
Joey Rodriguez presented to the EMS Council at the April meeting and made a request to the Council to consider a needs assessment of min/max numbers for an additional trauma verified license for Advanced Life Systems (ALS) to apply for Trauma Verification specifically for interfacility transport of trauma patients, as directed by the WA Department of Health. Todd Farina from MultiCare stated that they are looking for more services to support with IFT. A partnership agreement between ALS and Multicare was signed in June with 90% compliance required to continue contract, but ALS is unable to transport trauma patients due to their current certification and have had to report to the DOH for a few cases where they transported patients

unknowing of their trauma status at the time of transport. Tim Loncon stated that AMR has agreement with Multicare to transfer trauma patients as well and remain compliant. Anne Raven stated that the obligation of a needs assessment likely needs to be discussed with the Department of Health. Joey thanked the group for consideration and support.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Narcotic Medication Transport: Dr. Maika Dang (AMR)
 - Dr. Dang requested to push this topic to a future meeting.
- East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council Membership Applications for Approval
 - Reappointment Application for Leah Salmon-Conroy
 - Reappointment Application for Teresa Fuller
 - Reappointment Application for Veronica Mitchell-Jones

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the East Region EMS & TCC Membership applications
- Recently Approved Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training Initial ESE Evaluator Course (08/15/2024)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT IV Therapy Endorsement (08/05/2024-08/21/2024)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (09/05/2024-12/31/2024)
 - Providence Health Training Refresher EMT Course (09/02/2024-09/07/2024)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (09/23/2024-12/31/2024)
 - EMS Connect Initial ESE Instructor Course (09/30/2024)
 - EWU Initial ESE Instructor Course (12/14/2024)
 - EWU Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/10/2025-03/28/2025)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - The Airway Train the Trainer Course that was approved to be funded by the Council will be held September 13th & 14th. 20 individuals have been registered and paid for by the EMS Council, and Tom shared that there are 5 additional personnel registered that Spokane County agencies have paid for. Tom asked the Council to consider funding the additional 5 individuals for \$375 per person which would allow the Council to have 25 instructors to utilize for future trainings. Randy Olson asked if there is recertification process for instructors, and Tom shared that there is not as it is not a state certification and does not require a minimum number of courses taught. Tom suggested setting a minimum number of courses to stay up to date with the most up to date material. Dr. Dierks asked how the Council will finance future training costs, and Tom stated that more trainers will likely need to be trained through this same course in the future, but the cost to bring the course to Spokane County is likely higher than to send instructors to a course elsewhere. A motion was made to approve funding the additional 5 individuals to attend the airway training course.
Action: it was M/S/P to approve the additional 5 instructors. A vote was taken and was unanimous.
 - Spokane International Airport FD has requested access to Handtevy. The Council will pay a prorated invoice for the agency to have access until April 2025, when the annual invoice for the county will be sent and will include all agencies. Tom explained that this is a formality to make the Council aware of who is being added to the Handtevy account.
 - The Protocol update workgroup made up of 6 members from several agencies met last month and will meet again on September 11th to create a formal outline to present to the Council at the October meeting.
 - The next Protocol committee meeting is Thursday September 19th and updated protocols will be sent to the Department of Health for approval next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for September
 - Chest Pain & Abdominal Pain
- Upcoming Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes
 - October 8th @ 6:30p.m Stroke/Neuro with Rebecca Berg, EMT-P
- Inland Northwest Trauma Conference: October 11th, 2024, 7:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- Providence Trauma Talks: October 10th 5:00 p.m. at Providence Sacred Heart Auditorium.
- Hospital and Pre-Hospital Journal Club: September 24th 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Four Letter Word

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
October 08, 2024, 9:00-11:00a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom D & Zoom Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order. Those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

James Akramoff, Josh Ambach, David Baird, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Ashley Christoff, Liz Ciais, Dr. Maika Dang, Tiarra Dreckman, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Chris Gibbar, Richard Johnson, Brad Kane, Dr. Jim Nania, Mike Nokes, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Anne Raven, Jeff Reid, Adenea Sellars, Dan Williams, James Young

Guest Present

Jeff Anderson, Breanna Barger-Kamate, Dana Bosworth, Jill Collier, Jacob Grant, Chris Jones, Deanna Jones, Jason Mayfield, Beth Perkins, Treena Russel, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Suzanne Smail, Kelly Sunagel, Kara Welchel

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

➤ Hospital Status Report

- Providence: Lindsay Payton stated that most local hospitals are on command monitoring status and conservation mode for IV fluid usage, as there are anticipated supply shortages due to the recent hurricanes. There will be a mass decontamination tent set up on October 16th and an email was sent out with the information. MCI planning continues, and they hope to complete plans by the end of year.
- Multicare: nothing new to report.

