

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER
March 2, 2017**

PRESENT: Steve Brooks, Jim McGarva, Mary Campbell, Dave Pearsall, Kathy Pace, Keith Flewelling, Brian VanCamp, Greg Wright, Amy Larson

ABSENT: Jim Fowler, Larry Fontanilla, Russ Kaleiwahea

EXCUSED: Scott LaVielle, Alex Christiansen, Jody Halsey

GUESTS: Terry Ware, Byron Hamilton, Mark Gregory, Robert Scott (Falck), Josh Pelonio (Falck), Kim Dropper, Mike Matousek, Warren Peterson, Andrew Schaffran

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Cindy Hambly, Sandra Bush, Alan Provencher

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair Wright called the regular meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 2:00 PM. Staff recorded roll.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC (Brooks/Flewelling) move to approve.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – February 2, 2017 – **MSC** (VanCamp/Brooks) moved to approve as submitted, and the motion carried.
2. EMS Council – Draft February 15, 2017 Mtg. (Informational Only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WEST REGION – Pace reported: WREMS conference went well.

B. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Equipment Committee did not meet in February; however, Alan Provencher did report on the electronic ordering system. Most of the agencies are using it exclusively, but there are a few agencies working through some I.T. issues to get on board. In addition, Alan provided some positive feedback, and thanks, to how quickly EMS responded to the call for his wife.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – See New Business.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Hambly reported: There was no meeting in February so the next meeting will be March 20th, and TAC will only meet every 2 months thereafter.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chief Brooks reported: 1) TRU will be working with TCOMM to produce more granular call types which will provide more detail about the type of 911 call. 2) TRU is working on establishing standards on the BLS side.
5. Staff Report – Hardin reported: 1) Staff is receiving resumes for the ALS Program Manager position and these will be reviewed next week. 2) Interviewing candidates for the Training Coordinator position on March 14th. 3) Training Assistant position has been pulled and the description is being restructured. This will go before the BOCC on March 14th. 4) Due to the result of open positions at Medic One, Cindy Hambly's retirement has been extended to June 30, 2017. 5) Cindy's retirement party will be May 20th at Indian Summer Country Club.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Council Action Report – Wright reported: 1) EMSC approved using Medic One funds to cover EMT background checks for clinical contacts at PSPH.

B. Falck Ambulance – Scott Jones with Falck Ambulance presented a narrative on the scope of service Falck would be providing in Thurston County. Falck contracts with MultiCare Health Systems in Pierce and King County, and MultiCare is expanding their service to other counties, including Thurston, with an urgent care facility in Thurston County. The plan is for Falck to have a unit based in Thurston County, with the

understanding that Falck may transport patients from MultiCare to the closest facility. Hambly raised the concern for EMT's providing transport in Thurston County, needing to pass protocol exams. Hardin said according to Washington State DOH, protocol exams only need to be passed for EMT's who are responding to 911 calls, but he will verify this. (Brooks/McGarva) move to recommend approval of Falck Ambulance application for inter-facility licensure, subject to consultation with the MPD and the State Department of Health, to help clarify protocol issues, and the motion carried. Mary Campbell opposed.

C. Ambulance Licensing Process – The Ambulance Licensing Process has been cleaned up to reference the correct Thurston County Ordinance code; however, the process is not consistent with what is in the ordinance, so there is still the need for improvement on the process. State of Washington, Department of Health, will be invited to the April Ops meeting to explain the State's application process. Staff will ask EMSC for recommendation to review the County Ordinance.

D. MPD Contract – Hardin explained that the current MPD contract expires May 31, 2017. Medic One is looking to contract with OES (PSPH Physicians group) to contract for an MPD, which will provide 12 hours a week vs. 8 hours a month of MPD service. Financial details are not available as negotiations are underway, but any additional costs will be pulled from under expending in 2016. (VanCamp/Pace) move to recommend the MPD contract moving forward to the EMS Council, and requests Ops to have participation in the initial selection, and ongoing performance evaluation process of the MPD. The motion carried (one member was not in favor but did not oppose or abstain).

E. Surplus Vehicle Applications – Since the Matrix has been changed, do we add new applicants to the existing list on the matrix, or are the new applicants added below the existing list? Committee agrees to strike the following comment on the Matrix: *These requests are in order by the original application process. The Committee also agrees that the current list will expire 12/31/2017. A new list will begin January 1, 2018 and will be in effect for 3 years, and every 3 years from the date the list is created. Staff will send out an email explaining that new applications will be put on the list January 1, 2018, and in January 2018 staff will send out surplus vehicle applications along with call volumes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update Member Information – Bush reminded members to turn in their Member Information sheet.
- B. MCI Committee – This discussion was deferred to the April Ops meeting.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – VanCamp asked Hambly for a report on the Clinical Agreements. Hambly reported: All of the fire agencies, with the exception of Olympia, has agreed to the Clinical Agreement, and the ambulance companies still need to look at it. If Hambly doesn't hear anything from Olympia by the next Monday then the assumption will be they don't want to be on the Clinical Agreement. On Monday staff will forward the agreement to the County Prosecutor's office for review.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 3:39 PM