

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Medic One Office  
March 20, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Margaret McPhee, Brian VanCamp, Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Paul Perz, Stan Moon, Harry Miller, Sheila Fay, Cheryl Selby, Larry Fontanilla, JW Foster, Tom Fell

**ABSENT:** Gary Edwards, Lenny Greenstein

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Steve Brooks, Greg Wright, Kevin Maltz, Liberty Ryder, John Wood, Brandon Dawson, Brian Walton, Warren Peterson, Chris Clem

**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.

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** – McPhee amended the agenda to add an OFD item of interest under Public Participation, and move Brown-Fell Scholarship presentation to Public Participation. (Moon/Hambly) move to approve as amended, and this carried.
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – 1) Tom Fell presented the Brown-Fell Scholarship awards to Brandon Dawson, Brian Walton & Kevin Maltz. 2) Chief Wright announced a healthy baby boy was dropped off at OFD, Station 3, at 1:00 this afternoon by his parents who felt they could not care for the child. Protocol was followed and the transport of the child went well. RCW 13.34.360 allows for an infant under the age of 72 hours to be dropped off with no questions asked. 3) Frank Kirkbride introduced Liberty Ryder, his alternate on the EMS Council.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. EMS COUNCIL –February 20, 2019 – (Kirkbride/Oliva) move to approve, and this carried.
  - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – March 7, 2019 (informational only)
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) WREMS discussion on hospital diversion will go to the TRU committee. 2) Discussed the Certificate of Need PSPH sent to DOH to open up an additional 50 beds. 3) Anna Lee presented on the on-line training platform. 4) Medic One numbers will be eliminated from the TCOMM run reports. 5) After Action Reviews were performed on the ESO (patient charting system) installation, BLS Contracts, and hazmat incidents. 6) CMC reported a positive measles case. 7) 108 bed inpatient behavioral health facility opening up in Lacey.
  - B. **WEST REGION:** 1) Conference is this weekend in Ocean Shores. 2) There was discussion on the Certificate of Need letter PSPH issued to DOH requesting the opening of an additional 50 beds.
  - C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. There was an Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) the last week of February in Ocean Shores, with a focus on schools, jobs, housing and healthcare.
  - D. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** There was no meeting last week, so there is no report. The subcommittees are working on their write-ups.
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Nomination Committee – Hambly reported there were two nominations, Margaret McPhee for Chair and Stan Moon for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. (Hambly/Oliva) move to vote Margaret McPhee as Chair and Stan Moon as Vice-Chair, and this carried.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Diversion Issue – Hardin reported: There was a meeting with PSPH on March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the diversion issue and it was decided that if both PSPH and CMC go on divert, PSPH will assume patient transport direction within the County, and then will appropriately address out of County patients being transported. There will be

an additional meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 4 step approach to the diversion issue; 1) Certificate of Need letter to DOH for PSPH opening up an additional 50 beds. 2) Divert Agreement is in place, designating PSPH as the point of decision for directing where patients will go. 3) Asking for an outreach letter by community influencers. 4) Use Nurse Line as a relief for the E.R.

- B. Letter to DOH from EMSC regarding Providence St. Peter CON for increasing bed capacity – WREMS is sending a letter to DOH requesting the expediting of a Certificate of Need (CON) from Providence St. Peter to increase their bed capacity by 50. Staff is asking the EMSC to do the same and a draft letter was presented. After comments and a few changes, (Hambly/Oliva) move to approve sending the letter of support for the CON, and this carried. (Kirkbride/Selby) move to approve encouraging member agencies to take action on communicating with DOH, and this carried.
- C. Thurston County Fire Dist. #6 upgrade application – WREMS received an application from Fire Dist. #6 to upgrade their transport application to DOH. This will be brought to the Ops Committee on April 4<sup>th</sup> for action and then presented back to the EMSC at their April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for action to make a recommendation to WREMS.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council stepped into executive session at 4:51 PM to discuss annual evaluation of MPD.

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – None

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – (Hambly/Miller) move to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 PM, and this carried.