

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**