

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Medic One Office  
April 18, 2018**

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**PRESENT:** Margaret McPhee, Brian VanCamp, Jim Cooper, Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Cindy Hambly, Stan Moon, Harry Miller, Gary Edwards

**ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla, Cody Colt, Lenny Greenstein

**EXCUSED:** Paul Perz,

**GUESTS:** Chris Clem, Chief Scott LaVielle, Meredith Hutchins, Tony Kuzma, Mike Matousek, Sonya Kroese, Keith Flewelling

**STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush

**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 add a report from Frank Kirkbride on the Comprehensive Plan, under Old Business. (Hambly/Cooper) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. EMS COUNCIL – March 21, 2018 – **MSC** – Kirkbride recommended the following changes to the minutes: 1) Staff Report notes said “Miller-Todd said in addition to Medic 4 being active, Medic 10 is now active as well.” Kirkbride recommends changing the minutes to say; Miller-Todd said the replacement vehicles for Medic 4 and Medic 10 are in service. 2) Under Old Business “Public Health meeting regarding Narcan” notes, McPhee recommends we replace “individual” with “physician”, and “individuals” with “physicians”. Kirkbride recommends we replace “some Medic One staff” with staff names. (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve the minutes as amended, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – April 5, 2018 (Informational Only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: See Old Business for Opticom and Narcan discussions, and see New Business for Gurney surplus and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety Awareness Campaign discussion.
- B. **WEST REGION:** West Region EMS report, dated 4/18/2018 was handed out to the council.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Hardin highlighted a couple of items; 1) Under ALS Update, ESO is the apparent successful bidder for the safety pad software that is being replaced. 2) All new medic units should be on the road by the end of May. 3) Anna Lee will be out of the office quite a bit due to family medical issues, so Medic One asks for everyone’s patience on programs Anna Lee is working on.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Opticom – Since the TRPC Training Advisory Committee (TAC) involves all jurisdictions, and Opticom discussions have always been submitted to them, this recent discussion about Opticom will be taken to TRPC TAC. This discussion was originally scheduled to go to TRPC TAC on April 5<sup>th</sup> but has now been moved to June. The prosecuting attorney’s office was also consulted with about whether Opticom was authorized for use by private ambulances and according to Washington State law, jurisdictions cannot prohibit private ambulance companies from using Opticom. Cooper moved to forward the Ops Committee recommendation on to TRPC as a recommendation of the Medic One council. Kirkbride said the council is unable to make a motion since the agenda shows this discussion as an update and not as an action item, and traditionally the council has had a rule about this. Cooper withdrew his motion. (Kirkbride/Oliva) move to suspend the rules of the body, and this carried. (Cooper/Hambly) move to have the ESMC forward the recommendation of Opticom on to TRPC and the jurisdiction, and this carried.

- B. Narcan – Hardin reported we are moving forward with a training program for paramedics and law enforcement to train together on Narcan use and the expectations of it. Cooper asked if Dr. Wood, with Public Health, would be willing to come speak to the council and Commissioner Edwards said she is always available for this type of presentation. Hardin said there is a task force meeting in May with Public Health (Dr. Wood, and Schelli Slaughter, Director of Public Health) and the Prosecuting Attorney’s office, on the opioid crisis in Thurston County. Kirkbride said it’s a good idea to wait for a presentation from Dr. Wood until after the task force has met.
- C. Comprehensive Plan – Kirkbride handed out the March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> discussion summary. The March meeting was mostly brainstorming, and a mission and vision statement was developed at the April meeting. Moon suggested for those who are interested in learning more on the background for the broad look the committee needs to take, go to the internet and search EMS 3.0. There is a raft of information about the future of coordinated pre-hospital and post-hospital action.

Cooper had two comments: 1) Cooper feels this is set up to have a committee get ahead of the board and so he looks forward to the committee recommending some sort of facilitated conversation about the strategy of the EMS council. 2) Cooper is concerned about the committee not having any staff support, for keeping track of meeting minutes, etc. Hardin explained that if he had available staff to support the committee he would offer the help.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sales Tax on BLS Supplies – Hardin reported 2017 was a very good year for agencies using their BLS supply funds; however, there were a few agencies who over spent. During the reconciliation process it was discovered that the inventory system does not include sales tax when charging agencies. This has been corrected, so effective January 1, 2018 items being charged to agencies will include the sales tax rate Medic One paid on the supplies.
- B. Medic One Survey – The survey will include 5 focus areas, which will be taken to the Comprehensive Plan committee for recommendation. Hardin would like it to come back to the ESMC in May for a discussion, and then a vote in June for what the survey should look like. Kirkbride asked to push it out a couple of months so maybe have Comprehensive Plan committee review in June and then EMSC vote in July. Cooper asked about Medic One partnering with TCOMM on the survey to gage public reaction to the radio system replacement and the possible conflict of asking the voters to vote on two EMS ballot measures so close together. Hardin said he will talk to TCOMM, however he would like to keep the survey as short as possible.
- C. Brown-Fell Scholarship Award – (Hambly/Moon) move to approve the scholarship award for Matt Somnis and this carried. The presentation will be scheduled for the May EMSC meeting.
- D. Building ID Cards/Entry Doors – The key card entry system has been replaced. Please turn in your old cards to Medic One. Edwards mentioned he needs a new card, and Kirkbride asked about EMSC members having cards. Hardin will look at individual needs for a card.
- E. Gurney Surplus – The surplus of replaced gurneys will be opened up to the fire agencies first, and any gurneys left over will be offered up to the County surplus.
- F. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety Awareness Campaign – At the April Ops committee meeting, it was asked by one of the members if Medic One would have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety Awareness Campaign. Hardin said Medic One will allow the State Fire Marshall to carry their campaign forward and not duplicate their efforts.

## **VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Keith Flewelling with TCOMM and Sonya Kroese with Thurston County Emergency Management presented handouts and information regarding the Smart911 system and the Thurston Community Alert system. 2) Oliva said there was an election in 2016 to ban fireworks in Tumwater, however the fireworks industry funded a citizen’s initiative petition and got it back on the ballot. There is an election next Tuesday whether or not to appeal the ban. 3) Staff handed out an insert that will go in the Olympian, recognizing EMS Week (May 20 – 26). Any comments or suggestions should be addressed to Sandra. 4) McPhee has asked Cindy Hambly to be a part of the group that will be discussing the hospital capacity issue. 5) Moon informed the group about an all you can eat pancake breakfast on April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 am to noon at District 6, station 64. This is a fundraiser for the fire fighters association and the cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.