

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