

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
November 18, 2015**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Rena Merithew, Frank Kirkbride, Dr. Tom Fell, John Christiansen, Stan Moon, Roger McMaster, Margaret McPhee, Eileen Swarhout, John Ricks, JW Foster, Lenny Greenstein

EXCUSED: Bud Blake, Dr. Larry Fontanilla

GUESTS: Terry Ware, Gary Pearson, Steve Slater

STAFF: Steve Romines, Cindy Hambly, Fay Flanery, Catherine Griffin

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:32 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC (Greenstein/Cooper) moved to approve agenda as presented.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. EMS COUNCIL – August 19, 2015 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Cooper) move to approve as presented.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – DRAFT November 5, 2015 (Informational Only).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** – Wright would like to have the BLS training videos to the EMSC for review. Then Wright reported to council he, Brooks, Suver and LaVielle participated in a conference call to hear the details of the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transport) partial reimbursement program. There are eligibility requirements that would apply to providers which determines if they qualify for a partial reimbursement of their unpaid transport/medical services. Wright has reviewed an article in the Annals of Internal Medicine concerning BLS vs ALS. McPhee asked this topic be placed on the agenda for the next EMSC meeting.

B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL**– Hambly stated the conference will be held at Ocean Shores on February 26th, 27th and 28th, 2016. They are continuing to work on procuring speakers for the February conference.

C. **STAFF REPORT**– Romines initiated staff report update and provided an update on his current medical condition.

Included with packet, Hambly highlighted on:

- TRPC – Paul Brewster will be meeting individually with chiefs before he attends the next Chief's meeting (November meeting had been canceled). Kirkbride will present an updated report in old business.
- CPR – Outreach coordinator is working on a FaceBook page and anticipates it will be available in December in time for the CPR ad to be printed in the local paper.
- BLS Protocols have been updated and the electronic application has been “pushed out.” ALS protocols are expected to be completed sometime in 2016.
- Budget has been approved and there will be a public hearing on December 8th 4pm at the court house in the BOCC meeting room.
- Medic Hiring Exam: Public Safety Testing forwarded the 28 top applicants names. 10 applications received; 6 tested; 4 passed and a total 6 applicants (2 returning) are attending oral boards today.
- SafetyPad QA/QI Case Flow – This is a quality assurance/improvement module. This allows each department to look at their case types and perform their own QI/QA program. If you do not have this module, please contact Medic One.
- BLS data system – It is anticipated the web-based inventory system will be completed and online by December 31st. The supply department will have individual and/or user group meetings if needed prior to going live.
- EMS BLS Training Videos – Possible presentation by Wade Glenn on 12/16/2015. Video skills are currently being shown in the EMT class. This was a multi-agency project.
- Fall EMT class: 24 applications received, 2 failed pre-tests. 2 self-dropped, 1 agency dropped and 1 fail. Currently there are 18 candidates in the class.
- Pulse Point Application – The application notifies citizens that have the program on their cell phone of a cardiac arrest if

they are within 1000 feet of the events' location. Initial fee is \$19K+ and \$9K+ thereafter (yearly).

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **TRPC**– Kirkbride reported the contract was signed on the 09/08/2015. Currently TRPC is in the middle of preparing multiple studies that are significant to the county which has put Medic One's study back about 1-1/2 months. Paul Brewster has met with the Ops Committee and plans to meet and interview department chiefs. Kirkbride recommends he go back to the chiefs with the data collected prior to meeting with EMSC in March 2016. Kirkbride is pushing for the fulfillment of the contract and will be following up with TRPC to encourage they submit the report as agreed but with the noted change in the reporting date to EMSC.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Brown/Fell Scholarship Application – MSC (Greenstein/Merithew) move to accept Tristan Mundwiler application for the Brown/Fell Scholarship Award.
- B. WREMS Council Air Medical/Prehospital Representative – Hambly presented Kathy Pace's application for renewal to the WREMS Council. MSC (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – EMT & Fire Academy graduation will be held December 17th, 6:30pm at Yelm High School.

- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM.