

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
MEDIC ONE OFFICE  
March 7, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Greg Wright, Steve Brooks, Russ Kaleiwahea, Steve North, Brian VanCamp, Chris Clem, Larry Fontanilla, Dave Pearsall, Stewart Mason, Mallore Fontanilla, Jim McGarva, Alex Christiansen

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:** Kathy Pace, Keith Flewelling

**GUESTS:** Shawn Crimmins, Jim Brown, Tim Klotz, Mark Gregory

**STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Anna Lee Drewry, Ben Miller-Todd

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair VanCamp called the meeting to order at 2:00. Staff recorded roll.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – (Brooks/Clem) move to approve and this carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – February 7, 2019 – **MSC** (Brooks/Clem) moved to approve, and this carried.
2. EMS Council – February 20, 2019 (informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. WEST REGION – West region met yesterday with several items for discussion. 1) WREMS conference is the end of March. 2) Dr. Clark Waffle, MPD for Pierce County, along with Norma Pancake, EMS Coordinator for Pierce County requested the subject of Thurston County hospital diversions be placed on the agenda at yesterday's meeting. Pierce County adopted a no diversion policy a number of years ago, so when a Thurston County hospital diverts and they aren't allowed to, this taxes their already full hospitals. (Brooks/Christiansen) move to approve the TRU committee to pursue the issue of diversions in Thurston County, and this carried. Providence and CMC will identify stakeholders from their facility who need to be a part of this discussion, and it was recommended to bring Centralia Providence in to the discussion as well. This led into a discussion about Providence St. Peter's Hospital certificate of need submitted to DOH for increasing their bed capacity by 50. There have been two delays in getting this approved but DOH has not explained the reason for the delay. (Wright/Brooks) move to approve staff crafting a letter to DOH, and bringing it to the EMSC for their signature, as a request for DOH to expedite the certificate of need submitted by Providence St. Peter Hospital, and this carried. Dr. Fontanilla emphasized on the need for cooperativeness between the hospitals, and he will bring this up at the EMSC meeting.

B. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Crimmins reported: Committee did not meet last month, next meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup>. There is currently a trial of fitted disposal gurney sheets with Lacey and Tumwater.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: 1) Next meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup>. At the April meeting they will discuss the minimal amount of equipment needed in the MCI bag, as well as the active shooter vests. Committee will also be looking at adding a triage aid person.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Brown reported: 1) Committee is looking at on line training platforms and metrics. 2) Committee attendance has been sparse. This will be discussed at the next Chief's meeting.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – No meeting.
5. Staff Report – Staff report is included in the packet. Miller-Todd provided an update on the zoll trial; There is currently an ALS monitor demo taking place on M3, M5, and M10 (the Zoll-X series). There is also a trial on the Lacey end to look at AED viability of switching over to Zoll. Zoll is the only vendor that has both AED voice recording in current production and an ALS monitoring system with voice recording.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS Council Action Report – VanCamp reported: 1) EMSC approved a voting procedure. This will be brought to the April Ops meeting as information. 2) There were three Brown/Fell scholarships approved. Awards will be presented at the March EMSC meeting. 3) Council talked about the comprehensive plan that is being conducted.
- B. OTEP Platform – Anna Lee Drewry provided a presentation on the Online Training platform assessment that was done in 2018.
- C. Remove Medic One identifying #'s from run reports – Miller-Todd reported: There was an issue brought up at FLAC about Medic One (MO) numbers overriding NFIRS numbers and after talking to staff, these numbers aren't really used for counting anymore since staff completely relies on TCOMM's data warehouse. TCOMM Ops approved removal of the MO numbers. (McGarva/Brooks) move to approve removing MO numbers from being reported in the TCOMM system as well as ESO, and this carried. Once this has been completed TCOMM will send out a notification to all agencies.
- D. Thurston County Ambulance Ordinance – On March 12<sup>th</sup> this is scheduled to go before the BoCC, asking for a motion to set a public hearing. If approved, the public hearing will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm, or as soon as practical thereafter.
- E. After Action Report; ESO, BLS Contracts, and HazMat Incident – **ESO:** Miller-Todd sent out a county wide invitation to attend the ESO AAR and 8 people showed up. The biggest concern identified was the time table and the cost associated with it. Possible solutions moving forward was making sure there is a plan for notification of the costs as well as having a plan for train-the-trainer, and for on-shift training, and notifying the appropriate stakeholders much earlier in the process. Something that cannot be changed is the speed at which the transition happened. A formal report will go out shortly. **BLS Contract:** 3 agencies showed up and one agency emailed Kurt with written input. The following are some items that came from the AAR: 1) Change the content of the contract so exhibits can be changed without legislative approval; 2) To avoid funds being unused, can the County issue a check at the end of the year? Direct purchase items would need to be ordered by November 30<sup>th</sup> and received by December 31<sup>st</sup>; 3) Include a statement about merged agencies; 4) The 2020 contract should be ready for negotiations by July 1<sup>st</sup>, and thereafter the contract will have an automatic renewal process. **HazMat Incident:** It was noted that the ricin incident ran smoother than the white powder incident; however, there was still a lot of room for improvement with the ricin incident. One thing that came out of the AAR was how we can educate our providers so when they see words like castor beans it means something, and they know how to act on it, and we need to implement certain procedures based on that.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Stewart Mason said CMC had a positive measles case. He will share more information as he receives it. 2) There will be an agreement in place between Dr. Hoffman (Mason County) and Dr. Fontanilla to allow medics from Olympic Ambulance, who are currently housed in Mason County and certified under Dr. Hoffman, to do interfacility specific only transports out of PSPH and CMC. 3) LFD #3 agency was contacted yesterday by the administrators of the new 108 bed inpatient behavioral health facility in Woodland Square in Lacey and they believe the facility will be complete by April 30<sup>th</sup>, accepting patients by mid-May. Steve Brooks said they have an interest in coordinating with our EMS system about developing protocol that would allow direct delivery.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – At 3:29 PM (McGarva/Mason) move to approve adjournment and this carried.