

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
October 21, 2020**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Gary Edwards, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Mark Gregory, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon, Lenny Greenstein

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla, EJ Curry

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Matt Gantenbein, Brian Hurley, Chris Clem

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Joy Miller, Daphne Reaves

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – The agenda was amended to add Diversion to Old Business, Item D, and remove Item A (Child Care Action Council) from New Business. (Kirkbride/Greenstein) move to approve and this carried.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Dr. Fay informed the council that Dr. Tom Fell is extremely ill and is at PSPH. Details were not provided, however she said it was not COVID related.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. EMS COUNCIL – September 16, 2020 (Hambly/Perz) move to approve and this carried.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – October 1, 2020 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Included in the packet.

B. **WEST REGION:** Paul Perz said there was nothing to report. Next meeting is in December.

C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Effective November 1st, staff reports will no longer be included in the meeting packets. They will be available on Medic One's website and a link will be provided on the meeting agenda. Kurt also provided information on a DOH vaccination policy that came out in September for allowing advanced EMTs and paramedics to provide vaccinations when an emergency occurs. The emergency must be proclaimed at the State level by the Governor, or at the local jurisdictional level. One of the criteria in the policy talks about the EMS personnel registering as an emergency worker under RCW 38.52. However, the emergency worker legislation under 38.52 does not allow for EMS workers in fire agencies to register as emergency workers. DOH has assured us they have a solution to this and is moving forward, and we can expect to see a new policy coming out. There will be a change about how to cover EMS personnel when they are providing immunizations.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Cardiac Arrest Survival Rates – Miller-Todd provided a presentation on cardiac arrest survival rates for 2019 which showed a drop from 59% to 36%. In-hospital mortality dramatically increased in 2019 while prehospital ROSC (Return on Spontaneous Circulation) slightly improved. Approximately the same number of patients were transported to the hospital by EMS with ROSC as in previous years. In 2019 there was a higher percentage of those patients who did not survive to hospital discharge. Our overall survival is based on those patients that survive to discharge, and if they do not make it out of the hospital, the overall survival drops.

B. Levy Ballot – Hardin provided an updated levy ballot presentation which showed a stair step approach. (Moon/Hambly) recommend to the BoCC a levy lid lift with a stair step approach, which in the final year goes to \$.50, and this carried. Gary Edwards abstained.

C. Budget Update – On October 16 the 2021 budget was presented to the BoCC and it went well. Currently there are no obstacles or challenges regarding the budget.

D. Hospital Diversion – Staff is working with both PSPH and Capital Medical Center to re-establish a round robin, with updates. Both hospitals are committed to the round robin process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2nd Qtr. 2020 Budget vs. Actuals – Joy Miller provided a summary of the 2nd Qtr. 2020 budget vs. actuals, which showed a 38% overall expended amount. 3rd Qtr. summary will be provided at the November EMSC meeting.
- B. Virtual Meetings – Draft Guidelines – Kirkbride said bullet # 8 is incorrect, the Chair must ask for ayes and nays. He will find out if it is required to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Guidelines will be posted on the website, under Meetings. Kurt asked the council to send recommended changes to Sandra. There will be a follow-up at the November EMSC meeting asking for approval of the guidelines.
- C. Medical Service Officer (MSO) Policy – This policy should be identified as the ALS MSO policy and Ben will change this. Matt Gantenbein went through the policy, and comments or suggestions should be emailed to Ben. Kirkbride said LFD3 is fine with the policy.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Tom Oliva asked what the council can do to help with adding more beds to PSPH. Dr. Fay said PSPH claims Providence St. Joseph has completely closed all capital funds so they can't build anything. They are going to try and open from 3 – 11 One South (the old psych facility) for mental health patients occupying the E.R. In addition, Dr. Fay said the 2nd floor of the Gamelin Pavilion will now be used as an inpatient unit. Dr. Fay will check with the hospital CEO regarding the Certificate of Need for additional beds that was approved last year. 2) Kurt said Jerry Warnock, founding paramedic in Thurston County, passed away last Friday.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Fay/Oliva) move to adjourn the meeting at 5:20, and this carried.