

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
February 4, 2021**

PRESENT: Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Malloree Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Chris Clem, Russ Kaleiwahea, Jeff Dehan, Lou Ann Morriss, Kathy Pace

ABSENT: Mark John, Mark Gregory

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Matt Gantenbein, Mark Nelson, Shawn Crimmins, Corey Rux, Kevin Bossard, Jennifer Schmidt

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 2:10 (est.). Staff recorded roll.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC – (Brooks/Flewelling) move to approve and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – January 7, 2021 – (Flewelling/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – January 20, 2021 (informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **West Region EMS Council** – The council has not met since the last Ops meeting. Pace was at the last executive board meeting and she reported: 1) Reminder that Anne Benoist is retiring, and recruitment will start soon. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in her position, please contact Anne. 2) There is a virtual pediatric education offering on March 19th. 3) A PEARS (Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization) course is scheduled for March 31st for BLS providers.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: The January 14th meeting was mostly about scheduling a meeting for the Active Shooter Workgroup, which met on February 3. This was well participated with representatives from Thurston County Sheriff's, Lacey PD, Olympia PD, Tumwater PD, WSP, along with dispatch, PSPH, and fire and EMS agencies. The group will look at the potential of having our own active shooter or hostile event plan that will sit outside of the MCI plan. The next meeting is scheduled for in-person on March 3rd at 2:00 pm, with everyone masked and socially distanced. The meeting will also be held virtually.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – TAC did not meet in January. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18th.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – There was a hospital diversion meeting two weeks ago. Diversion and round robin are working and there is good communication happening between both hospitals.
5. ePCR Committee – No report.

C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/ml/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. **EMS Council Action Report** – Hardin reported – Hardin, the EMSC Chair and Vice-Chair, provided a levy restoration briefing to the BoCC on January 13th, with the EMSC recommendation to place the levy restoration ballot measure on the August primary election. The BoCC did not make a decision at the briefing because this was informational only. This was discussed further by the BoCC at a consolidated meeting for all potential levy and/or tax increase measures that could be coming up on the County ballot this year. There seemed to be favorable comments from the Commissioners regarding the Medic One levy. Hopefully this will be on the BoCC meeting agenda in March to move it forward. VanCamp reported – 1) Miller-Todd provided a vaccination process to the council. 2) There was a briefing to the ESMC on the HPU contract. 3) A budget committee was appointed.

B. **Nominations Committee** – Kaleiwahea reported – The current Chair and Vice-Chair have both expressed interest in remaining in these positions, and there were no other nominations. (Brooks/Flewelling) move to close the nominations and elect VanCamp as Chair and Gregory as Vice-Chair, and this carried.

C. **COVID-19 vaccination update** – There was success in getting a large number of law enforcement into the EMS vaccination clinics this week. Public Health is working with paramedics to get the vaccine to skilled nursing and assisted

living facilities for residents and staff. Saturday, February 6th, there will be a vaccination clinic at station 34, with 1,100 doses. Tracking doses by county is available at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/COVID19/datadashboard.com>.
D. HPU Contract– This is scheduled to go before the BoCC on Tuesday, February 9th.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Ambulance Ordinance – Brooks recommended changing the ordinance review to annual vs. semi-annual, with the review at the time of the ambulance application process. (Brooks/Fontanilla) move to approve changing the ambulance ordinance so the Ops Committee review will be annually, at the time of the ambulance application process, and this carried. This will go before the EMSC at their February meeting.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Pace announced she will be retiring this spring and Mindy Churchwell with Airlift NW will replace her on the Ops Committee. 2) Hardin said staff is on the verge of approving the 2020 call stats – the numbers went down in 2020. 3) Due to COVID 19 restrictions, Medic One will be short on staff, specifically in the purchasing and requisition area, most likely for about 3 weeks. Agencies are asked to get supply orders in early because there may be a longer lead time needed to acquire the equipment or supplies.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:52.