

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA

March 17, 2021, 3:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. EMS Council February 17, 2021
 - B. Ops Committee March 4, 2021 (Informational Only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Operations Committee – Ops Chair or Representative
 - B. West Region EMS Council – WREMS Representative
 - C. Staff Report – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	Nominations Committee	Fay	Report
B.	EMSC Officer Election	McPhee	Election
C.	Levy Lid Lift Update	Hardin	Information
D.	Budget Committee Update	Hardin	Information
E.	Rescind ALS Fund Policy	Miller-Todd	Approve

VII. NEW BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.			
B.			
C.			

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

X. ADJOURNMENT

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**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
February 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Brian Hurley, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon, Gary Edwards

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma, Steve Brooks

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Daphne Reaves, Anna Lee Drewry

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM. Chair McPhee asked for a moment of silence in memory of Chief Scott LaVielle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – The agenda was amended as follows: Under Old Business, Remove Item B (EMSC Officer Election), move Medic One Levy Update to Item A, move COVID-19 Immunization Update to Item B, move EMT Class Update to Item C, and move Nominations Committee to Item D. Under New Business, change the expected outcome for Item B (Ambulance Ordinance) to Discussion. (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – January 20, 2021 (Kirkbride/Perz) move to approve and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – February 4, 2021 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) EMS is working with law enforcement on an Active Shooter Plan. 2) Ops Committee election took place and VanCamp will remain as Chair and Gregory will remain as Vice-Chair. 3) Miller-Todd provided an update on COVID vaccinations. 4) The ambulance ordinance stipulates a semi-annual review by the Ops committee. There was a recommendation to change the ordinance, so the review is annually, at the time of ambulance application review. This is on today's agenda for discussion.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Kirkbride reported: There was a special council meeting on February 8th. The only item on the agenda was OFD's request to change their ALS transport license so they are able to transport BLS. This was approved.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/committees/medic-one).

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Medic One Levy Update – Hardin reported: On January 13th there was an informational briefing to the BoCC on the Medic One levy, fund balance, and the recommendation by the EMSC towards the end of last year to have the BoCC consider a levy ballot measure in the August primary. On the last Friday in January the BoCC met for a planning session and they seemed receptive to the levy and did not see any issues. Hardin has been directed to move forward with providing information for a public hearing. Once a timeline has been approved it will be sent out to the EMSC.
- B. COVID-19 Vaccination Update – Miller-Todd reported: The state is trying to keep up with 1st and 2nd doses, as there have been issues with moving vaccines out to states due to inclement weather. The state is trying to prioritize 2nd doses which has drastically reduced the number of 1st doses that can be given anywhere in the state. Approx., 10% of the population throughout the state have received their 1st dose and approx., 2% have received their 2nd dose.
- C. EMT Class Update – Drewry reported: There will be a spring EMT class with the pre-requisite course scheduled for March 8th and an official start date of March 15th. The due date for applications is February 22nd.
- D. Nominations Committee - Fay and Hambly were appointed as the committee and they will report at the March meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rescind ALS Fund Policy – Miller-Todd reported: Approx., two years ago, the ALS contracts were extended for a year, until contract negotiations would take place. The ALS Fund Policy was developed as a gap measure during the contract extension, allowing for incidentals to be refunded by Medic One. Now that the new ALS contracts are in place the ALS Fund Policy is no longer necessary and can be rescinded. This will be on the March EMSC meeting for action.
- B. Ambulance Ordinance 6.16.110.B – Recommended Change – The ambulance ordinance stipulates that the Ops committee will review the ordinance semi-annually. The Ops committee is recommending a change to the ordinance, so the review is done annually, at the time of ambulance application review. This recommendation will be presented to the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and it will be added to the March EMSC meeting agenda as an action item.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Rollins asked about the status on hospital capacity. She also asked about EMS interactions with houseless encampments and if there is support needed for cultural education, or if there is anything the Community Partner's Network could do to help support the EMS calls. Regarding the first question, Hardin said there has been discussion about having both hospitals at an EMSC meeting to talk about hospital expansions, however this has been delayed due to the recent acquisition of CMC. Regarding Rollin's second question, Hardin said there has been no official discussion about EMS personnel's interaction among the houseless encampments; however, the Thurston County Public Health Officer has an up-coming meeting with Medic One on that topic, and this can be reported out at the March EMSC meeting. 2) Hurley thanked everyone for their support and kind words regarding Scott LaVieille and he will keep everyone posted about a memorial service

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Rollins/Fay) move to adjourn at 3:53 and this carried.

