

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Medic One Office
May 15, 2019**

PRESENT: Margaret McPhee, John Wood, Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Stan Moon, Harry Miller, Cheryl Selby, Gary Edwards, Paul Perz, Sheila Fay

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla, Cody Colt

EXCUSED: Lenny Greenstein, Brian VanCamp

GUESTS: Steve Brooks, Chris Clem, Greg Wright, Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma, Anne Benoist

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Joy Miller, Alan Provencher

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 – (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – March 20, 2019 (Moon/Hambly) move to approve and this carried. April 17, 2019 (Hambly/Ricks) move to approve and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – May 2, 2019 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** No report.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Anne Benoist reported: 1) EMST steering committee approved the 2019-21 WREMS strategic plan. 2) Tomorrow is a webinar for the council and they will have a formal process to approve District 6 license upgrade. 3) Injury prevention grant cycle has begun. 4) Last week there was a train-the-trainer for “stop the bleed”, at Airlift NW. 5) Training and Education committee meeting will be May 21st. 6) Next council meeting is June 5th with an agenda to approve the fy20 budget, and vote for ex board & officers.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. In addition, there is a request to take a look at and provide information on paramedic overtime over the past couple of years and see what the cost is, and also look at paramedic longevity. Kurt also mentioned that next week is EMS week.
- D. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Kirkbride reported: Committee is moving ahead. The document is being written based on goals and objectives that were shared with the EMSC. It has been challenging putting this into a written format, but Frank thinks the plan is about 65 to 70% complete. Goal 4 (funding discussion) has not yet been started. The committee’s goal was to have the plan ready for presentation by September but due to busy schedules with vacations, etc. it may be later than September.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Medic One Public Survey** - The survey was discussed at the April and May Comprehensive Planning Committee meetings to come up with a good overall executive summary for the EMSC. The purpose of the survey was to provide the EMSC and the Medic One staff with what the public’s perception was of Medic One, and to help drive policy decisions in the future. 402 Thurston County voters were contacted for the survey and you need at least 400 to make it a statistically relevant survey. There was a 4.9% margin of error, which Kurt believes it to be sufficient with it under 5. Key takeaways: Residents have a positive impression of Medic One, and a positive impression of EMS. At the beginning of the survey 55% of the respondents said they would support restoring the levy to \$.50 and it rose to 62% after the respondents heard about services Medic One provides and how it would only cost them an additional \$50 per year in property taxes. Kurt has asked the consultant to come back and give us results by County district and zip code so we can see if there is a trend on which areas support Medic One. Kurt asked the council to think about what components of an educational campaign

need to be in place to help the public understand EMS and Medic One, and to come back to the council in June with their ideas. The Medic One fund balance will be discussed at the June EMSC meeting as this will need to be considered when deciding when we need to go to the public for a levy restoration, and if we will want to restore the permanent levy or do a 6 year levy option. The 6 year option would take us to the voters every 6 years, but it would maintain the \$.50 millage.

- B. PSPH Certificate of Need Update – DOH said starting May 3rd they would accept additional information from PSPH for their CoN, with the intent to address the April 9th letter that DOH sent to PSPH regarding questions on their application. May 10th they would close public comment to that additional information. By June 3rd DOH said they intend to make a decision on the CoN.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Special Project Applications – (Hambly/Oliva) move to approve the Special Project Committee’s recommendation on the matrix, to include the additional \$3,000, and this carried. (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve \$5,000 for SORT, and this carried.
- B. EMSC Representative to WREMS – WREMS does not currently have a representative from EMSC, with the exception of Frank Kirkbride as an alternate. Paul Perz will apply as the representative.
- C. MPD Contract Amendment – (Moon/Hambly) move to approve the MPD contract amendment through December 31, 2019.
- D. 2019 1st Qtr Budget Review - Joy Miller presented the 2019 1st quarter budget review.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:27.