

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Medic One Office
January 17, 2018**

PRESENT: Margaret McPhee, Greg Wright, Jim Cooper, Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, Harry Miller, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Cody Colt, Paul Perz, Lenny Greenstein

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED: Rena Merithew, Stan Moon, Gary Edwards

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Meredith Hutchins, Chief Steve Brooks, Russell Lutz, Chief Scott LaVielie

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Anna Lee Drewry, Sandra Bush, Joy Miller

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.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – Chair McPhee asked to move the Open Public Meetings Act Training to the last item under New Business, and Kurt Hardin asked to add Chief Brooks to New Business so he can provide a synopsis of the Amtrak train derailment. (Cooper/Kirkbride) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chair McPhee asked for good stories about Roger McMaster and the group shared. Roger's memorial service will be January 20th at 1:00pm.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – November 15, 2017 – **MSC** (Cooper/Kirkbride) move to approve the minutes and this carried, with Chair McPhee, Tom Oliva, Lenny Greenstein and Cody Colt abstaining.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – December 7, 2017 & January 4, 2018 (Informational Only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** No report.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Hardin reported: 1) WREMS conference will take place in March, in Ocean Shores. 2) Regional hospital MIN/MAX changes were approved. 3) There was discussion regarding SHB 17.21 which allows response agencies to take someone with behavioral health issues directly to a behavioral health facility instead of to an Emergency Department. The council voted to approve a regional patient care procedure which was developed by West Region MPDs. 4) WREMS is working on a strategic plan. 5) DOH notified stakeholders they have opened WAC 246.976, sub-sections 10-300, 330-400, 800, 920, 960, and 970 for review and updates. Changes are expected to be finalized by June 2019.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** This was included in the packet. Frank Kirkbride asked about the 5 new units. Hardin said the units are still being prepared, and new gurneys should arrive in February. Tumwater's two units that were scheduled to be picked up in June, are ahead of schedule and should be ready in March or April. Paul Perz asked about the patient documenting software. "Safety pad" is what Medic One currently uses, which has been recently purchased by another company, therefore staff will be creating an RFP and this should go out in February. Hardin also reported Medic One's need to replace their EMT training vehicle, so departments who are receiving a surplus vehicle have been asked to donate a vehicle to Medic One.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Assign Strategic Planning Steering Committee – Chair McPhee announced the following members will be a part of the steering committee; Frank Kirkbride (chair), Greg Wright (vice-chair), Margaret McPhee, Stan Moon, Brian VanCamp, Paul Perz, John Ricks, Eileen Swarthout, Steve Brooks, and John Wood. Chair McPhee also asked Lennie Greenstein if he would like to participate on this committee and Lennie will oblige.
- B. Budget Committee – The Budget Committee had their first meeting; however due to scheduling issues in Outlook, three members were not at the meeting so there will be a "catch-up" meeting January 22nd at 1:30. The second meeting will be on February 21st at 1:30. An ER&R Schedule will be developed for 2019-2020.

- C. Appoint Nominations Committee – Tom Fell and Jim Cooper will be on the Nominations Committee and will report at the February EMSC meeting.
- D. Ambulance Licensing – (Cooper/Kirkbride) move to approve ambulance licensing for AMR and Olympic, and this passed unanimously.
- E. Amtrak Derailment – Chief Steve Brooks provided a synopsis of the Amtrak derailment. There will be a debriefing on Friday, January 19th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at Capital Christian Center, on the corner of Martin Way and College St.
- F. Open Public Meetings Act Training – Staff was unable to enlarge the video for the big screen so this will be rescheduled, or the link will be emailed to the Council for their viewing.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Chief Wright asked Chief Brooks to talk about the tragic loss of a Lacey Firefighter that took place Christmas Eve/Day. Chief Brooks thanked everyone for their support in this loss and how we need to watch for signs of suicidal thoughts among those we work with. Crystal was one of the cause champions of the girl's camp that was conducted jointly at the regional training center last summer. Lacey plans to continue this in her honor and memory. 2) Anna Lee said EMT course applications have gone out and they are now fillable forms which should simplify the process because the applicant can fill out the form and email it back. Applications are due back by January 26th. 3) Dr. Tom Fell was attending a family get together in Winthrop and one of the family members fell backwards on her head and was unconscious for about a minute. Dr. Fell was impressed that Medic One service exists in Winthrop and other places. 4) Hardin said he is trying to schedule a discussion on the opioid epidemic for February's EMSC meeting. 5) Hardin said Medic One has had some BLS staff out recently due to deaths in the family. Anna Lee's mother and Erin's father passed away.

X. ADJOURNMENT – (Perz/Cooper) move to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 PM, and this carried unanimously.

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