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
March 4, 2021**

PRESENT: Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Malloree Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Chris Clem, Mindy Churchwell, Kevin Bossard

ABSENT: Mark Gregory, Jeff DeHan, LouAnn Morriss

EXCUSED: Russ Kaleiwahea

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 2:00.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC – (Flewelling/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – February 4, 2021 – (Clem/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – February 17, 2021 (informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem & Brooks reported: 1) A letter from the EMSC, explaining the change to MIN/MAX, was presented at the WREMS meeting. DOH asked if a needs analysis was completed, justifying the increase in BLS verified transport, and the answer was no because this has never been required in the past. DOH will send Anne with WREMS the needs analysis template, which will be completed by staff and will be presented to the Ops committee for approval. 2) There was a presentation by the new Madigan Trauma Director.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Crimmins reported: 1) Epi 1:10,000 and gloves are difficult to procure. 2) The committee is asking for BLS representatives to participate in meetings. The next meeting is in April.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: The Active Shooter Workgroup met March 3rd. There was discussion on a potential plan, and a sub-group will meet to work on this. The plan will be presented to the MCI committee and Ops.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: TAC met on February 18th and the primary discussion was the OTEP platform. Anna Lee made multiple attempts to have current users of EMSI speak at TAC, and these attempts were unsuccessful. Anna Lee requested trial accounts for EMSI so members of the committee can evaluate it, from all directions. The evaluation will take place over the next few weeks, prior to the next TAC meeting. A representative from EMSI will be present at the next meeting to provide additional information. The committee will then perform an additional assessment of the product prior to the April TAC meeting. Anna Lee said ESO will be at the next meeting as well.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Hardin reported: Hospital diversion issues are being handled between the hospitals with Medic One participating. All stakeholders are meeting regularly.
5. ePCR Committee – No report.

C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Council Action Report – VanCamp reported – 1) Levy restoration was discussed. 2) The EMSC approved to rescind the ALS fund policy since the January 1 2021 ALS contracts supercede the policy. 3) VanCamp informed the council of Ops recommendation to review the ambulance ordinance annually, vs. semi-annually. 4) There was discussion about hospital capacity issues.

B. Operations Committee Officer Elections – Ops committee officer election for 2021 was held in February and the bylaws call for it to be held in March. The County PAO asked for a vote at the March meeting to accept the election conducted in February. (Clem/Brooks) move to accept the officer election held in February, and this carried.

C. Review of Ambulance Ordinance – At the February Ops meeting, the committee recommended changing the ambulance ordinance so the mandated review of the ordinance, by Ops, would be held annually vs. semi-annually.

Ambulance ordinance reviews must go before the BoCC at a public hearing; therefore, this change will be put on hold until there are more substantive changes to the ordinance.

D. EMT Spring Class Update – Drewry reported: 11 students are enrolled in the spring EMT course. The pre-requisite class is March 8th and the first class is March 15th. The last class is scheduled for June 12th.

E. COVID-19 Vaccination - Hardin reported: There is a second dose clinic for the mass vaccination site on March 6th, at the RAC and station 34. March 5th, Public Health is having a mass vaccination site at Thurston County Fairgrounds. Public Health is planning to hold mass vaccination clinics in the future at South Puget Sound Community Center (SPSCC)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 BLS Funding Allocations – Bush reported: The 2021 BLS Funding Allocation report is included in the packet and this was also emailed to all fire agencies in February. Financial support checks will be sent out in May.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Mindy Churchwell, Kathy Pace’s replacement as a representative for Airlift NW, introduced herself. 2) Brooks said Undersheriff Tim Braniff’s retirement recognition begins at 3:00 today, at the Tumwater Operations Center. 3) Hurley reminded everyone that March 6th at 1:00 pm is the memorial service for TFD’s retired Training Lt. Darlene Raffleson, and March 13th at 11:00 is the memorial service for retired Chief Scott LaVielle.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:33.