

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Go to Meeting
June 17, 2020**

- PRESENT:** Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Stan Moon, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Gary Edwards, EJ Curry, Brian VanCamp, Lenny Greenstein, Margaret McPhee
- ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla
- EXCUSED:** Harry Miller
- GUESTS:** Chris Clem, Steve Brooks, JW Foster, Brian Hurley, Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma
- STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, 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. Kurt Hardin informed the council that zoom meetings do meet the Open Public Meetings Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve and this carried.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – May 20, 2020 (Rollins/Oliva) move to approve, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – June 4, 2020 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) Ben Miller-Todd presented cardiac arrest survival rates. Ben will present this data to the EMSC at the July meeting. 2) Special Project applications have been received, totaling just under \$17,000. The Ops committee will review and ask for a recommendation from the EMSC at their July meeting. 3) Anna Lee Drewry presented EMT class information and she is on today's agenda to present to the council. 4) The July Ops meeting has been changed to July 9th due to the July 4th holiday.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Staff emailed the WREMS report to the council just prior to the meeting. Paul Perz also reported: 1) There has been an update on strokes. 2) Stakeholder meeting will be in October to discuss proposed EMS rule changes.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Kurt highlighted on the following: 1) QI Process is being discussed with Providence St. Peter's Hospital. There was a meeting on June 11th to design a workflow process with ALS, and then roll out with BLS in early 2021. 2) Reminder about PPE vigilance. 3) Draeger has agreed to honor our ALS ventilator professional maintenance agreement thru January 2022. 4) Anna Lee will talk about EMT classes. 5) Citizen CPR classes started up this week.
- D. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** No report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Budget Committee – Kurt provided a presentation which included Budget Goals; 2021- 2022 Budget Calendar; Medic One Fund Balance Recap; Budget Summary. This presentation will be emailed to council members.
- B. Medic One Ballot Measure – Kurt presented a Levy Ballot Process. McPhee appointed the following individuals to a Ballot Measure Committee: Frank Kirkbride, Paul Perz, Mark Gregory, Meredith Hutchins, Steve Brooks, Cindy Hambly, and Tom Oliva. A meeting will be scheduled for next week.
- C. COVID-19 Update – Kurt reported: The BoCC and the Board of Health met this morning and they are requesting an application for the County to move to Phase III. If the County is approved, then the County will re-open to the public and public gatherings can increase to 50 people at one location. The County is anticipating hearing back from the State on Friday. If County offices do re-open, per Labor & Industries, employees will need to wear a mask unless they are working in an office or cubicle by themselves. People that come into the Medic One office will also need to wear a mask. There have been questions about the cost to Medic One for the COVID-19 response. There has been a request for CARES funding which will replace the COVID-19 expenses incurred (i.e. PPE due to

the increase in operational cost). Response calls dropped in March, April and the first part of May, however calls are increasing, and the volume is close to normal at this time. Hospital emergency rooms are getting full again which has caused hospitals to go into divert status. Capital Medical Center is diverting most of their patients currently because of a sterilization situation in their operating rooms.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMT Initial Training/OTEP – The spring EMT course was cancelled and will combine with the fall class. Anna Lee Drewry presented information on class planning for the Fall EMT class, which included traditional and distance learning, following the State and County requirements. Delivery Methods included meeting as a group when possible (PPE precautions, and student screening on entrance); dispersed practical skills; google classroom; and lecture provided thru Go To Meeting/Zoom/Duo. Staff is working on ensuring all platforms function (address potential technical problems, ensure hardware is in working condition, and all students need to have equal access). Medic One will need to develop a partnership with the Fire Departments for stations that can be used for training (anticipate up to 5 locations), and these stations must be available through the entire course, supporting all platform requirements. For recruit academy graduates who are unable to participate in the EMT course, Medic One will train for First Aid and CPR as budget allows.

EMT course goals for the Fall: Accommodate day and evening opportunities; ability to accelerate instructor process; more students trained per course; easier access for students; pre-course work; reading comprehension testing; assigned appointments with SEI.

- B. ALS Contract Renewal – A draft contract was included in the meeting packet. Kurt provided an overview of changes to the contract. A recommendation from the council to the BoCC will be asked at the July EMSC meeting.
- C. ALS Fund Policy – The ALS Fund Policy created in 2017 will go away once the 2021-2022 ALS contracts are in effect. As part of the 2020 budget reductions, Medic One has asked ALS agencies to no longer bill for items in the policy thru 2020. The budget will be reviewed in the 13th month for available funds.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Kurt said zoom meetings will most likely be a permanent way of meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 4:48