➤ IV Fluid Supply

Anne reported that Hurricane Helene damaged the Baxter International plant in North Carolina, which is the largest manufacturer of IV and dialysis fluids in the nation. Shortages of IV fluids are anticipated, and Anne asked that agencies consider implementing strategies to conserve current supplies. Tom Chavez, the EMS Council Executive Chair, recommended looking at guidelines for IV usage for patients, and suggested an email from the County MPD, Dr. Nania, and Council Chair be sent to EMS agencies to consider conservation efforts. A letter was sent to all Spokane County EMS agencies following the meeting.

➤ Bylaws Review

The EMS Council Executive Committee met on October 4th to begin a review of the current EMS Council bylaws. Tom Chavez shared the suggested changes to the first portion of the bylaws and stated that the EMS Council will review suggested edits in sections, so the entire document does not need to be reviewed at one meeting. Following the review, Tom asked that anyone with questions, concerns, or comments to please email Berkley, and the Executive committee will consider all comments. There will be another review in the future to go over the second half of the document.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

➤ Financial reports for September 2024

Jack shared the financial reports.

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

REPORTS:

- BLS Report: Dr. Travis Dierks stated that the Protocol group is continuing to work on identifying and list BLS protocols in the protocol manual.
- EMS WAC Revision: no representative
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek reported that the meeting got pushed back and there is no new report. Chief Wyrobek asked if there is an update regarding the backup DMCC, and to please reach out if you have the information as the Fire Chiefs are hoping to complete that chapter of the County FOG.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present. Brad Kane reported that they were approved for a new location and will be relocating in approximately 1-1.5 years.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported that the alternative care trailers are no longer a capability of Spokane Regional Health District. A flyer was sent out for the upcoming dashboard, and Robin thanked the EMS Council for being proactive about getting information out.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff reported that last year's cohort is getting ready to test out. The next cohort of 21 paramedic students will begin on October 14th.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania stated that WSU Spokane will host an Airway Cadaver Lab on October 21st, and reminded agencies to submit their ACS data, which will be presented at the QI committee meeting in November. Dr. Nania shared a summary of the stroke KPI data that was presented at the September QI Committee meeting.
 - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - Follow up case review referred by Providence Sacred Heart

OLD BUSINESS:

- EMS Office Proposed Job Descriptions

Proposed Job descriptions for the two additional EMS Office positions were shared and emailed to the EMS Council group last month for review. Anne asked if anyone had any questions or concerns and there were none.
- RTF Fund Request

Jeff Anderson from Cheney FD shared a summary of last month's presentation for the Regional RTF program that is being created with the help of the Inland Empire Fire Chiefs. Eleven Spokane County EMS agencies are involved in this project and the RTF work group is requesting funding from the EMS Council for EMS equipment necessary to complete the program and training. It was requested at last month's meeting that the RTF work group share an itemized list of equipment that each involved agency would be receiving, and Chris Jones shared the information. The RTF workgroup requested a total of \$137,240.27. Questions regarding the timeline of when equipment would need to be replaced, and if agencies had agreed to budget their own equipment replacement were brought up, and Chris Jones explained that resupply won't be necessary for about 5 years, and that involved agencies understand that the EMS Council funding request is a one-time request. EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven asked if grant funding had been requested, and Chris stated that it was not due to the length of time that the grant funding would take to receive, and that requesting grant funding for a county wide program in the future would likely improve the chance of receiving grant funds. Chief Chris Wyrobek emphasized that the training and equipment required for this project is built as a county wide process, and that Spokane County EMS agencies that pay annual share fees to the EMS Office are in support of funding the project. Dave Baird included that Spokane Valley Fire Department plans to repurpose their trauma kits and use the MCI bags as trauma kits so that MCI bags are being used on a semi

regular basis. Dr. Joel Edminster asked if the proposal could be approved with the current budget, and EMS Council Treasurer, Jack Busch, stated that it is doable, but using a large sum of funds will likely reduce funds for items listed in the 3-year plan, and stated that commonly, Councils assist in funding trainings rather than equipment.

