

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
MEDIC ONE OFFICE
February 1, 2018**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Steve Brooks, Tony Kuzma, Larry Fontanilla, Brian VanCamp, Wendy Rife, Alex Christiansen, Mark Gregory, Scott LaVielle, Keith Flewelling, Kathy Pace, Stewart Mason

ABSENT: Dave Pearsall, John Wood

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Mike Buchanan, Les Robinette, Amy Larson

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Anna Lee Drewry, 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** – VanCamp asked to add Surplus Vehicles to Old Business, Hardin asked to add Opticon and Opioid Epidemic to Old Business, and Fontanilla asked to add ER Diversion & Hospital Designation to New Business. (LaVielle/Brooks) move to approve and this carried unanimously.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – January 4, 2018 – **MSC** (LaVielle/Brooks) moved to approve, and this carried unanimously.
 2. EMS Council – (informational only) January 17, 2018
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. WEST REGION – None
 - B. SUBCOMMITTEES
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Defer report to MCI report.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – LaVielle reported: MCI and Equipment Committee met January 18, 2018 to discuss the Amtrak derailment and overall how the DMCC went. Highlights of the discussion included the deployment of back up medic units, different types of triage tags, colored MCI canopies, water proof MCI bags, etc. There was also discussion about the possible need for an additional MCI trailer. MCI and Equipment Committee will meet again March 15, 2018.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – None
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – None, committee will meet sometime in the first quarter.
 5. Staff Report – Staff report was included in the packet. Hardin mentioned a couple of items; 1) the RFP for the patient charting system is complete and will go before the BoCC February 6th. 2) Medic Units should be ready the end of February or beginning of March.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. EMS Council Action Report – Wright reported: The Strategic Planning Committee has been formed. The plan will most likely become a 20 year plan.
 - B. Surplus Vehicles – VanCamp asked for an update on the availability of the surplus vehicles. Hardin explained the vehicles will be available once the new units are in place. Medic One will be surplus 5 vehicles, not 7, as Medic One needs one for training and one for reserve. Staff will bring the vehicle surplus list to the March Ops meeting.
 - C. Private Ambulances with Opticon - Thurston County Public Works has had fear of Opticon causing traffic congestion. Hardin asked AMR & Olympic Ambulance how often they ran code each day and on the average

AMR is less than once per day and Olympic is less than twice per day. Hardin will speak to the Public Works Director.

- D. Opioids – Dr. Fontanilla, Kurt Hardin and Ben Miller-Todd attended a Law & Justice Council meeting and one of the biggest questions at the meeting was why aren't EMT's carrying Narcan. Opioid overdose makes up less than 1% of ALS calls. Dr. Fontanilla still believes Narcan should remain with ALS because in our system we have the ability to titrate Narcan, and EMTs currently carry the antidote for opioid overdose which is a bag valve mask. Dr. Fontanilla is drafting a letter to providers explaining his strategy, and VanCamp suggests he copy all law enforcement jurisdictions.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nominations Committee – Chief LaVielle and Kathy Pace solicited for nominations on January 25th and the only nominations were Greg Wright for Chair and Brian VanCamp for Vice Chair.
- B. Operations Committee Officer Election – Chair Wright opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair. No other nominations were made so Vice Chair VanCamp was unanimously voted to continue as Vice Chair. (Brooks/Fontanilla) move to close the nominations and this carried unanimously. Vice Chair VanCamp opened the floor for nominations of Chair. No other nominations were made so Chair Wright was unanimously voted to continue as Chair. (Brooks/Fontanilla) move to close the nominations and this carried unanimously.
- C. ER Diversion & Hospital Designation – A situation recently developed where providers found both Capital Medical Center (CMC) and Providence St. Peters in divert. The MPD and staff have met with CMC and St. Peters and will meet again this next Monday, in an effort to come up with a solution so there will always be an ER open unless there is a catastrophic situation, which would drive a DMCC activation. There is a proposed thought to limit diversions to 4 hours in a day, which is being recommended to the leadership at CMC and St. Peters. The other issue is the bed capacity at St. Peters and CMC during flu epidemics, for example, and how do we approach that in the future for the community. Dr. Fontanilla said a useful discussion that came out of the meeting was "Situational Awareness" and how do we get that awareness to the providers. The most promising solution is Active 911, which would provide a county-wide process for announcing hospital diversion status. As things currently stand if both hospitals go into divert status, and a DMCC has not been activated, patients will be transported to St. Peters. Chief Brooks asked what the longer range plan for overall growth in capacity in our community is, and how will we deal with the proposed increase in population in our future? Is there a plan for expanding capacity? Private ambulance companies are providing inter-facility transports as far north as Everett and as far south as OHSU, due to bed capacity issues in Thurston County.

Dr. Fontanilla said there is a document from the 1980s that specifies St. Peters as the base station. He would like this codified again, with the recommendation to maintain St. Peters as the base station. Hardin said this will be discussed with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to determine if that is needed and/or the appropriate process for review/action.

Wright requested the group's guidance on informing the EMSC via a report at their next meeting. The group concurred that it is a subject that should be on the EMSC's radar. The Diversion Work Group will provide Chief Wright with data so he can provide a report to the EMSC.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Chief VanCamp presented an article from "On Scene", a newsletter from the International Fire Chiefs Association, regarding hands only CPR.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - (LaVielle/Brooks) move to adjourn at 3:11 PM, and this carried unanimously.