

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Virtual – Zoom Meeting  
January 20, 2021**

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**PRESENT:** Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon, Lenny Greenstein, JW Foster

**ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla

**EXCUSED:** Gary Edwards

**GUESTS:** Brian Hurley, Chris Clem, Nicole Liu

**STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, 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** – (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve and this carried.

**I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. EMS COUNCIL – December 16, 2020 (Kirkbride/Perz) move to approve and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – January 7, 2021 (informational only)

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) The Training Advisory Committee is evaluating options on the automated OTEP platform – any changes to the current platform would not take place until next year. 2) Special Projects response time criteria was revised – see New Business, Item B. 3) Ben provided an update on the COVID vaccinations – see Old Business, Item B. 4) HPU contract – final form is ready to go out to the agencies. 5) Ops nominations committee was appointed, and a report will be presented at the February meeting. 6) Ambulance ordinance requires Ops review semi-annually so this will be on the Ops meeting agenda February and August of each year. 7) There was a meeting earlier this month regarding the Spring EMT course and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Kurt added; at the December Fire Chiefs meeting it was asked that a course workgroup be formed, however when they met in early January there had not yet been an AAR (after action review) for the fall course. An AAR was performed, and this information will be brought to the follow-up work-group meeting scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Perz reported no meeting since the last EMSC meeting.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov) Hardin said several items on the staff report are on the EMSC meeting agenda for today. One of the items is the EMS vaccination update, and Hardin asked for people to keep in mind that the vaccination process is continually changing. Hardin also mentioned that Stewart Mason, CMC representative on the Ops committee is no longer with CMC so Nicole Liu will be the interim until an interim is assigned as CMC tries to fill Stewart's position.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. BoCC Medic One Briefing – Levy Restoration – Hardin, Chair McPhee and Vice-Chair Moon presented the Medic One Levy Restoration recommendation to the BoCC on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Hardin presented to the council what was provided to the BoCC, which included some changes from what was shown to the EMSC in late 2020. The presentation will be emailed to the council members. The BoCC will consider this recommendation at part of a late January work group session and then it will most likely be placed on their agenda in March for formal action.
- B. EMS Vaccination Update – Miller-Todd provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination process. EMS uniformed and non-uniformed personnel are eligible, and those that want their 1<sup>st</sup> dose. Next round of vaccinations will be held January 30<sup>th</sup> thru February 5<sup>th</sup> from 0800 – 0930. The council was provided with the locations. The vaccine offered is Moderna.
- C. Medic 2 Relocation – A location has been found in Yelm that meets the criteria to house a medic unit. Chief Brooks expects to have the medic unit in this location by the end of January.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Appoint Nominations Committee – Chair McPhee will contact those she will appoint to the committee.
- B. Special Projects Response Time Criteria – At the January Ops meeting it was approved to change the response time criteria from ‘Agency Response Time’ to ‘ALS Response Time’, and different scoring points were created.
- C. HPU (High Probability Unit) Contract - The concept of the HPU contract is to support surge capability within EMS in the event workforce is limited due to quarantines, or there is a surge in patients with transport requirements, that exceed capacity. The title “High Probability Unit” was selected because the units would have a high probability to transport COVID patients. (Kirkbride/Moon) move to accept the HPU concept for a recommendation to the BoCC, and this carried.
- D. Appoint Budget Committee – Chair McPhee appointed Kirkbride, Moon, Perz, and Ricks. Hardin said last year’s budget committee worked on a bi-annual budget but in September of 2020 the BoCC changed the budget back to an annual budget, so a lot of work has already been done.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Chair McPhee asked about reports from citizens committees regarding the levy, and Kurt will check into this. 2) Hardin said Medic One currently has approx., a 4-month stock of PPE, with a goal of 6 months. This is a continual work in progress.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.