James Young made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Maika Dang seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed by a majority vote, with one vote against.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the request of \$137,240.27 for the RTF supply purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Medical Clearance for Jail: Dr. Nania & Jack Busch
 - Jack stated that the County MPD, Dr. Jim Nania, Spokane Valley FD, and AMR met with law enforcement to discuss a request made for EMS to medically clear patients on scene for jail, as funding was denied for a provider at the jail who would be able to clear patients once they arrived by law enforcement. Extensive hospital wait times have left law enforcement officers unable to service the community while waiting for a patient to be cleared by a hospital provider. Jack shared that EMS agencies should be taking patients to the hospital via ambulance unless the patient refuses and emphasized having good documentation of refusals. The group discussed possible procedures for patients brought in by law enforcement, but ultimately agreed that triage shall continue to be done by hospitals based on acuity of all patients, and to follow the determination of general patient transport destination protocol to transport to the closest most appropriate hospital to avoid longer waiting times.
- Special needs patients with specialized care plans: Dave Baird SVFD

Chief Dave Baird from Spokane Valley Fire Dept. stated that individuals in the Valley with specialized care plans have a letter from SVFD MPDD, Dr. Cody Laverdiere with care instructions. Chief Baird shared that there was a situation where another agency had responded to a patient with a specialized care plan from SVFD, and wanted clarification if specialized care plan letters should come from the County MPD to be followed by all EMS agencies. The group discussed possible processes, and EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, requested that this topic be discussed by the Protocol committee and can be brought to the EMS Council for approval once a process has been determined.

Action: This topic will be moved to the Protocol Committee.
- Recently Approved Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training Refresher ESE Evaluator Course (10/11/2024)
 - Providence Health Training Initial Paramedic Course (10/14/2024-12/31/2025)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: The Protocol committee will meet during the QI Committee meeting. The regularly scheduled protocol meeting for October will be cancelled.
 - 11 Protocols have been updated and will be reviewed for approval by the EMS Council at the November EMS Council meeting. Once approved by the EMS Council, the protocols will be sent to the WA DOH for review and approval.
 - Tom shared an example of the new protocol format that was created by the protocol workgroup to clearly separate and list protocols by provider level. Each protocol will include a list of practices for each provider level, followed by the protocol with all considerations and guidelines. The workgroup will meet again on October 23rd and Tom will bring updated protocols to the EMS Council for review and approval as they are completed.
 - Handtevy update: Tom reminded the group that the Handtevy account is set up with the EMS Council as the main account, and all agencies listed as sub accounts under the EMS Council. Tom can make edits to the EMS Council account which get applied to all sub accounts. Agencies can make agency specific edits including edits to their personnel. Please contact Tom Chavez with any suggested changes for the entire county, and Tom will submit a request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for October
 - 10/24/2024 “Chest Trauma & Abdominal Trauma”
- Upcoming Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes
 - 10/08/2024 at 6:30p.m Stroke/Neuro with Rebecca Berg, EMT-P
- Inland Northwest Trauma Conference. Oct. 11th, 2024, 7:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- Providence Trauma Talks: October 10th at Providence Sacred Heart Auditorium
- Dr. Travis Dierks shared a new Ketamine clinic in Spokane called Illume Wellbeing

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:35AM.

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024, 9:00-10:30a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A & Zoom Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order. Those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

Robin Albrandt, Jack Busch, David Baird, Tom Chavez, Elizabeth Ciais, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Dr. Joel Edminster, Chris Gibbar, Brad Kane, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Anne Raven, Cody Rohrbach, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guest Present

Jeff Anderson, Daron Bement, Dana Bosworth, Jill Collier, Dr. Greg Cover, Matt Cowels, Cass Doyle, Emily Fleury, Dr. Madeleine Geraghty, J. Hanke, Deanna Jones, Tim Loncon, Jason Mayfield, Denise McCurdy, Lindsay Payton, Dillon Russell, Treena Russell, Joey Rodriguez, Ami Roy, Lindsay Payton, Beth Perkins, Shaun Pitts, Adenea Sellars, David Sewell, Kevin Smith

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout, Office Administrator & County Coordinator

MINUTES: Approval of October 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

