

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
October 19, 2016**

PRESENT: Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, Paul Perz, Roger McMaster, Margaret McPhee, Eileen Swarthout, John Ricks, Greg Wright, Rena Merithew, Stan Moon, Michael Steadman, Larry Fontanilla, Russ Hendrickson, Paul Perz

ABSENT: Bud Blake, Jeannine Roe

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Terry Ware, Mark Gregory, Tony Kuzma, Alex Christiansen

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Cindy Hambly, Pete Suver, Alan Provencher

- 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** – (Kirkbride/Merithew) move to approve
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – Minutes were not approved for the September 21st and October 3rd meeting. These minutes will be asked for approval at the November meeting.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE –
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Greg Wright reported for the Operations Committee: 1) Still working on the procedure for surplus vehicles. 2) Still in the information gathering phase for the use of cab vouchers, for patients who need a non-emergency form of transportation (i.e. release from hospital, etc.)
 - B. **WEST REGION:** No report
 - C. **STAFF REPORT:** Kurt Hardin reported:
 - Pete Suver is retiring, effective October 31, 2016. This position is being restructured and the title will change from ALS Coordinator to ALS Program Manager.
 - CPR Outreach Coordinator is working with Thurston County HR to train all County employees on CPR. There is discussion about getting all State employees trained as well.
 - The 2017/2018 Budget was presented to the BOCC on October 11th, for information only. There was only one question from the BOCC and it was on a \$28,000 line item for BLS funds.
 - Paramedic testing will be done in November.
 - Willapa Harbor Hospital will be the fiscal agent for the WHEERS contract. 16 agencies (including Medic One) will share in the cost of this contract which is approx., \$16,000 per year.
 - SPH will revise the clinical agreements and forward to Medic One for review.
 - Hambly reported: The reciprocity process is being updated to include more involvement at the EMS agency level. There are currently 24 students enrolled in the Fall EMT course.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS** – None
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Levy Restoration: Pete Suver presented the committee with an overview on where Medic One is with the levy and whether the levy needs to be restored. Staff recommends the levy restoration in 2017, with a restoration amount undetermined at this time. (Ricks/Fell) move to recommend to the BOCC that levy restoration go on the ballot in 2017. Frank Kirkbride and Greg Wright opposed (Wright opposed because Olympia prefers for it to not be on the ballot the same time as Olympia). Eileen Swarthout abstained because she needs to consult with the Tumwater Council. Chair McPhee assigned a committee to help work with the levy issue. The levy committee will consist of Margaret McPhee, Stan Moon and Paul Perz.
- VIII. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Wright reported for the Operations Committee. There is an increased problem with getting enough BLS ambulances and the Transport Utilization Committee is meeting about this.
- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.