

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Tumwater Fire Department
October 17, 2018**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Jim Cooper, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Paul Perz, Stan Moon, Sheila Fay, Lenny Greenstein, Harry Miller

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED: Margaret McPhee, Cindy Hambly, Cody Colt, Gary Edwards

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins, Scott LaVielle, Ryan Cox, Captain Hurley, Chris Clem

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Joy Miller

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Vice-Chair Moon called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – (Greenstein/Cooper) move to approve and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – September 19, 2018 – (Kirkbride/Oliva) move to approve, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – October 4, 2018 (informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** See New Business. In addition, the council was asked to accept the recommendation from the Operations Committee to amend the ambulance ordinance. The changes are: grammatical corrections, increase application fee from twenty dollars to thirty five dollars (this will be the first increase since 1992), automobile liability insurance increase from one million to two million (recommended by Thurston County Risk Management department), and adding to 6.16.050, “In the rare circumstance where a Medic One Paramedic/ALS provider accompanies a patient on the private ambulance transport to the Emergency Department due to emergency circumstances, the private ambulance company shall charge a rate not to exceed twenty percent of the published BLS transport rate to Medic One. No additional fee, charge, or other cost shall be submitted to the patient or their health care provider.” AMR stated Medicare and Medicaid require them to be consistent with their charges, therefore they are unable to reduce rates, however they will check with their compliance department. (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to support the changes in the ambulance ordinance and recognizes it will move forward once completed, to the BoCC.
- B. **WEST REGION:** None.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Under BLS update there is information about the ‘Travis Alert’. Washington State DOH has a requirement to prepare state wide training curriculum for the implementation of this bill. Medic One is waiting on State DOH to develop this curriculum and send it out to the counties so then Medic One can add it to their process. In addition to the staff report, Hardin said on October 16th the BoCC appointed Dr. Fell to the emeritus position.
- D. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Kirkbride provided a hand-out for the council which includes goals and objectives the committee has developed and adopted and is requesting feedback before their next meeting. Tentative assignments were made to committee members to further define these goals and objectives. Kirkbride asked for council members to email him with any questions or comments they may have. Jim Cooper expressed concern about how strategic planning can happen when there is no discussion with the EMSC. The Comprehensive Planning Committee will discuss Councilman Cooper’s concerns at its next meeting. The Committee also will finish the scope document and bring it to the December council meeting for discussions.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ESO Update – Medic One is in the process of switching from SafeyPad to ESO, with a go live date of December 3rd. October 30th – November 3rd there are 5 slots in each class at station 4 and these are open to all EMS personnel. As of today, approximately 75% of all providers have registered for training. Scott and Ben have been making rounds to departments around the county to explain both the ESO platform and the new gurney system.
- B. Budget Update – Joy Miller handed out the 2019/2020 budget update. The only change at this time is in the ER& R. There was an increase in 2019 of \$437,590 for equipment that was supposed to be purchased in 2018 but will instead be purchased in 2019. There is a decrease in 2020 of \$434,715 as only one vehicle will be purchased. On October 3rd the budget was presented to the BoCC and on October 5th the BoCC moved it forward for public comment.
- C. Opioid Epidemic Update – During the past 6 months there have been 79 opioid overdoses, and over 33% of those happened in the past month. The increase may be due to a batch of heroin in the County that is much stronger than what people are used to. Once Medic One has transitioned over to ESO, we should be able to track and receive statistics on a number of areas, including opioid overdoses.
- D. BLS Contracts– Kurt has been advised that any funds distribution over \$5,000 must be done thru a contract. BLS contracts were then developed and circulated to the fire agencies on October 9th for their review. A presentation was made to the Fire Commissioners on October 16th and a presentation will be provided to the Fire Chiefs on October 30th. Medic One has asked fire agencies to provide comments no later than November 15th. If a revised contract is necessary this should go to the fire agencies by November 30th with finalization by December 14th. January 8th is the expected date to bring before the BoCC for their approval. No funds can be distributed in 2019 until contracts are in place. Once TCOMM publishes their 2018 stats then contract amendments will be disseminated with the call volume information for fiscal funding.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Prehospital Min/Max Review – (Wright/Kirkbride) move to approve the Min-Max information for the state with the one caveat, the Operations Committee change the error in the Min-Max table to make it consistent with the state recorded number of trauma verified BLS units and forward the corrected information to the state without returning to the EMSC for additional approval, and this carried.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Vice-Chair Moon reminded the council there is no November EMSC meeting. 2) Margaret McPhee will be tied up for a while with family medical issues.

- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.