

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
TUMWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT
September 6, 2018**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Steve Brooks, Jim McGarva, Brian VanCamp, Stewart Mason, Wendy Rife, Mark Gregory, Tony Kuzma, Kathy Pace, Keith Flewelling

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Dave Pearsall, Russ Kaleiwahea, Larry Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Mike Matousek

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Scott Brownell

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Wright called the regular meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 2:10 PM. Staff recorded roll.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – (McGarva/Kuzma) move to approve and this carried.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – August 2, 2018 – **MSC** (Flewelling/McGarva) moved to approve, and this carried unanimously, with VanCamp abstaining.
 2. EMS Council – (informational only) August 15, 2018.
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. WEST REGION – Brooks reported: At the last meeting Rehab Without Walls, a company who was contracted by Amtrak and took care of all but one of the survivors from the Amtrak derailment, was present for a discussion regarding the loss of inpatient trauma rehab beds in the region. Norma Pancake with WREMS is putting together a subcommittee of EMS providers to talk with Rehab Without Walls for assistance on this matter.
 - B. SUBCOMMITTEES
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – McGarva reported: The next meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 10:00, at Tumwater Fire Department. A draft MCI plan has been sent out to committee members for review.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No report.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Committee is not actively meeting at this time.
 5. Staff Report – Staff report is included in the packet. The EMT course is underway and 3 students have dropped for non-academic reasons, so attendance is now 24. Hardin also reported that Steve Romines has discontinued chemo treatment and is now taking measures for comfort, and will be transferred to a Hospice facility. In addition, Dr. Fontanilla and Mallorete had their baby.

Hardin also reported on a meeting that took place last week with law enforcement, staff, Chief Wright, Dr. Wood, Dr. Stearn, County Manager, and others, on patient care in the field and the use of narcan. An agreement was established that the priority of treatment for opioid overdose will be; 1) Narcan thru IV, titrated; 2) Airway management with bag valve mask and oxygen; 3) If none of the first two are available then nasal narcan will be used. Patient responsibility will transfer from law enforcement to EMS personnel (when law enforcement is first on scene) when a short report is provided to EMS personnel from law enforcement.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS Council Action Report – Wright reported that Dr. Tom Fell has resigned from his position on the council and has been replaced by Dr. Sheila Fay. Dr. Fell is expected to be nominated by the EMS Council to the BoCC as an Emeritus with the council.
- B. Safety Pad – Staff is looking at 10 days of training and would like to form a committee to help with the process and date selection. Training dates must be established by September 21st. Staff is looking at 3 hours of training per individual, and 4 hours for those with a higher level of administrative rights (super user) from each department. McGarva/Brooks move to form a committee under the direction of Medic One to include the ALS agencies and regional fire districts so we can roll up implementation of a training schedule, and this carried.
- C. Ambulance Ordinance – Further discussion is needed among staff so this will be deferred until October. Chief Brooks asked for staff to look at section 6.16.100 (Ambulance Dispatch) A. which talks about geographic proximity, and this has never been required.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rescind News Media Guidelines Policy – The Medic One News Media Guidelines Policy was brought to the Ops Committee as information only. It will be brought to the EMSC for their recommendation to rescind.
- B. Exposure Control Plan – This plan was created in 1992 and last modified in 2001. Ben Miller-Todd is not available to discuss at today's meeting so this will carry over to the October Ops meeting. Chief Wright explained that basically this plan is not what we are doing.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Stewart Mason said CMC Emergency Department is moving away from the green Christmas trees used for oxygen in their ER. They have tubing extensions available in the trauma rooms which will be at the head of the patient bed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 2:43 PM.