

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.