

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER/EOC

AGENDA

August 17, 2016, 3:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. EMS Council - July 20, 2016
 - B. Ops Committee - August 4, 2016 (informational only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Operations Committee – Ops Chair or Representative
 - B. West Region EMS Council – WREMS Representative
 - C. Staff Report – Hambly

VI. OLD BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	Joint Citizen CPR Project	Hambly	Information
B.			
C.			

VII. NEW BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	2017/2018 Budget	Hambly	Review

- VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER
- X. ADJOURNMENT

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
July 20, 2016**

- PRESENT:** Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, Paul Perz, Michael Steadman, Stan Moon, Roger McMaster, Margaret McPhee, Eileen Swarthout, John Ricks, Greg Wright, Russ Hendrickson
- ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla
- EXCUSED:** Jeannine Roe, Rena Merithew, Bud Blake
- GUESTS:** Terry Ware, Scott Lavielle, Richard Gleckler, Meredith Hutchins, Gene Dobry, Steve Brooks, Larry Dibble, Anne Benoist, Mary Campbell
- STAFF:** Cindy Hambly, Sandra Bush
- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** - (McMaster/Hendrickson) move to approve the agenda.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- A. EMS COUNCIL – June 15, 2016 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve as presented.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – DRAFT July 7, 2016 (Information Only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** – Greg Wright reported for the Operations Committee: 1) Working on a clinical agreement with St. Peter Hospital (SPH), which would be one agreement between SPH and Medic One, as well as all of the agencies, rather than having a separate contract for each agency. 2) Updating the surplus vehicle disposal procedure. 3) There were safety concerns for EMS personnel as a result from the most recent shootings in Thurston County. Steve Brooks headed up a discussion with the local law enforcement, at the last TCOMM Operations Meeting, addressing these safety concerns. An agreement is being developed to ensure there is safety provided, so there are no surprises on scene about who is safe and who isn't.
- B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL** – Anne Benoist, representative with WREMS, presented: 1) Department of Health pulled funding for WHEELS so they are now looking for ways to fund this. The funding from Providence Foundation and Providence SW fell through so Capital Medical Center will be asked for assistance. 2) Revisiting the strategic plan for the West Region Council.
- C. **STAFF REPORT**– Hambly highlighted on the staff report included in the packet as follows:
- Emergency Services Director: 5 candidates move forward to an internal and external interview board on July 22nd.
 - Paul Brewster with TRPC presented final reports to the Operations Committee and the EMSC, and a thank you letter will go out to him.
 - First Guardian (ALS training agency) met with Medic One staff. This agency is not endorsed at the State or National level. First Guardian has not responded to staff questions about this.
 - The MPD contract with Dr. Larry Fontanilla has been renewed for another year. Still waiting to hear back from Dr. Gilday regarding the SWAT contract and the required mal-practice insurance he is reviewing.
 - The budget committee met earlier today and will meet again on August 9th.
 - Fall EMT course: A pre-requisite CPR HCP course is scheduled for August 20th at Station 95.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
- A. **ALS Contract Discussion:** The ALS Contract negotiating committee met just prior to the EMSC meeting. Chair McPhee opened up a discussion regarding the contract renewal to the EMSC and guests, and provided two panels to help answer questions (with negotiators from both sides to be a part of the panel – Steve Brooks was the spokesperson for the agencies and Chair McPhee negotiating committee side). Chair McPhee also informed the council that Commissioner Blake has made the suggestion to change the term of the contract from 5 years to 3 years, because there is a new Director coming on board. In addition, there will also be a modification to the contracts regarding reimbursement for EMT overtime back-fill which will include the overtime to be “based

on system need”.

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Steve Brooks started the discussion highlighting the paramedic staffing structure and why the contracts are structured the way they are. Brooks continued with an explanation about the major changes to the contract and how the overtime back-fill became a part of the contract negotiations. The discussion was then opened up for questions from the council.

- B. ALS Contract Renewal: (McMaster/Perz) move to approve the proposed contracts with the 3 year term and the EMT overtime back-fill clarification, “to be based on system need”.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Steadman asked about the SWAT contract and Hambly provided an update on the status (Steadman was not present for staff report).

X. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.

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**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER
August 4, 2016**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Steve Brooks, Mike Matousek, Stewart Mason, Keith Flewelling, John Wood, Russ Kaleiwahea, Brian Vancamp

ABSENT: Jim Fowler, Wendy Rife, Alex Christiansen, Larry Fontanilla, Tony Kuzma

EXCUSED: Dave Pearsall, Scott LaVielle, Jody Halsey, Kathy Pace

GUESTS: Terry Ware, Mark Gregory

STAFF: Cindy Hambly, Sandra Bush

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair Wright called the regular meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 2:00 PM. Staff recorded roll.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC (Brooks/Wood) moved to approve.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – July 7, 2016 – **MSC** (Flewelling/Brooks) moved to approve as submitted.
2. EMS Council – Draft July 20, 2016 Mtg. (Informational Only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WEST REGION – Hambly reported: WREMS attended the July EMSC meeting (see staff report)

B. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No report.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chief Brooks commented on Cab vouchers and Lyft availability for patient transportation and asked if there is interest in having this put in the budget as a pilot program for a period of time. This will be added as new business to the October Ops meeting, for discussion.
5. STAFF REPORT –
 - Emergency Services Director position: 5 candidates were interviewed by two separate panels on July 22, 2016. The panel's recommendations were forwarded to the BOCC.
 - The budget committee meets August 9th for a third review.
 - Medic Hiring: Next hiring exam is scheduled for October. MPD will interview candidates and he may make an exception to help move more candidates forward to oral boards.
 - WHEERS: The arrangements with Providence Foundation and Providence SW fell through so WREMS is going to contact Capital Medical Center to ask for assistance.
 - WREMS: Per WREMS contract, Thurston County will need to submit min/max to WREMS by December 2016.
 - SPH Clinical Agreement: Medic One received a draft agreement for all agencies to sign; however, there were still modifications that needed to be made. There is a meeting scheduled for the week of August 15th to meet with SPH.
 - Fall EMT Course: Pre-requisite CPR HCP course is scheduled for August 20th at Station 95.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Council Action Report – Wright reported: After discussion, the ALS Contracts were moved and passed to send to the BOCC for approval. With regards to the overtime back-fill on assigned licensed EMS units, Wright discussed the issue of not enough paramedics on a hiring list, and the overtime back-fill is a way

to share the cost. This is offered to BLS agencies, as well as ALS agencies. Wright also encouraged suggestions from agencies on recruiting paramedics.

- B. Surplus Vehicles – Included in the meeting packet is a revised matrix for surplus vehicles. The revised matrix includes an additional column for “years on list” and “last vehicle received”. After discussion with the committee it was decided to remove the column for “years on list”, change the “BLS Agency” column to read “agency type”, remove the column for “prev received unit”, remove the “current # of B/U”, and change the “add or replace” to include maintain service, new service, or place in reserve. This will be discussed at the next Ops meeting as Old Business.
- C. Discussion with Law Enforcement - Brooks reported: There was a meeting, immediately following the TCOMM Operations meeting, discussing two issues with safety. First issue, transporting a patient who has an unknown status or a perpetrators status. Second issue, private ambulances being called directly by law enforcement and circumventing the fire districts. Keith Flewelling said there is a commitment to put this on the agenda for the Fire Liasons and Law Enforcement Users Group for TCOMM agenda, as an ongoing discussion. EMS Operations will add to the October meeting agenda as new business, “responders safety”, to include equipment, procedures, training, and law enforcement.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Wright suggested to cancel the September meeting since it will be the Thursday before Labor Day and the committee agreed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 3:35 PM

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Medic One/EMS, Staff Report, August 2016

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Happy 42nd Anniversary Medic One!!

Emergency Services Director Position:

Internal and External Boards evaluated 5 candidates on July 22nd. 2 candidates were chosen to go forward to the BOCC.

2015 Cardiac Arrest save rate at 59% (Utstein criteria.) More data still to come from other agencies nationwide but King County is approx. 45% for 2015.

EMS System Operational Review, Medic One has established a separate contract with TRPC. Paul Brewster has met with fire chiefs, to gather historical BLS data from agencies. Paul Brewster presented final report to EMS Operations committee and EMS Council (June).

Agency is inquiring about approval for ALS training in Thurston County. First Guardian met with staff on May 5th. Staff had some follow up questions, to date First Guardian has not responded back.

Approved MPD contract for another year with Dr. Larry Fontanilla. Working with Dr. Daniel Gilday to contract for the SWAT duties. Per Thurston County request we are working with Dr. Gilday for malpractice insurance.

2017-18 Budget: Preliminary budget to committee for review on July 20th. **Next budget committee on August 9th.**

Medic Hiring and Oral Exams: Medic One utilized Public Safety Testing (PST) for the second time to help establish a hiring list for paramedics in the county. Of the candidates that passed the PST testing (84) 45 were paramedics. Of the 45 candidates we received 20 applications. Of the 20 applications, 18 took the Thurston County PM Protocol exam on May 6th, 4 candidates passed the written assessment and 1 candidate passed the oral board on May 9th. **Next hiring exam scheduled for October. ALS Coordinator is working with the MPD to set up an alternate process for 6 of the candidates (from May) that did not pass the last protocol exam. MPD and ALS Coordinator will discuss with ALS chiefs any changes to the upcoming process.**

WHEERS (Washington Hospital and EMS Emergency Radio System, utilizes repeaters instead of point-to-point): DOH has discontinued the lease contract with WSP for the WHEERS repeaters as of June 30, 2015.

WREMS reached out to the Providence Foundation to serve as fiscal agent for WHEERS and Providence SW to serve as the operational lead for the system. **The arrangements with Providence Foundation and Providence SW fell through. WREMS will now contact Capital Medical Center to ask for assistance.**

BLS data system: All Fire Departments and Olympic Ambulance have completed SafetyPad training. Starting October 1st all departments online. Staff is working with SafetyPad to implement "Case Flow". This is a module for QA/QI. This can be used at agency level or county level, option for all departments to trial. Olympic ambulance's parent company decided Olympic Ambulance will use another data system, ESO. Olympic Ambulance has agreed to continue using SafetyPad until ESO completes an interface to SafetyPad.

WREMS: Per WREMS contract Thurston County will need to submit min/max to WREMS by December 2016.

SPH Clinical Agreements: Received a draft agreement for all agencies to sign. Staff will meet again with SPH for clarification on responsibilities. Meeting set for the week of August 15th.

TRAINING: average pass rate NR EMT exam = national 79%, WA state 85%, WR 90%, CR 93%, TC 95%

First Responder Course, none held. NREMT will increase fees in 2017 (\$80 EMT, \$125 PM). Effective immediately NREMT Authorization to Test (ATT) will be valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. Candidates who do not complete their cognitive examination prior to expiration date will be required to complete a new application, including payment of the application fee.

Fall EMT Course 16-2 applications will be sent out July 20th. Pre-requisite CPR HCP course is scheduled for August 20th at Station 95.

NIMS online training available at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIweb/IS/is700.asp>