

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL  
December 3, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Malloree Fontanilla, Kathy Pace, Mark John, Tony Kuzma, Russ Kaleiwahea, Dave Johnson, Mark Gregory

**ABSENT:** Stewart Mason

**EXCUSED:** Alex Christiansen

**GUESTS:** Chris Clem, Ron Stocking, Mike Buchanan, Corey Rux, Matt Gantenbein

**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** – (Brooks/Kaleiwahea) move to approve and this carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – November 5, 2020 – (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – November 18, 2020 (informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. COVID-19 Update:** Ben Miller-Todd provided an update to the COVID-19 vaccination: Pfizer and Moderna have both submitted for FDA approval thru an emergency use authorization, which is still in progress as of noon today. Both front runner vaccines are two doses. Pfizer has a 21-day period between the first and second dose, and Moderna has a 28-day period between the first and second dose. Once the FDA has approved the vaccine it will go under review by the Western States Coalition (this is required for Washington, Oregon and California), which takes about 24 – 48 hours. Washington State is expected to receive between 150,00 and 200,000 initial doses, and it looks like Thurston County will receive roughly 4,800 doses initially. First responders and high-risk health care workers will be first in the IA category to receive the vaccine. PSPH and their clinics appear to be the best distribution model for the Pfizer vaccine, which is most likely what Washington State will receive. The vaccines must be kept at -80 degree Celsius. The vaccines can only be out of the required temperature for a limited period of time, and there can be no more than a 5% waste on any given day, therefore providers must show up for a scheduled vaccination, and will be expected to show up 20 days later for the second dose. There are two other companies expected to come out with vaccines in early 2021, which will be one dose vaccines. Due to the varying types of vaccines, and the fact that vaccines cannot be mixed, there needs to be an extremely good coordinated effort on distributions.

Ben is sending out a survey to all agencies with regards to who wants the vaccine. The survey will help plan for the volume of vaccines needed, but it is not binding. Today's inservice was about the vaccine and Ben will send out a link for those who missed it.

The draft HPU contract was sent out to all agencies with an expectation that comments would be back by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The contract is scheduled to go before the BoCC on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**B. West Region EMS Council** – The council met on November 30<sup>th</sup> and Clem reported: 1) There was a vote to approve a budget revision for the current fiscal year, and this passed. There was also discussion about a potential budget cut of 15% for 2022. This will not be confirmed until possibly June, after the legislative session. 2) There was discussion on recusals, conflict of interest, etc. regarding positions on the council and who they represent. This discussion provided clarification on obligations of the representation. 3) There was an update on the 2019-2021 strategic plan. 4) The SWOT analysis was reviewed regarding WEMESIS use. 5) Anne Benoist will be retiring in August of 2021.

**C. Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Miller-Todd reported: Purchasing PPE continues to be somewhat of a challenge. Equipment may look different, but it is the same quality of protection. Medic One is sitting at about 4 months of stock and the goal is 6 months. There is a transition of glucometers to a new brand.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chris Clem reported: 1) 23 students are expected to take the EMT course final, on December 5<sup>th</sup>. 2) Majority of OTEP classes are complete. If agencies have needs, they are encouraged to get ahold of Amy as soon as possible. 3) 2 out of the 5 training platforms being

- reviewed have been eliminated. The three remaining are EMSI, 24/7, and Target Solutions. 4) Staff is working on the instructor workshop. A questionnaire will go out to instructors asking for information that hopefully will help with any existing challenges.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – On December 11<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting with both hospital's leadership, and there will be a letter going out to each hospital, from the EMSC, asking for their attendance at a council meeting for discussion on bed capacity issues.
  5. ePCR Committee – No report.
- D. **Staff Report** – Staff reports are available on the Medic One website. A new phone system has been installed at Medic One so Kurt asked for patience with staff if phone calls are not being answered, returned, etc. as the new system is learned. EMT finals are December 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to resumed restrictions, CPR classes have been suspended, however classes are still being held for businesses where staff are required to update their CPR certification.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMS Council Action Report – VanCamp reported: 1) EMSC will be reaching out to both hospitals inviting them to a council meeting for discussion on bed capacity issues. 2) The council approved an update to the ALS MSO policy. 3) WREMS council membership applications were approved for Kurt Hardin, Steve Brooks, and Wendy Rife. 4) There was discussion on Dr. Tom Fell, who recently passed away.
- B. Special Projects Response Time Criteria – During review of the 2020 applications there were questions about response time as part of the scoring criteria. Chair VanCamp asked the committee to look at all the scoring criteria and this will be discussed at the January meeting. Staff will email the application, matrix and the information packet.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2021 Ambulance Applications – (Brooks/Pace) move to approve the ambulance applications for AMR and Olympic Ambulance, and this carried.
- B. OFD EMS Service Verification and Vehicle License Application - This is an amendment to the existing EMS service verification, adding OFD as an alternative transporter, in the event the primary transporter's arrival will be delayed. (Brooks/Kaleiwahea) move to approve recommendation to the EMSC, subject to adding a phrase that opens this up to all automatic or mutual aid that is available, and this carried. Because of a timing issue, Chris Clem will ask for a special WREMS meeting, as this must go to WREMS after the EMSC.

## **VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None**

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:11.**