- Anne Raven requested an update regarding the IV fluids shortage. Hospitals are continuing to monitor and make conservation efforts and are receiving limited allocations of fluids. The Baxter facility is not expected to be fully operational until the end of the year.
- EMS Council Treasurer position: Please submit nominations to Berkley prior to the December 10th EMS Council meeting. A vote will be taken at the December meeting.
- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence: Lindsay Payton reported that planning for mass casualty exercises continues, which will include a widespread activation training for the community. Anne Raven asked if agencies could access outcome reports on ESO, and the County MPD, Dr. Nania suggested that agencies utilize the outcomes feature to get a full picture of the patients care and outcome. A representative from ESO will attend next month's meeting to discuss ESO functions and reporting options.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for October 2024
Jack reviewed the reports with the group, and there were no questions or concerns.

REPORTS:

- BLS Report: Dr. Travis Dierks stated that there has been a request to add Nitrous Oxide to the County protocols.
- EMS WAC Revision: no representative. Dr. Nania reported that the WAC revisions are complete. There will be no WAC Revision report for future meetings.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek reported that the MCI chapter of the County FOG is complete and will be updated on the website soon. The training group is planning a county wide training for next year. Agencies can pair the SALT triage protocol with the MCI chapter for individual agency training prior to a County wide training in the future.

- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach stated that SREC was approved for the purchase of a new facility. Ongoing meetings with City of Spokane continue until the city reaches a decision to continue with the regionalized center or move to their own dispatch center. Implementation for the new CAD system (Hexagon) is anticipated for October 2025. There will be a CAD briefing as part of the SREC report at the December meeting.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported an increase in Pertussis in the community and statewide, and SRHD is working to get more information out to the public and sending provider alerts on how to test and treat. SRHD continues to work to ensure that communication goes out across all divisions between emergency preparedness, community health, and immunizations and disease prevention.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff not present
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Cadaver lab evaluation summary
Dr. Nania shared comments from those who attended the Cadaver Lab in October, and stated for the first time, there were two no shows. A standby list for future cadaver labs will be created to fill any spots that are cancelled late.
 - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - ACS data reporting

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sacred Heart Medical Center- Critical Patient Transfer of Care: Dr. Maika Dang
Sacred Heart will be implementing an EMS time out (DMIST) for critical trauma and medical patients effective November 19th. The DMIST form was emailed to agencies, and the form will be posted in all trauma bays.
- Review of Additional Approved Skills and Procedures for Spokane County EMS Providers (Appendix C)
It was requested to review the Additional Approved Skills and Procedures document in Appendix C of the Spokane County EMS Protocol manual, and to consider updating the approved skills lists to include recently updated state approved skills. Dr. Nania stated that the protocol committee has reviewed this document in previous years and suggested moving this topic to the protocol committee.
Action: The Protocol Committee will review the Additional Approved Skills and Procedures list at the next protocol committee meeting.
- EMS Provider Survey: Dr. Maika Dang
Dr. Dang shared an anonymous EMS Provider survey to be sent out to Spokane County EMS providers for feedback on provider satisfaction, performance, and to identify areas for improvement. The goal of the survey is to review the feedback with the EMS Council to identify action points and establish solutions. A funding request was submitted to the EMS Council to cover the cost of the survey platform, and was approved by the Executive Committee in July for a total of \$200. It was suggested to consider including the survey in a strategic plan to share the survey every few years if it is deemed as beneficial to the EMS system.
Action: The EMS provider survey will be sent out to all Spokane County EMS agencies to be shared with their personnel.
- Recently Approved Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training Initial IV Therapy Endorsement (11/19/2024-11/27/2024)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA (12/04/2024-03/21/2025)
 - Providence Health Training Initial ESE (12/13/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update:
 - The Protocol workgroup has been going well. The workgroup was made up of 6

individuals, but two individuals from the original group have dropped out. Tom is working on finding replacements but has exhausted the list of interested EMTs and AEMTs. The current group includes one EMT, one AEMT, and three Paramedics. Dr. Travis Dierks offered to send an email to BLS crews, as the Protocol edits were requested by BLS providers. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for November 19th. Tom will bring updated protocols for review and approval by the EMS Council after 6 months and will send all approved Protocols to the Dept. of Health for approval in a large batch once all are completed.

