

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Virtual – Zoom Meeting  
November 18, 2020**

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- PRESENT:** Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Gary Edwards, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon
- ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla, EJ Curry
- EXCUSED:** Lenny Greenstein
- GUESTS:** Brian Hurley, Chris Clem, Tony Kuzma, Shawn Crimmins, Meredith Hutchins, Steve Brooks
- 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** – (Oliva/Perz) move to approve and this carried.

**I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. EMS COUNCIL – October 21, 2020 (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – November 5, 2020 (informational only)

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) There was an update from Anna Lee on the EMT course. 27/31 students remain. 2) TAC continues to research an online training platform. 3) MCI committee established an Active Shooter Committee to develop an active shooter plan.
- B. **WEST REGION:** No report, next meeting is in December.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Kurt highlighted on a few items: 1) Dr. Tom Fell and Jerry Warnock passed away. 2) Ben will talk about COVID, under Old Business, and the increases across the county – be mindful of PPE. 3) Citizen CPR classes have been suspended, based on the Governor’s new guidance issued this past Sunday; however, CPR classes will continue for businesses with employees that need credentialing.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Virtual Meetings – Draft Guidelines – (Perz/Hambly) move to approve the guidelines, and this carried, with one “no” vote.
- B. Invite Hospitals to Present Current and Future Bed Capacity Plans – Staff will prepare a request to PSPH and CMC, on EMSC letterhead, requesting their attendance at an EMSC meeting, to present information on the bed capacity issue. This letter will go to Margaret for her signature.
- C. Hospital Diversion – Kurt said there has been progress with this and both hospital CEO’s are committed to making the round robin work.
- D. COVID Update – There has been a significant uptick in COVID cases in Thurston County, 300 positive tests in the last 7 days (2100 cases since the beginning, however one quarter of those have been since the beginning of October). In the past 2 weeks there have been 4 agencies with positive personnel. There was a good meeting put on by LFD3 regarding PPE, guidance, etc. There has been an increase in call volumes due to an uptick in people showing influenza like illnesses. Testing is becoming an issue due to volume; however, test results are coming in much quicker.
- E. ALS MSO Policy - Ben presented, with one last minute edit. Under “Ongoing Administrative Duties”, it was changed from 24 hours to one business day, to initiate inquiries into hospital and medical error concerns. (Moon/Kirkbride) move to approve, and this carried.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 2020 Budget vs. Actuals – Joy Miller provided a summary of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 2020 budget vs. actuals, which showed a 62% overall expended amount. This will increase substantially before the end of the year as there are many expenses that come thru in the last quarter.

- B. Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council Membership Applications – Three applications were received from WREMS; Kurt Hardin, Steve Brooks, and Wendy Rife. (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve, and this carried.
- C. Dr. Tom Fell – Resolution recognizing his long-standing work for Medic One – Cindy Hambly, Sheila Fay, Stan Moon and Chair McPhee will meet to discuss what would be best (i.e. resolution, plaque, etc.).

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Kurt reported: 1) Kurt asked the council if a December meeting would be necessary. It was suggested to wait until a week before the meeting is scheduled to decide. 2) Kurt said the BoCC reviewed the 2021 budget and at this point there are no recommended changes, however there will be a public hearing on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.