

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
February 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Brian Hurley, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon, Gary Edwards

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma, Steve Brooks

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Daphne Reaves, 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. Chair McPhee asked for a moment of silence in memory of Chief Scott LaVielle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – The agenda was amended as follows: Under Old Business, Remove Item B (EMSC Officer Election), move Medic One Levy Update to Item A, move COVID-19 Immunization Update to Item B, move EMT Class Update to Item C, and move Nominations Committee to Item D. Under New Business, change the expected outcome for Item B (Ambulance Ordinance) to Discussion. (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – January 20, 2021 (Kirkbride/Perz) move to approve and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – February 4, 2021 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) EMS is working with law enforcement on an Active Shooter Plan. 2) Ops Committee election took place and VanCamp will remain as Chair and Gregory will remain as Vice-Chair. 3) Miller-Todd provided an update on COVID vaccinations. 4) The ambulance ordinance stipulates a semi-annual review by the Ops committee. There was a recommendation to change the ordinance, so the review is annually, at the time of ambulance application review. This is on today's agenda for discussion.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Kirkbride reported: There was a special council meeting on February 8th. The only item on the agenda was OFD's request to change their ALS transport license so they are able to transport BLS. This was approved.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/committees/medic-one).

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Medic One Levy Update – Hardin reported: On January 13th there was an informational briefing to the BoCC on the Medic One levy, fund balance, and the recommendation by the EMSC towards the end of last year to have the BoCC consider a levy ballot measure in the August primary. On the last Friday in January the BoCC met for a planning session and they seemed receptive to the levy and did not see any issues. Hardin has been directed to move forward with providing information for a public hearing. Once a timeline has been approved it will be sent out to the EMSC.
- B. COVID-19 Vaccination Update – Miller-Todd reported: The state is trying to keep up with 1st and 2nd doses, as there have been issues with moving vaccines out to states due to inclement weather. The state is trying to prioritize 2nd doses which has drastically reduced the number of 1st doses that can be given anywhere in the state. Approx., 10% of the population throughout the state have received their 1st dose and approx., 2% have received their 2nd dose.
- C. EMT Class Update – Drewry reported: There will be a spring EMT class with the pre-requisite course scheduled for March 8th and an official start date of March 15th. The due date for applications is February 22nd.
- D. Nominations Committee - Fay and Hambly were appointed as the committee and they will report at the March meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rescind ALS Fund Policy – Miller-Todd reported: Approx., two years ago, the ALS contracts were extended for a year, until contract negotiations would take place. The ALS Fund Policy was developed as a gap measure during the contract extension, allowing for incidentals to be refunded by Medic One. Now that the new ALS contracts are in place the ALS Fund Policy is no longer necessary and can be rescinded. This will be on the March EMSC meeting for action.
- B. Ambulance Ordinance 6.16.110.B – Recommended Change – The ambulance ordinance stipulates that the Ops committee will review the ordinance semi-annually. The Ops committee is recommending a change to the ordinance, so the review is done annually, at the time of ambulance application review. This recommendation will be presented to the Prosecuting Attorney’s office, and it will be added to the March EMSC meeting agenda as an action item.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Rollins asked about the status on hospital capacity. She also asked about EMS interactions with houseless encampments and if there is support needed for cultural education, or if there is anything the Community Partner’s Network could do to help support the EMS calls. Regarding the first question, Hardin said there has been discussion about having both hospitals at an EMSC meeting to talk about hospital expansions, however this has been delayed due to the recent acquisition of CMC. Regarding Rollin’s second question, Hardin said there has been no official discussion about EMS personnel’s interaction among the houseless encampments; however, the Thurston County Public Health Officer has an up-coming meeting with Medic One on that topic, and this can be reported out at the March EMSC meeting. 2) Hurley thanked everyone for their support and kind words regarding Scott LaVielles and he will keep everyone posted about a memorial service

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Rollins/Fay) move to adjourn at 3:53 and this carried.