- Protocols for approval:
 - Acute behavioral disorder
 - Rocuronium
 - Restraints for aggressive or violent patients
 - Pediatric allergic reactions and anaphylaxis
 - OSI- optimal sequence intubation
 - Midazolam
 - Lidocaine
 - Levels of trauma, stroke and cardiac hospitals in Spokane County
 - Ketamine
 - Epinephrin (adult)
 - Allergic reactions and anaphylaxis

A motion to approve the protocols was made by Randy Olson, and James Young seconded the motion. None were opposed.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the protocols. Tom will send the protocols to the DOH for approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for November
 - 11/20/2024 at 1:00 PM Burns & Fluid resuscitation.
- Upcoming Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes
 - 11/12/24 Special Pathogens with Cassie Prather, MPH
- Cardiac and Stroke Outcomes

Dr. Nania mentioned that there will be a bill going forward this year to try to implement changes to the WA State cardiac and stroke systems and requested support from the group.
- Airway Training Courses

Dr. Maika Dang stated that AMR is establishing their 2025 training program and are hoping to do a quarterly or monthly airway course open to the entire county but need more instructors. Dr. Most county agencies have instructors that attended the Train the Trainer course hosted by the EMS Council earlier this year, and the county could utilize these instructors to have multiple training opportunities for all providers. Instructors can reach out to Dr. Dang if interested in participating in these courses. Questions regarding airway requirements for state recertification were brought up, as the requirements have recently change. Dr. Nania explained that all previous airway requirements, including intubation numbers, will remain the same for the remainder of the year, and proposed that he and the Protocol Committee discuss future requirements. Dr. Nania also suggested that the Protocol committee discuss adding an Airway course to the County OTEP plan. EMS Council Executive Chair, Tom Chavez, suggested that agencies send an update for their training plans to implement airway training for all personnel.

Action: The Airway Course and County airway recertification requirements will be discussed at the next quarterly MPDD lead protocol meeting in January.
- Countywide Training Calendar

Please send any training opportunities that are open to additional agencies and providers to Berkley to be added to the EMS Office website.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:47AM

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024, 9:00-10:30a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A & Zoom Virtual Meeting

EMS Council Chair, Anne Raven, called the meeting to order. Those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio Present

Robin Albrandt, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Liz Ciais, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Brad Kane, Dr. Cody Laverdiere, Lori Markham, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Anne Raven, Cody Rohrbach, Dan Williams, Chris Wyrobek, James Young

Guests Present

Dana Ann Bosworth, Jill Collier, Matt Cowels, Cass Doyle, Bill Dennstaedt, Emily Fleury, Deanna Jones, Kayla Kramer, Dr. Louisa Lavy, Brandon Legore, Jason Mayfield, Diane Morgan, Beth Perkins, Ami Roy, Joey Rodriguez, Treena Russell, Dillon Russell, Leah Salmon-Conroy, David Sewell, Suzanne Small, Kevin Smith, Kara Welchel

EMS Office Staff Present

Berkley Van Hout

MINUTES: Approval of November 2024 Meeting Minutes

Randy Olson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Tom Chavez seconded.

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

➤ IV Fluid Shortage Update:

Anne Raven asked for an update regarding IV fluid shortages. The hospitals reported they are still on conservation mode as the Baxter facility is still not fully operational. Transport agencies reported they are doing okay.

➤ EMS Council Treasurer position vote:

Nominees: Jack Busch

Randy Olson made a motion to approve, and Dr. Maika Dang seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was unanimous.

Action: Jack Busch will remain EMS Council Treasurer for another 2-year term, until December 31, 2026.

➤ EMS Office Share Fees Invoicing for 2025 have been sent to agencies. Fees are due January 2025.

➤ Hospital Status Report

- Providence: Lindsay Payton reported that effective December 3rd Providence has turned on travel screening for viral hemorrhagic fever. Work for mass casualty planning continues, and hospitals will have a standardized document that Lindsay will share with Law enforcement and EMS. Lastly, Holy Family Hospital and Sacred Heart are still working to get the 800-megahertz radio implemented.
- Multicare: nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

➤ Financial reports for November 2024

Jack reviewed the financial reports with the group and there were no concerns or questions. The YTD financial reports for 2024 will be shared in January.

➤ EMS Office Positions Update:

The Executive Board met with the CPA and benefits brokers to discuss options for new hires and plan to have jobs posted by the end of the month.

