

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
MEDIC ONE OFFICE
April 4, 2019**

PRESENT: John Wood, Steve Brooks, Chris Clem, Larry Fontanilla, Stewart Mason, Mallore Fontanilla, Kathy Pace, Keith Flewelling, Scott LaVielle, Warren Peterson

ABSENT: Alex Christiansen

EXCUSED: Greg Wright, Brian VanCamp, Dave Pearsall, Russ Kaleiwahea

GUESTS: Jim Brown

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

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

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WEST REGION – Pace reported the WREMS conference went well with approx., 250 attendees.

B. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – LaVielle reported: 1) Next meeting is April 18th in conjunction with the Equipment Committee. Committee will consider adding a job aide for the triage supervisor.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Brown reported: 1) Continuing to research on-line options. There is still a struggle with attendance at the TAC meetings and something will be sent to the Chiefs about this. 2) Attended an ESO conference and there is an EMS education product that ESO has partnered with and they will be invited to come in and give a presentation which will probably result in some trial accounts. 3) TAC meeting minutes will be shared with the Chiefs.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – See Diversion Update under Old Business.
5. Staff Report – Staff report is included in the packet.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS Council Action Report – Wood reported: 1) Brown/Fell Scholarships were awarded to Brandon Dawson (LFD), Brian Walton (LFD) & Kevin Maltz (OFD). 2) A newborn baby was dropped off at OFD, Station 3 by parents who felt they could not care for the child. 3) Diversion issue was discussed which is on today's agenda.
- B. Diversion Update – A meeting was held last week at PSPH and a second meeting is scheduled for April 11th at 4:00 pm, at Medic One. TRU Committee has been appointed as the discussion group for the hospital diversion issue in Thurston County so TRU members are invited to attend this meeting. The EMSC sent a letter to DOH regarding PSPH Certificate of Need (CoN) to open an additional 52 beds, and DOH has responded with a statement that a decision on the CoN has been delayed due to resource and capacity issues, however they are in the process of hiring a new analyst to review CoN applications. Miller-Todd stated the updates for Active-911 for WATRAC were messy for the last 3 months, however the problem has been fixed. In addition, PSPH does not go on diversion for STEMI, Stroke or Trauma.
- C. Woodland Square Behavioral Facility Update – Brooks reported the 108 bed inpatient behavior health facility is scheduled for a "soft" open in May and a full open in June. This facility does have an emergency department, however it is unclear of this capacity. Brooks has asked for their protocols.

- D. Infant at OFD IAW RCE 13.34.60 – A newborn infant was dropped off at OFD (per RCW 13.34.60), Station 3 and was taken to PSPH without incident.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Special Projects – Ben Miller-Todd, Sandra Bush, Kathy Pace, and Steve Brooks have been appointed to the Special Projects Subcommittee. The committee will report back at the Ops May meeting.
- B. Special Projects waiver for SORT – The Special Projects application asks for applicants claiming Multi-Agency use to attach letters of acknowledgement from the agencies that they are in agreement with the project/equipment request. There has been some concern from the SORT team about the time involved with receiving these signatures, etc. (Brooks/Peterson) move to approve leaving the wording as is on the application, however, add “excluding SORT”, and this carried.
- C. EMSC Voting Procedure – The EMSC voting procedure is included in the packet. The Council voted on a procedure that requires specific action items to be on the Council’s agenda for discussion, the month before the action is requested.
- D. Thurston County Fire District #6 Upgrade Application - The application was sent to all BLS agencies, asking for comments and only one agency responded with the primary question relating to the number of transport-capable units being licensed as “ambulance” rather than “aid”. District 6 does not plan on transporting unless a private ambulance is unavailable or has an extended arrival time of greater than 20 minutes (20 minutes being the point of when a private ambulance is notified of a call to the point a private ambulance gets on scene). (Flewelling/LaVielle) move to approve the application. This carried, and Peterson abstained.
- E. ALS Dispatch for First Responders – Miller-Todd reported: During discussions about hospital diversion, there was some concern about potential destinations for those who could be acutely injured and getting those dispatches out rapidly. In this very small number of cases, a decision was made that an ALS unit will be assigned to a first responder who is injured, and put them in route. This does not require the ALS unit to transport the individual and this does not require any different treatment plan. This action was taken at the TCOMM Ops board two weeks ago, however it will be continuously evaluated for efficacy.
- F. Ambulance Ordinance – A public hearing is scheduled at the BoCC meeting on April 9th at 3:00 pm, for public comment on the ambulance ordinance.

- ## VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER –
- 1) Wood asked LaVielle to sign the clinical agreement with PSPH before he leaves.
 - 2) District 6 pancake breakfast April 28th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 2:47 PM