

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Tumwater Fire Department
September 19, 2018**

PRESENT: Margaret McPhee, Greg Wright, Jim Cooper, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Cindy Hambly, Paul Perz, JW Foster, Gary Edwards

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED: Stan Moon, Lenny Greenstein, Sheila Fay

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins, Scott LaVielle, Steve Brooks, Captain Hurley, Chris Clem, Mike Matousek

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, 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. Margaret asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Steve Romines and John Hough.

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** – McPhee recommended moving Board Briefing, under New Business, to immediately following Public Participation, and to change EMSC Bylaw Approval/Emeritus Nomination under Old Business to an action of approve/reject. (Kirkbride/Hambly) move to approve as modified and this carried.
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – There was no public participation, however Kurt Hardin provided the council with the board briefing presented to the BoCC in August. This will be emailed out to the council members.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – August 15, 2018 – (Cooper/Kirkbride) move to approve, and this carried.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – September 6, 2018 (informational only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Wright reported: 1) Ambulance Ordinance is being worked on and will come back to the EMS council for recommendation to the BoCC. 2) September Ops minutes indicate the Exposure Control Plan is way behind on being updated, however after doing some research, we are not as far behind as originally thought.

Hardin reported on a narcan meeting that took place the last week of August, with staff, law enforcement, Chief Wright, Dr. Wood, Dr. Stearn, County Manager, and others, on patient care in the field and the use of narcan. An agreement was established that the priority of treatment for opioid overdose will be; 1) Narcan thru IV, titrated. 2) Airway management with bag valve mask and oxygen. 3) If none of the first two are available than nasal narcan will be used. If law enforcement is first on scene, patient care transitions from law enforcement to EMS when law enforcement provides a short report to the Paramedic and/or EMT on scene with their equipment.
 - B. **WEST REGION:** Cooper reported that Rehab Without Walls, a company who was contracted by Amtrak and took care of all but one of the survivors from the Amtrak derailment, was present for a discussion regarding the loss of inpatient trauma rehab beds in the region. Brooks talked about making sure that WREMS strategic planning includes being actively involved in the DOH rule making process. Hardin said he attended the WREMS stroke and cardiac QI meeting and there was push back on a discussion about performing a 32 point assessment prior to and during transport of a stroke patient.
 - C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet.
 - D. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The committee has completed the bulk of their work for identifying goals and objectives for the purpose of the committee, and a scoping plan is being worked on for identifying what the comprehensive plan is and what it is not. The goal is to have this complete by the end of August 2019. The next meeting will include how the committee will write the plan and goals and objectives will be presented at the next EMSC meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ESO Update – Through an RFP process, ESO was selected to replace Safety Pad, the electronic patient charting program. Tentatively, ESO is scheduled to go live December 3rd. October 25th & 26th will be super user training, and October 27th – November 9th, and November 13th – 21st will be county wide ESO training, at various locations, in 4 hour blocks. November 26th – 30th training will be provided by the super users for those who missed earlier training opportunities. County must go live with ESO within 30 days from training.
- B. EMSC Bylaw Approval/emeritus nomination – (Hambly/Edwards) move to nominate Tom Fell for the Emeritus position, and this carried. This will be scheduled to go before the BoCC on October 16th. Staff will talk to the County PIO about having this news published, and that Dr. Sheila Fay will fill his position on the EMSC.
- C. Paramedic Hiring Status – Written testing is scheduled for October 24th and orals are October 25th – 26th. Staff will be taking a more social media approach next year, using promotional videos, reaching out to surrounding counties, etc. Staff is trying to get a face book page set up for Medic One.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rescind News Media Guidelines Policy – This policy was written in 1984, prior to HIPAA laws and County Media policy. (Kirkbride/Cooper) move to suspend EMSC rules so the council can take action on this item today, and this carried. (Cooper/Oliva) move to rescind the News Media Guidelines policy, and this carried.
- B. 2nd Quarter Budget vs. Actual – This report was included in the packet. Joy Miller will email the 3rd quarter report in November.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Staff asked the council if they would like to cancel the November EMSC meeting because it is the day before Thanksgiving, and council agreed to cancel. 2) Harry Miller thanked ALS providers for helping Bald Hills with their gurney issue. 3) Medic One will brief the BoCC on the 2019/2020 budget on October 3. 4) Steve Romines Memorial service is October 8th at 2:00 pm. 5) Kurt thanked everyone for supporting Anna Lee by attending Jake's service. 6) New Medic 5 is out back if anyone wants to look at it.

- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.