

**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”.

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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