

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Medic One Office  
February 21, 2018**

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**PRESENT:** Margaret McPhee, Greg Wright, Lisa Parshley, Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Cody Colt, Paul Perz, Larry Fontanilla, Rena Merithew, Stan Moon, Gary Edwards

**ABSENT:** Harry Miller

**EXCUSED:** Lenny Greenstein

**GUESTS:** Tony Kuzma, Mike Matousek, Chris Clem, Chief Steve Brooks, Chief Scott LaVielle, Anne Benoist

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

**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 change the Rescind Vehicle Accident Review Policy under new business, to an expected outcome of Discussion. (Moon/Edwards) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried unanimously.
- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. EMS COUNCIL – January 17, 2018 – **MSC** - Kurt Hardin asked to amend the minutes to reflect the report for WREMS, as follows: Item #2) Regional hospital MIN/MAX changes were approved. Item #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. Item #5) DOH notified stakeholders they have opened WAC 246.976, sub-sections 10-300, 330-400, 900-, 920, 960, and 970 for review and updates. (Ricks/Oliva) move to approve the minutes as amended and this carried.
  - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – February 1, 2018 (Informational Only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** 1) See New Business, Item D. 2) Chair Wright will continue as Chair for one more year.
  - B. **WEST REGION:** Anne Benoist reported: Anne will prepare a report each month for the EMS Council. A report was handed out today with the following: 1) WREMS Council approved a Regional patient Care Procedure (PCP) to implement SHB 1721 at the 12/6/17 meeting. 2) WREMS Council approved changes to the hospital “min/max” numbers on 12/6/17. The State EMS & Trauma Steering Committee approved the changes at the 1/17/18 meeting.
  - C. **STAFF REPORT:** This was included in the packet and there were no questions.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Nominations Committee – Lisa Parshley reported for Jim Cooper: Margaret McPhee was nominated for Chair and Stan Moon was nominated for Vice-Chair. (Kirkbride/Merithew) move to close the nominations, and this carried with McPhee and Moon abstaining.
  - B. EMSC Officer Elections – (Kirkbride/Edwards) move to accept the slate of officers as nominated and this carried, with McPhee and Moon abstaining.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Opioid Epidemic – A letter from Dr. Fontanilla regarding the use of Narcan was handed out. Dr. Fontanilla also handed out a chart showing ‘Use of Narcan for OD by Year’ and ‘OD Narcan to Total ALS Cases’. Kurt Hardin, Anna Lee Drewry, Ben Miller-Todd and Dr. Fontanilla will meet with DOH on March 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the use of Narcan.
  - B. Rescind Vehicle Accident Review Policy – This policy from 1984 is no longer applicable because ALS contracts are in place. (Moon/Edwards) move to rescind the Vehicle Accident Review Policy, and this carried.

- C. Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council Applications for Cooper & Kirkbride – (Edwards/Merithew) move to approve the Regional EMS Trauma Care Council Applications for Cooper & Kirkbride and this carried.
- D. ER Diversion & Hospital Designation – There was discussion at the February Ops meeting regarding a recent increase in hospitals going to divert. This is only a discussion at this time, but Ops wanted EMSC to be aware of it. This discussion produced questions about what the overall growth capacity is in the community and how and if the hospitals are addressing it. At this time Ops does not have an answer for it but EMSC is asked to use their political voices in the community so if there are questions from the hospitals or medical community, Council members will encourage them to increase their capabilities. There is a diversion work group working on this. In addition, there was discussion at Ops regarding a County resolution from the 1980s designating Providence St. Peter's Hospital as the base station. This is being reviewed at the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER –** 1) Dr. Fell asked about Medic One's consideration to having Facebook. Medic One considers social media a good opportunity to get information out to the public, but a decision has not been made. Stan Moon mentioned that Facebook falls under the public records retention schedule. The County has been consulted on social media policies. 2) Kirkbride said there is a Strategic Planning Committee meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, at Olympia Fire Station One. 3) Hardin reported that the County is moving from Alert Sense, as a public notification platform, to RAVE which has greater flexibility use, better capability, and is less expensive. RAVE also has the capability for fire agencies to sign on and use it for their individual jurisdictions. This is expected to go live in March. 4) Hardin provided an update to the DOH rule making. There are a number of WACs being changed and they are still on the first WAC. 5) Hardin said 2017 fiscal year review will be presented to the ESMC in March. 6) In 2017 BLS agencies expended 90% of their budgeted funds, which is exceptional, however there were a few agencies who over expended and staff is working with these agencies on how to get the money back into the Medic One account, and processes and procedures to avoid this from happening in the future. 7) Medic One is getting ready to have a survey for the public, and this will be shared with the EMSC before it goes out. The company used will be the same company the County used for their survey. 8) Dr. Fell asked about a recent death in Olympia that has been in the media. Hardin said this is being investigated by law enforcement and the Coroner's office. The Coroner's office should have a report within 8-10 weeks from the date of the incident, and Thurston County Sheriff's office should have a report by the end of this month. Out of respect for the two reviews taking place, Medic One has not performed a quality assurance or quality improvement process as they normally would.

**X. ADJOURNMENT –** Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.