

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL  
June 4, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Larry Fontanilla, Tony Kuzma, Brian Hurley, Mark Gregory, Mark John, Dave Johnson, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Stewart Mason, Mallore Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Kathy Pace

**ABSENT:** Russ Kaleiwahea

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Chris Clem, Shawn Crimmins

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair VanCamp called the meeting to order at 2:00. Staff recorded roll.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – Removed Recognition of LFD3 Jessica Johnson and OFD Julian Dizon, added New Business, Item C. Scheduling for the July 2020 meeting. (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve and this carried.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  1. Operations Committee – May 7, 2020 – **MSC** (Brooks/Flewelling) move to approve and this carried.
  2. EMS Council – May 20, 2020 (informational only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **COVID-19 Update:**
    - ESF4 Report: Brooks reported – There will be a meeting at Emergency Management tomorrow for developing a “draft work in place” regarding the mask at work directives.
    - HPU Update: No report.
  - B. **West Region EMS Council** – At the last meeting: A decision has not been made on the conference. Questions can be directed to either Kathy Pace or Anna Lee Drewry; Reports on how each county is doing; 2021 budget was approved.
  - C. **Subcommittees**
    1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Crimmins reported: The committee met on May 21<sup>st</sup>. There is still a shortage on D50 ampules and Sodium Bicarb ampules. There is the potential of not being able to get Epi 1:10,000 pre-filled ampules, so options will be researched. In addition, clipboards have been designed for MCI bags. The front has job aids and the back is tactics and critical success factors. Agencies should see Alan at Medic One to receive these. The committee will send out a minimum item list next week, for every MCI bag.
    2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – There will be a zoom meeting soon, and Chief LaVielle will send out an invite.
    3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chris Clem reported: The committee has met since March, but there is a meeting scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.
    4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Miller-Todd reported: Over the past couple of months, TRU has been used as a hospital and pre-hospital collaborative effort to make sure that access to the hospitals goes smooth. At the last meeting there was discussion on preparing for an increase in call volume and how to deal with round-robin and diverts. Chief Brooks asked Stewart Mason to talk about Capital Medical Center’s surgical limitations. Mason said they have had surgical restrictions because multiple sterilizers have been down, so they are limiting surgeries to life threatening only procedures. Unaffected areas are Cath Lab IR, OB, Endo, and simple ER procedures. This is being updated on WATRAC.
    5. ePCR Committee – Next meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in June.
  - D. **Staff Report** – Included in packet. Hardin reminded everyone about the PPE vigilance, especially in light of the protests. Staff is working on resuming OTEP as soon as it’s safe to do so and working on distance training where possible. CPR class were cancelled thru June 15<sup>th</sup>, and this may be extended.

Ben Miller-Todd presented Thurston County’s cardiac arrest survival for 2019 and used 2 slides from the MPD’s *State of the County* inservice presentation. Thurston County’s Utstein criteria survival for 2019 was at 31% which is significantly lower than it has been in the past. One of the slides depicted a chart that provided statistics on: Ustein | Survive to Admit | Survive to Admit % | Survive to discharge | Survive to discharge % | In-

Hospital Mortality. Ben pointed out that even though the 2019 cardiac arrest survival dropped, there was an increase of 12% in the number of patients that met Utstein criteria, were resuscitated in the field (ROSC), and that were subsequently admitted into the hospital from the field (57% in 2018 and 69% in 2019). Our EMS crews are doing excellent work in the field and their hard work is being translated into more potential survivors being delivered to the hospital.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMS Council Action Report – 1) COVID-19 responses activities were discussed. 2) Margaret McPhee was elected as Chair and Stan Moon was elected as Vice-Chair. 3) Medic One Fund balance was discussed. Kurt is anticipating a report this month on expected tax revenue.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Special Projects Committee Appointment – VanCamp appointed Tony Kuzma as Chair, and Chief John and Chief LaVielles as members. Staff will support this committee. Nearly \$17,000 in requests came in, with a budget of \$10,000.
- B. EMT Class Planning – Anna Lee Drewry presented information on class planning for the Fall EMT class, which included traditional and distance learning, following the State and County requirements. Delivery Methods included meeting as a group when possible (PPE precautions, and student screening on entrance); dispersed practical skills; google classroom; and lecture provided thru Go To Meeting/Zoom/Duo. Staff is working on ensuring all platforms function (address potential technical problems, ensure hardware is in working condition, and all students need to have equal access). Medic One will need to develop a partnership with the Fire Departments for stations that can be used for training (anticipate up to 5 locations), and these stations must be available through the entire course, supporting all platform requirements. For recruit academy graduates who are unable to participate in the EMT course, Medic One will train for First Aid and CPR as budget allows.

EMT course goals for the Fall: Accommodate day and evening opportunities; ability to accelerate instructor process; more students trained per course; easier access for students; pre-course work; reading comprehension testing; assigned appointments with SEI.

- C. Scheduling for the July 2020 meeting – The July Ops meeting will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

## **VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER –**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – (Pace/John) move to adjourn at 2:52, and this carried.