

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
February 15, 2017**

PRESENT: Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, Russ Hendrickson, Paul Perz, Stan Moon, Margaret McPhee, Eileen Swarthout, John Ricks, Greg Wright, Steve Slater (ALT), Gary Edwards

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla, Michael Steadman

EXCUSED: Jim Cooper, Rena Merithew, Bill Owen

GUESTS: Terry Ware, Mary Campbell, Meredith Hutchins, Tony Kuzma, Steve Brooks, Scott LaVielle, Alex Bates

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Cindy Hambly

- 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** – Chair McPhee asked to move Brown/Fell Scholarship presentation to Public Participation and Kurt Hardin asked to add MPD contract to old business. (Edwards/Hendrickson) move to approve and it carried unanimously.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – 1) Tom Fell presented the Brown/Fell Scholarship check and plaque to Alex Bates, Tumwater paramedic. 2) Kurt took a few minutes to let the council know about Alan Provencher's experience with calling the paramedics to his house last Wednesday night because his wife was having chest pain, which turned out to be a heart attack. Alan was extremely impressed with the paramedic's response time and the quickness for getting a stent in place at PSHP.
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – January 18, 2017 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve, and this carried unanimously.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – February 2, 2017 (Information Only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Greg Wright reported: 1) Greg Wright will continue as Chair and Brian VanCamp will continue as Vice-Chair, for the next year. 2) Working on ambulance utilization committee, which is a subcommittee to Ops. 3) There continues to be discussion on paramedic testing, more at the ALS Chief's level.
 - B. **WEST REGION:** No report
 - C. **STAFF REPORT:** Hardin reported - 1) MPD Contract will be discussed under Old Business. 2) Clinical Agreements will be discussed under Old Business.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Clinical Agreement/Rotation Funding: At the January EMSC meeting there was discussion on who should pay for the background checks PSPH is requiring on EMT's for patient contacts (approx., \$4,000/yr). EMSC asked staff to find funds in the budget to cover this cost, which staff did find sufficient funds in the BLS program budget.

Paul Perz asked about the council receiving periodic budget updates. Hardin will provide a budget recap report to the council each quarter and will schedule a final budget review for 2016 during the March EMSC meeting.
 - B. MPD Contract: The current MPD contract expires May 31, 2017, therefore, as informational only, discussion was brought to the council on how to get more value/time into the new contract. Hardin provided a presentation to the council, which was presented to the February Operations Committee and will be presented to the Fire Chiefs and the Fire Commissioners. The presentation included an outline of what the MPD duties are, and how the current contract does not allow the MPD to fulfill those obligations. The proposal is to contract with OES (PSPH Emergency Physicians' group) and they will provide a 2 year commitment from one of their physicians. The expected hours would increase from 8 per month to 12 per week, and the pay would increase to over \$100,000 total (estimated) with an increase of over 425 percent in required office hours. Staff will present back to the EMSC in March.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nominations Committee: Chair McPhee has asked Tom Fell, Jim Cooper, and Stan Moon to be on the committee, with Tom Fell as the Chair.
- B. 2017 Budget Amendment: The County started a new budget software system (Questica) in 2016. During the process of the budget preparation and for the EMSC recommendation to the BOCC, and the verbal discussion to the BOCC, everything was in the budget, including the equipment repair & replacement (ER&R) costs for 2017 (\$1.6 million); however, the ER&R budget did not make it to the Questica system. The revenue is in the budget, the briefings have been completed, but we will need to do a budget amendment so it's in the Questica system.
- C. 2016 Cardiac Survival Rate: Hambly presented: CPR Density Scores=94% (ALS & BLS combined); Cardiac Arrest survival rate = 47%
- D. EMSC Bylaws Proposed Changes: There were staff proposed changes to the Bylaws from March 2016, but these proposed changes were never presented to the EMSC. The changes included; 1) changing the purchase contract excess amount from \$15,000 to \$40,000, on items that need BOCC approval, 2) limiting council members who may be elected as officers to citizens only, 3) limiting council members who may serve on the nominating committee to citizens only, 4) limiting council members who may serve on the ALS Contract negotiations Committee to citizens only. The consensus of the council is to move forward with the recommendation to change the purchase contract excess amount from \$15,000 to \$40,000, and to change "Budget Committee making recommendations" from an annual budget to a bi-annual budget. Staff will clean-up the Bylaws and present back to the EMSC in March.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) There will be a retirement party for Cindy Hambly on May 20th; 2) Steve Slater provided an update on Roger McMaster; 3) Frank Kirkbride provided an update on Steve Romines.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.