REPORTS:

- BLS Report: Dr. Travis Dierks nothing to report.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek reported that updates to the County FOG continue, specifically in the Comms section. Multiple EMS agencies have gone live with training and programs for RTF and will be ready to implement by the end of 2025 or early 2026. The FOG MCI chapter update was adopted at the last meeting, but are waiting for hospital feedback, which Lindsay Payton offered to reach out for information.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach gave an update regarding the ongoing discussion with SREC and City of Spokane on whether the city will join the regionalized center or create their own dispatch center. The major topics of discussion recently have included governance board, service level and finances, and City is creating a draft service level agreement for SPD. Cody explained that there would be impacts for the community if there are separate dispatch centers, but SREC is supportive of either decision. The group is working to make a final decision in the next few months. Anne requested an update be brought to the EMS Council once a decision is made. Cody shared that Lori Markham and Brad Kane have attended the meeting to share an update on the new CAD system and updates at SREC. Lori shared a presentation and described the current operations and plans for SREC. If anyone has questions, please reach out to Lori.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported that SRHD is still responding to the community wide pertussis outbreak. They continue to do surveillance and investigation of cases, education and outreach to the community and providers on prevention and post exposure prophylaxis. They have been working across SRHD divisions who provide public facing services to share accurate and promote pertussis immunization materials and media and updated the website.
<https://srhd.org/health-topics/diseases-conditions/pertussis-whooping-cough>
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff not present. Emily Fleury reported that students from the last paramedic class have almost all completed their training, and a few are waiting to test. Providence Health Training thanks agencies for offering ride along opportunities for students.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - Vote 2025 KPI reporting dates.
 - Protocol Committee

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ESO Representative: Brian Ferring

Brian Ferring from ESO attended the meeting to discuss and answer any questions or concerns the group had regarding ESO. The County MPD, Dr. Jim Nania, brought up KPI reports and requesting the ability for agencies to get the same data. The EMS Council Executive Chair, Tom Chavez, shared that there is a workgroup that has been working on creating a data set to be pulled for KPI reports and could work with ESO. The group then discussed the possibility of having an EMS Council admin account to for access to all agencies data, and Brian explained that is a possibility and other counties have done this. The County Medical Program Director can have oversight to all agency accounts, and Brian explained that an umbrella account consists of single payer that pays for ESO Suit for all agencies and would get permissions to look at data from all sub accounts. The group also discussed the outcomes feature of ESO to determine if it is possible to get a standardized outcome report from all hospitals. Tom Chavez suggested the EMS Council send a standardized request for reports to hospitals. EMS Council Treasurer, Jack Busch recommended waiting for the data analyst position to be included in these decisions to decided

what data will be necessary. Brian suggested meeting again with ESOs business development rep to discuss more options if the group was interested. Brian requested the annual call volume from each agency to put together a quote for a County wide ESO account.

Action: Anne Raven suggested to move this topic to a future meeting for more discussion once the group has more information.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC Applications for Approval

- Mike Nokes- Verified Ambulance representative
- Todd Farina- Level III Hospital representative

A motion to approve was made by Jack Busch, and Randy Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was unanimously approved.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the East Region EMS & TCC applications. The applications were signed by EMS Council Chair and sent to East Region EMS & TCC.

➤ Recently Approved Training Course Applications

- SCFD9 Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/07/2025-03/29/2025)
- SVFD Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/13/2025-06/06/2025)
- EMS Connect Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/08/2025-03/22/2025)
- Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/07/2025-04/17/2025)
- Spokane Community College Initial EMT-SGA Course (01/02/2025-03/13/2024)
- Spokane Community College Initial EMT-SGA Course (04/01/2025-06/12/2024)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: The Protocols that were approved at last meeting have been sent to the WA Department of Health for approval. Once approved, the protocols will be added to the County protocol manual and updated on the website, protocol app, and Handtevy. The Protocol workgroup has completed the medical section of the protocol manual and will begin a new section this month. Completion for the workgroup project is slated for September 2025, and Council review for approval will be in November 2025, with implementation of the updated protocol manual planned for January 2026. The Protocol committee continues to work on pediatric protocols and will begin working on new protocols including special orders documentation, strangulation, Droperidol, and Nitrous Oxide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Connect Classes for December

- Gen. Pediatrics & Peds Transport- prerecorded session will be posted soon.

➤ Upcoming Providence EMS Live at Nite Classes

- 12/10/2024 at 6:30 PM “Endocrine Emergencies” with Carrie Gigray, EMT-P

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:53A.M.