

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
October 1, 2020**

PRESENT: Larry Fontanilla, Tony Kuzma, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Alex Christiansen, Malloree Fontanilla, Keith Flewelling, Stewart Mason, Kathy Pace

ABSENT: Mark Gregory, Dave Pearsall

EXCUSED: Russ Kaleiwahea

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Shawn Crimmins, Ron Stocking, Jennifer Schmidt, Chief Rux

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, 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** – (Kuzma/Flewelling) move to approve and this carried.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – September 3, 2020 – (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve and this carried.
 2. EMS Council – September 16, 2020 (informational only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **COVID-19 Update:**
 - B. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: The council has not meet since the last Ops meeting; however, the board met regarding strategic planning.
 - C. **Subcommittees**
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Crimmins reported: The committee met September 17th. For the first time since 2018 there is not a drug shortage. Medic One has a good supply of gowns, masks and goggles. There are some issues with getting large gloves.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – A meeting is scheduled for October 8th at 2:00. There will be an update at the November Ops meeting.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chris Clem reported: TAC met on September 17th. Anna Lee provided an update on the EMT class - started with 31 students and we are currently at 29. Small classes are still being held at various satellite locations with all the in-person evaluations taking place at station 95 with social distancing measures in place. Amy provided an OTEP update and is working hard to make sure we are caught up by the end of the year. There were 12 more supraglottic airway courses on the books and there was a plan for 3-4 more. Amy put out a request that if anyone thought they might need additional supraglottic airway make-ups outside of this, she will need to know ASAP because there is a timeline where she must get each of the courses approved by the State. They are still on track to roll out early 2021 as far as being deployed on the rigs. TAC is seeking feedback from the end users of the OTEP platform, as TAC will be assessing on-line training platform options.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – See New Business.
 5. ePCR Committee – Still in the evaluation process for the resident status validation.
 - D. **Staff Report** – Effective November 1st staff notes will no longer be included in the meeting packet but will be available on Medic One’s website. Staff notes will be posted on the last working day of each month, and historical staff notes will remain on the website. A link will be included on the meeting agenda. Kurt mentioned that the BLS Funding Agreement, Letters of Acknowledgement, are due back soon, and the ALS contracts go before the BoCC for approval on October 13th.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. EMS Council Action Report – 1) Anna Lee provided a report on EMT training. 2) Kurt updated the council on the status of the ALS contracts. 3) MIN/MAX was reviewed and the council recommended Ops recommendation to WREMS. WREMS came back with a request for justification on this, which Ben is working on. 4) 2019 year-end budget was presented, as well as the 2020 1st quarter budget review, and the upcoming 2021 budget. 5) The council was updated on the status of the BLS Funding Agreement, Letters of Acknowledgement.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Hospital Diversion – There has been a challenge over the past several months with hospital diversion. When both hospital emergency rooms go on divert, there are situations where round robin is supposed to take

place, but there has been some turbulence with this. Staff has been meeting with both hospitals and there has been some progress. The goal is for Medic One to be a part of hospital diversion discussions, but let the hospitals take the lead on solving it and implementing a solution.

- B. Round Robin Refresher – Ben Miller-Todd provided a refresher on how the round robin should work. It was designed for when both hospitals (PSPH and CMC) are simultaneously on diversion, there would be an even transportation of patients throughout the county, so patients are not being transported to other counties. Centralia Providence did become a part of the round robin. The goal was for PSPH to take 6 patients, CMC would take 2 patients, and Centralia Providence would take 1. This would apply to BLS patients, or ALS patients with a lower acuity. PSPH agreed to take on anything over a step 4, trauma, stroke or stemis. There have been some challenges with hospitals adhering to this process consistently.
- C. Medic One Revenue Status – Hardin reported: Medic One does not anticipate an impact to the BLS funding. The first half of property taxes paid were within 1% of the anticipated collection. There will be a report mid-October on the second half of property taxes collected.
- D. DOH Vaccination Policy – DOH came out with a vaccination policy in September for allowing advanced EMTs and paramedics to provide vaccinations when an emergency occurs. The emergency must be proclaimed at the State level by the Governor, or at the local jurisdictional level. One of the criteria in the policy talks about the EMS personnel registering as an emergency worker under RCW 38.52. However, the emergency worker legislation under 38.52 does not allow for EMS workers in fire agencies to register as emergency workers. DOH has assured us they have a solution to this and is moving forward, and we can expect to see a new policy coming out. There will be a change about how to cover EMS personnel when they are providing immunizations. The policy allows EMS personnel to provide immunizations but does not require them to.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Anna Lee Drewry's brother in-law was killed in an automobile accident on September 19th so she has been out for the past 2 weeks. Kurt asked the committee to be patient with the BLS side of the house. Kurt also said thank you to all who responded, the family really appreciated all that was done. 2) Stewart Mason with CMC said on October 9th CMC will hold a civil disturbance exercise, which should last for 2-3 hours, however it will not impact anything at the hospital. 3) VanCamp said Emergency Management help fund some active shooter tactical level training for scene management, for fire and law enforcement, and the training should be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – At 2:33 (Brooks/Pace) move to adjourn the meeting, and this carried.