

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL  
January 7, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Mallore Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Mark John, Chris Clem, Russ Kaleiwahea, Jeff Dehan, Mark Gregory, Stewart Mason

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:** Kathy Pace

**GUESTS:** Tony Kuzma, Mike Buchanan, Shawn Crimmins, Chief Bossard, Jennifer Schmidt

**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** – (Clem/Gregory) move to approve and this carried.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  1. Operations Committee – December 3, 2020 – (Hurley/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
  2. EMS Council – December 16, 2020 (informational only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **COVID-19 Update:** See Old Business, Item C. COVID-19 Update will be removed from committee reports on future agendas.
  - B. **West Region EMS Council** – The council met on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Clem reported: 1) Lori Clary, Prevention Coordinator took a full-time job with DOH. There is no plan at this time as to when the position will be filled. 2) The WEMSI SWOT analysis was reviewed and will be forwarded to the State. 3) There was review of the report to DOH which was mostly progress updates on the strategic plan. A good amount of work on the strategic plan was delayed due to events over the past year. 4) The budget was amended to reflect the fact that there will not be a 2021 conference.
  - C. **Subcommittees**
    1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
    2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
    3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chris Clem reported: 1) The committee is still working on identifying a long-term OTEP platform. There was a joint meeting this morning with the fire training officers. Both sides would like to explore benefits from sharing a system between OTEP and the fire training side. There could be some logistical challenges in doing this. A couple of pros would be the cost savings and eliminating the number of logins for the end user. The front runner of platforms at this time is EMSI Academy, which is tied into ESO. The decision at the end of the meeting was to move forward with the OTEP platform and if individual agencies would like to jump on board then we could move forward with that.
    4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – PSPH and Capital Medical Center met with Medic One on December 11<sup>th</sup>. There has been an improvement with the round robin process as well as cooperation between both hospitals when both hospitals go on divert. Both hospitals agree with taking the lead on working through issues with diversion and round robin.
    5. ePCR Committee – No report.
  - D. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website. Chief Gregory asked about Medic 2 being taken out of the response zone. Chief Brooks reported that LFD3 is working on getting M2 back into the response zone as soon as possible, however it will be an alternative spot to Station 21. Chief Brooks hopes to have this accomplished by the end of January. Currently the unit is at Station 32.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. EMS Council Action Report – VanCamp reported – 1) WREMS issues were discussed. 2) Ben Miller-Todd explained the COVID vaccination process. 3) 2021 ambulance applications and OFD service verification change were both approved by the council.
  - B. Special Projects Response Time Criteria – (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve changing the special project application to requesting ALS response time, rather than AGENCY response time, and changing the

scoring criteria of response time to: 1 – 10 minutes = 0 points; 10 – 20 minutes = 1 point; and > 20 minutes = 2 points, and this carried. Medic One will make this adjustment before 2021 applications are sent out.

C. COVID-19 vaccination – Ben Miller-Todd provided an overview on the COVID-19 vaccination process. A survey was sent out to all providers and an overwhelming number said they would receive the vaccine and they would be willing to help vaccinate their peers and Thurston County community members. Ben said the vaccination process has gone very smoothly with only a couple of providers experiencing a strange sensation, which didn't last long.

D. HPU Contract – Hardin reported: Medic One sent all agencies recommended changes to Risk Management and the Prosecuting Attorney's office for review. Some requested changes from the agencies were approved and some were not. Chair VanCamp asked if a version of the final agreement showing tracked changes could be sent out to the agencies.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Appoint Nominations Committee – VanCamp appointed Chief Kaleiwahea, Kathy Pace and Tony Kuzma, with Chief Kaleiwahea as Chair. The committee will report back at the February meeting.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Chair VanCamp provided information on the ambulance ordinance which specifically asks for the Ops Committee to review the ordinance semi-annually. The February and August Ops meeting agenda will reflect this. 2) Chair VanCamp said there was a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> discussing the future of the next EMT course and some of the logistical problems that were encountered with the hybrid process. The meeting included discussion on whether there was a need for an EMT class in the spring of 2021 and if so, how could this be accommodated. There will be a follow-up meeting later this month, and the goal is for a decision to be made in February on whether a class can be held effectively. Anna Lee said there is an AAR meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and a report will be sent out on the AAR before the work group meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. 3) Stewart Mason reported that CMC has been acquired by Multi-Care and this should be completed by the end of the first quarter 2021.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:49.