

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
July 9, 2020**

PRESENT: Larry Fontanilla, Tony Kuzma, Scott LaVielle, Mark Gregory, Russ Kaleiwahea, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Stewart Mason, Mallore Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Kathy Pace

ABSENT: Mark John, Dave Pearsall

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Brian Hurley, Chris Clem, Shawn Crimmins, Matt Gattenbein, Mark Nelson, Karen Weiss, Corey Rux

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

- 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, and moved Old Business, Item B. Special Projects to before Committee Reports. (Kaleiwahea/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – June 4, 2020 – **MSC** (Brooks/Flewelling) move to approve and this carried.
 2. EMS Council – June 17, 2020 (informational only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **COVID-19 Update:**
 - ESF4 Report: Brooks reported – Thurston County Emergency Management returned to normal operations so ESF4 is only providing support as needed.
 - HPU Update: No report.
 - B. **West Region EMS Council** – There will be a recommendation to the Executive Board about not having a live WREMS conference this year. Council will meet in August for further discussion on holding the conference activities by way of webinars.
 - C. **Subcommittees**
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No June meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for July 16th.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Chief LaVielle sent out an email July 8th highlighting recommended changes to the plan, based on the last meeting (i.e. added Appendix F, S.A.L.T. & RPM Algorithm Charts; Appendix L which highlights equipment that is in the MCI bag). Chief LaVielle has asked for recommended changes to be submitted to him by July 17th. The plan will be presented at the next Ops Committee meeting for approval.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chris Clem reported: 1) The committee met virtually on June 18th. 2) OTEP has started up again for supraglottic airway. 3) The committee will be re-evaluating various platforms. 4) See staff report for a report on EMT classes. 5) Dr. Fontanilla is looking at the low cardiac arrest survival rates. 6) Next meeting is August 20th.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Miller-Todd reported: There has been discussions on processes for intake of positive COVID patients, as well as stopping any aerosolizing procedures prior to entering the hospital. The committee will be doubling back and looking at data and BLS yellow questions, as this was put on hold when COVID hit.
 5. ePCR Committee – Staff will send out a letter July 10th asking for feedback on residency status, or homelessness. Also, a couple of items in ESO were corrected.
 - D. **Staff Report** – Included in packet. Hardin reminded everyone about the PPE vigilance. OTEP has started up. CPR classes were reinstated June 16th. The Medic One office opened June 29th. There is signage regarding County requirements (i.e. masks, hand sanitizer, etc.). Daphne Reaves transferred from Emergency Management, and has filled the Senior Office Assistant position, effective July 1st.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. EMS Council Action Report – June meeting minutes included in the packet.
 - B. Special Projects – The Special Projects (SP) Committee met on June 24th. Based on the scoring criteria, it was recommended that Districts 17, 9, 8 & 12 be awarded 100% of the match request amount, and District 6 would receive the remaining \$744 from the \$10,000 budget. District 1 was not awarded funds because the radios they requested funding for will need to be replaced once TCOMM replaces their radios. District 1 will

work with TCOMM to receive surplus radios. The SP committee also recommends that the Ops committee review the SP application language, under paragraph E.1. (4) The average ALS response time to the service area can be obtained from Medic One. The longer the response time, the greater the need for improvement, the higher the priority (County response time averages: ALS (2016) = 7:55 MM:SS, BLS (2016) = 6:46 MM:SS). There is concern with this language because the application only asks for BLS response time. This will be added to the December 2020 Ops meeting agenda. (Brooks/Pace) move to approve the SP Committee's recommendation to the EMSC for awarding special project funding, and this carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. L&I Conference Call – Brooks reported: L&I requirements for COVID-19 has made it difficult for the living arrangements at most of the fire stations. In collaboration with the State Fire Chiefs Association, State Council of Fire Fighters, and State Commission, a letter was sent to the Department of L&I and the Governor's office asking for clarifying guidance. A conference call was finally able to happen; however, clarification was not provided on the call, only the willingness to work with the Fire Departments towards clarity that was requested. The one item they did provide clarity on was for the common area sleeping concern. If an agency can provide 6' of separation and alternate head/toe sleeping, masks will not be required. L&I said they will put together a subcommittee to address the other items where clarity is needed. Brooks will provide updates as he receives further information from L&I.

VanCamp added; Brooks was recently elected to the State Fire Chiefs Board.

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) The EMSC August meeting may be cancelled so VanCamp proposed cancelling the Ops August meeting. (LaVielle/Pace) move to approve, and this carried. 2) Stewart Mason said CMC is looking at re-engaging keypads for EMS arrivals. A letter will be sent to Ben Miller-Todd so the information can be shared with EMS personnel. 2) CMC has a large commercial trailer running 24 hours a day to help manage central services sterilization needs. 2 large sterilizers are being replaced sometime in August. CMC is able to perform urgent and emergent surgeries, however depending on the surgery, there could be a variance. Cardiac service is still 100%. Kathy Pace asked about Providence St. Peter's scheduled down time coming up soon. Ben Miller-Todd said that has been postponed until Spring of 2021.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – (Pace/John) move to adjourn at 2:47, and this carried.