

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Medic One Office
June 20, 2018**

PRESENT: Margaret McPhee, Greg Wright (Ops Rep & ALT to Jim Cooper), Frank Kirkbride, Tom Fell, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Cindy Hambly, Stan Moon, Harry Miller, Gary Edwards, Lenny Greenstein, JW Foster

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED: Jim Cooper, Paul Perz

GUESTS: John Wood, Anne Benoist, Tony Kuzma, Mike Matousek, Steve Brooks, Scott LaVielle

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, 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 – (Greenstein/Kirkbride) move to approve the agenda, and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – May 18, 2018 – (Moon/Hambly) move to approve, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – No June Meeting

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Wright reported: The June Operations Committee was cancelled so committee members could attend the TRPC TAC meeting, and listen in on the Opticom discussion, and it turns out that TRPC supports the use of Opticom. Private ambulance companies have agreed to notify all jurisdictions when they get ready to use Opticom, and Medic One will enter into an MOA (memorandum of understanding) with the private ambulance companies that will be using Opticom.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Anne Benoist reported: 1) WREMS Council met June 6th and passed the FY19 budget. Staff was cut by 10% because WREMS lost an \$80,000 federally funded grant from the State, for emergency preparedness and response. 2) There was a presentation by Sandy Eccker & Erika Katt on the Thurston County CEMP ESF-8 plan. 3) West Region Cardiac & Stroke QI meeting was held June 11th, with Ben Miller-Todd as Chair. 4) June 8th was the last meeting of the Region 3 HCC (Health Care Coalition). This group was funded with the \$80,000 grant that was cut. The group will now be called “West Region District” and will be facilitated by NWHRN (Northwest healthcare Response Network). 4) West Region Training, Ed & Development Committee met June 11th and is planning the 2019 conference for March 22 – 24. WREMS is looking for grants to help with this. 5) Preparing FY19 EMS training contracts for West Region counties.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Hardin highlighted a couple of items: In the ALS first item topic, PAO means Prosecuting Attorney’s Office; Staff is about 50% finished with replacing modems; Don Bowman retired from Lacey Fire District yesterday, after 40 years of service as a paramedic in Thurston County; Capital Medical Center dropped their trauma level designation June 1st. We were informed on June 4th by Department of Health; Approx., 1900 citizens have been trained in compression only CPR. Next year the report will show a comparison from previous years.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ALS Contract Extension – Staff is asking for EMSC’s recommendation to the BoCC to extend the ALS Contract for one additional year, so the contract syncs up with the County’s 2 year budget. The contract is scheduled to expire December 31, 2019, and it is being requested to extend it through 2020. (Hambly/Greenstein) move to approve extending the contract for one additional year, and this carried.
- B. Comprehensive Plan – Comprehensive Planning Committee met last week. One item of discussion was the Medic One survey, which will be back to the committee for discussion next month. Another item of discussion was to establish where the committee is in its process and where the committee is proceeding from (what is the foundation). The committee reviewed recommendations from TRPC’s 2015 report and

what the status is on these recommendations (provided in hand-out). From the summary stand point there are 18 recommendations, 4 of which have been completed. One (1) recommendation isn't relevant anymore, which deals with studying what King County is doing. There are 7 recommendations in progress right now, most of them being undertaken by Medic One staff, and 6 recommendations are being reviewed by the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Similar to the 20 year comprehensive plans of the municipalities and the County, a series of 5 year implementations plans will be considered. The hand-out will be emailed to council members, and members will be encouraged to email Margaret or Frank with questions/comments, or they can bring them to the July EMSC meeting.

- C. Resolution for Code of Conduct at Public Meetings – The following resolution was included in the packet for approval or disapproval: “So that the EMS Council can maintain impartiality and the appearance of fairness in upcoming matters, and comply with Washington State law, speakers shall not be permitted to make public comments before the EMS Council in the following areas: Where the speaker promotes or opposes a candidate for public office or a ballot measure, or Where the speaker makes a personal attack on someone’s honesty, integrity, reputation or attributes protected under Washington State’s law against discrimination, or Any other topic not relevant to the business of the EMS Council.” There was concern among some of the council members with regard to infringement on free speech. Edwards suggests taking the resolution back to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, and the following questions will be addressed: 1) Does the EMSC require public comment as a part of their charter? 2) Can a time limit be imposed? 3) No electioneering? 4) Can rules of civility be part of the equation? Elected representatives vs. citizens at large and staff. 5) What is the definition of speakers?
- D. TRPC Opticom Update – Discussed in the Operations Committee report.
- E. EMT/Fire Academy Graduation – 19 EMT students and 34 fire academy students will graduate tonight at 6:00 pm, in the Tumwater High School auditorium.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fireworks on July 4th – This Friday, Hardin and the Fire Marshall will be sitting down with the County Manager to discuss a fireworks ban in Thurston County unincorporated areas. County ordinance requires the County Manager to make a determination on whether or not to make a recommendation on a fireworks ban, based on threat of fire. The threat of fire is low at this point in time, so unless that significantly changes, the recommendation to the County Manager will most likely be not to enact a fireworks ban in unincorporated Thurston County.
- B. Excited Delirium Training – There will be training on June 29th, 1430 – 1630 and July 13th, 1330 – 1600, at Lacey Fire District 3, station 31. Medic One and all three ALS agencies are providing this training to medics and police officers so there is a coordinated effort in providing the best patient outcome.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Dr. Tom Fell will be retiring soon from the council, and Dr. Sheila Fay has shown interest in filling his position. The council would like to retain Dr. Fell in an emeritus position. (Edwards/Hambly) move to approve moving Dr. Tom Fell into an emeritus position, and this carried. Staff will request approval from the BoCC to amend the bylaws by adding this position. 2) Harry Miller said there have been some challenges with the new gurneys. Ben Miller-Todd will make sure training is provided. 3) Staff is requesting a lifetime achievement award for Don Bowman. Don Bowman is retiring after 40 years as a paramedic in Thurston County. (Edwards/Hambly) move to approve the lifetime achievement award, and this carried.

- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.