

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Medic One Office  
November 15, 2017**

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**PRESENT:** Greg Wright, Rena Merithew, Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, Stan Moon, Harry Miller, John Ricks, Eileen Swarthout, Gary Edwards, Paul Perz,

**ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla, Russ Hendrickson

**EXCUSED:** Michael Steadman, Margaret McPhee, Jim Cooper

**GUESTS:** Chris Clem, Chief VanCamp, Patti Mize, Tammy Kallgren, Patrick Long

**STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Anna Lee Drewry, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Joy Miller, Alan Provencher

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Vice-Chair Moon called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.

- I. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** – Vice-Chair Moon asked to move CISM Team Member Recognition to Public Participation and YTD Quarterly Budget Report to the first item under New Business. (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried unanimously.
- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Patti Mize presented Tammy Kallgren with a plaque as recognition for Tammy’s volunteer service with CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management).
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. EMS COUNCIL - September 20, 2017 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Swarthout) move to approve the minutes and this carried, with Paul Perz abstaining.
  - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – November 2, 2017 (Informational Only)  
Paul Perz asked about TRU committee working with hospitals to write a policy for diversions. Wright explained that hospitals do go on divert from time to time, but we don’t have a policy on how that information should get back to the responders, therefore TRU is addressing this. Paul Perz also asked about medical vaccinations; Ben Miller-Todd said the list of vaccinations Medic One reimburses for is what is published by the CDC. Paul also asked about the TCOMM stat variances. Chief Wright explained there is always a slight variance between the number of calls dispatched and the number of calls that show up in the reporting system, however the variance is usually relatively small. Staff will be meeting with TCOMM to follow-up on this.
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Wright reported: 1) TRU worked throughout the summer putting together a slight change to dispatching that just went into effect and we think this will give us a little more ambulance availability. One of the changes had to do with a CPR call. It changes slightly for who gets called to a cardiac arrest with CPR in progress to match the standard of the industry. This would also help if we wanted to add something like pulse point into the system. Also, we will no longer dispatch an ambulance to code yellow calls as only about 30% of these calls require a transport. This will allow for more ambulance capability in the County. 2) Chief Wright asked for staff to discuss the topic of dropping AHA for CPR classes. Hardin reported that AHA has increased their cost up to 400% therefore Medic One will no longer offer the AHA class to citizens, only chest compression. AHA classes will still be offered for instructors and EMT student training. Kirkbride asked if AHA has adopted the chest compression only and staff confirmed that in fact they have. 3) Medic One staff and a number of fire agency staff attended a GEMT meeting (Ground Emergency Medical Transport). This was a follow-up to a presentation Ops provided the EMSC with about 18 months ago. Ben Miller-Todd has some notes on this if anyone would like to see them. It was decided that right now, this isn’t the way Thurston County needs to go. 4) Special Projects; Ops did some clean up on this process.
  - B. **WEST REGION:** No report.
  - C. **STAFF REPORT:** This was included in the packet. One addition that just took place yesterday; there was a Microsoft update at the County level which started quarantining certain emails so if you are not receiving responses from staff, this

could be the reason. Vice-Chair Moon asked about paramedic testing and staff reported 5 more new available paramedics which raised the list to 10. Paul Perz asked if the new medic units will be paid for in the 2017 fiscal year and Hardin confirmed this.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. YTD Quarterly Budget Report – Budget report was included in the packet, and was presented to EMSC. The report shows 51% has been expended through September; however with the purchase of medic units that have not been paid for, and some ALS contract billing we have not received, there is about \$2.2 million already obligated for. This would bring the % of Expended Budget to approx., 67%. A budget amendment has been created to move the purchase of the gurney's for the new medic units, into the 2018 budget.
- B. TRPC Report – At the October Ops meeting, the committee asked about strategic planning that took place in 2016. The TRPC steering committee's plan was for the EMSC to follow-up with this in the fall of 2017. Kirkbride presented history on the strategic planning project and recommends developing a new steering committee with a new charge to develop a comprehensive 20 year plan, recognizing the change in medical delivery systems that we are going to have and how we are going to adopt to them as an organization. Council members who are interested in serving on the steering committee should send an email to Sandra Bush, no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. At the next EMSC meeting Chair McPhee will assign the committee. On behalf of Council Member Jim Cooper, Chief Wright asked that the Emergency Services Director be a part of the strategic planning committee and that progress reports are brought back to Medic One administration.
- C. EMT Course/SPSCC – Hardin reported: There has been discussion on how Medic One can support the SPSCC EMT course, and ensure accurate information is relayed to the college. There was also discussion with SPSCC about options regarding the SPSCC EMT program. Medic One is considering how to produce additional EMT students during the year. Hardin is going to ask the Fire Chiefs to project and give Medic One the project course fill for each agency.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

- IX. **GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Chief Wright asked if there will be a December EMSC meeting. (Kirkbride/Merithew) move to cancel the December EMSC meeting and resume in January 2018. This carried unanimously.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.