

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ REGULAR MEETING  
**EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER/EOC**

October 3, 2019

2:00 PM

**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Operations Committee - September 5, 2019
  - B. EMS Council - September 18, 2019 (Informational Only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. West Region EMS Council
  - B. Subcommittees
    - 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Chair or Representative
    - 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Chair or Representative
    - 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chair or Representative
    - 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chair or Representative
    - 5. ePCR Committee – Chair or Representative
  - C. Staff Report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A. EMS Council Action Report	VanCamp	Information
B. MA2 Surplus	Hardin	Discussion
C.		

VII. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A. Active Shooter Drills	LaVielle	Report
B. PCR / No PCR	Suver	Information
C.		

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER -

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
MEDIC ONE OFFICE  
September 5, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chris Clem, Larry Fontanilla, Kathy Pace, Scott LaVielle, John Wood, Brian VanCamp, Mike Buchanan, Stewart Mason, Dave Johnson, Wendy Hill, Steve Brooks, Mallore Fontanilla,

**ABSENT:** Alex Christiansen

**EXCUSED:** Russ Kaleiwahea

**GUESTS:** Tony Kuzma, Jim Brown, Jennifer Schmidt

**STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Anna Lee Drewry, 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** – VanCamp added BLS Contract Update to Old Business as Item C and changed the expected outcome on Old Business Item B, from Approve/Reject to Discussion. (Brooks/LaVielle) move to approve and this carried.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  1. Operations Committee – August 1, 2019 – **MSC** (Brooks/LaVielle) move to approve and this carried.
  2. EMS Council – August 21, 2019 (informational only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. WEST REGION – 1) At the last meeting there was a presentation by Dolly Fernandez, DOH, on the American College of Surgeons report and the next steps the State is going to take. There will be four seminars put on across the state and DOH will put those dates out. 2) The 2020 conference will be in March. 3) The strategic plan was changed and reoriented towards different goals. Kathy said it just looks more streamlined.
  - B. SUBCOMMITTEES
    1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Miller-Todd reported: 1) New pediatric restraint systems will be deployed to all medic units. 2) There continues to be a drug shortage nationwide on epinephrine, sodium bicarbonate, and D50. As a result to this, an edit to the protocol for D50 has been made.
    2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – LaVielle reported: MCI committee will meet September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at TFD. The committee will be reviewing AAR's from the MCI drills over the summer.
    3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Jim Brown reported: 1) The committee has been working on preliminary subjects for the curriculum for 2020. There will be a retreat on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
    4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Brooks reported: TRU has been combined with the Hospital Diversion committee and there has not been a meeting since the last Ops meeting. Dr. Fontanilla added, since the last diversion committee meeting, it has been obvious that providers in the field may not understand completely the processes, hence a letter went out about this. If there are questions about diversion, providers are encouraged to ask.
    5. Staff Report – Staff report is included in the packet.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. EMS Council Action Report – August meeting minutes are in the packet.
  - B. Special Projects Application & Matrix – A revised matrix and application was included in the packet to reflect the removal of SORT (as discussed and approved at the last EMSC meeting), and the proposed change of adding “alternate funding” and removing “volunteer training”. Chief Brooks will present at the next Fire Chiefs Association meeting, and present back to Ops in November.

- C. BLS Contract Update - A meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at 0900 to discuss the BLS Funding Agreement renewal for 2020.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2020 OTEP –Anna Lee Drewry provided a presentation on 2020 Online Training & OTEP. TAC continues to evaluate/compare online platforms. So far users prefer 24/7 for ease of use, relevant/professional content, and the ability to add Thurston County specifics. Subjects in OTEP 2020 will include Death & Dying/POLST/Advanced Directives; Documentation; Airway; Behavioral Health of Provider (online only); MCI; and Neurological Emergencies. Situational awareness will be added to each subject.
- B. Cardiac Monitors – A decision has been made to recommend Physio vs. Zoll as the ALS cardiac monitor. This is scheduled to go before the BoCC on October 22, 2019.
- C. Staff Update – Ben Miller-Todd's schedule will change this month to (4) 10's, Tuesday – Friday, as Ben finishes his master's in public health. Also, the Information & Quality Coordinator position Medic One has been trying to fill has been flipped over to a Business Applications Technician II position. This position will be posted once the requisition has been approved.

- VIII. **GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) EMS night is October 29<sup>th</sup> at the SPSCC Lacey Campus, beginning at 5:00 pm. 2) Chief Brooks introduced Jennifer Schmidt, LFD's new Deputy Chief of Operations. 3) Medic One will be moving forward with purchasing the budgeted 45 AEDs for Thurston County law enforcement. 4) Staff has been working for some time on setting up a health data exchange with PSPH, and as of today PSPH has agreed to put this interface in at St. Peter's and Providence Centralia.

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – (Brooks/LaVielle) move to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 PM, and this carried.

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Medic One Office  
September 18, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Margaret McPhee, John Wood, Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, Meredith Hutchins, Tom Oliva, Stan Moon, Harry Miller, Cheryl Selby, Gary Edwards, Lenny Greenstein, Paul Perz

**ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla

**EXCUSED:** Cody Colt, Sheila Fay

**GUESTS:** Chris Clem, Steve Brooks, Jennifer Schmidt, Anne Benoist, Shawn Crimmins

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** – (Moon/Kirkbride) move to approve and this carried.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. EMS COUNCIL – August 21, 2019 (Moon/Greenstein) move to approve, and this carried. Paul Perz, Frank Kirkbride, and Cheryl Selby abstain.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – September 5, 2019 (informational only)

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Wood reported: 1) There is a BLS contract meeting tomorrow at 9 am, here at Medic One. 2) TAC Committee is going to continue to evaluate and compare on-line OTEP platforms. 3) EMS night is October 29<sup>th</sup> at SPSCC, Lacey campus, beginning at 5:00.

B. **WEST REGION:** Anne Benoist reported: 1) West Region Council meeting was held on September 4<sup>th</sup> and Dolly Fernandez, Department of Health Director, reported on the American College of Surgeons assessment of the EMS and trauma system that was done last spring. Final report came out this summer with 90 recommendations and 19 highlights. Department of Health Secretary Weisman announced there will be public forums for participation and input regarding the assessment. Anne is happy to send out the assessment results and the invitations for the forums. There will be 4 forums, the one in Tumwater will be October 14<sup>th</sup>. 2) The WREMS training contract is in the EMSC packet. This contract is for 2 years, with new deliverables; to report quarterly on lessons learned in the quality improvement case reviews. Anne will send an email to Ops (most likely) informing that the State wants WREMS to conduct an assessment of all local quality improvement programs. 3) NW Ambulance has submitted an application to upgrade from BLS to ALS on interfacility transports. 4) Tacoma Fire Department has started a new pilot program where they are taking walk-ins at one, or maybe more, of their stations.

C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Staff had a hard time filling the Information Quality Coordinator (IQC) position due to finding the right fit based on the needs of the position. The BoCC has approved moving this position to a BAT II (Business Applications Tech II) position to support Scott Brownell. In addition, EMT students are down from 31 to 27 for self-pull reasons.

D. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The committee will wrap up before the end of this week, and a report will be sent to the full Comprehensive Plan Committee for review and comments. A meeting of the full Committee will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and all EMSC members are invited. There will be a follow-up meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and a presentation to the EMS Council on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. ALS Cardiac Monitor Replacement – (Kirkbride/Greenstein) recommend the purchase of Stryker/Physio cardiac monitors to replace the existing equipment.

B. Reimbursement for Fire Agency Transport with Paramedic – As information only, included in the EMSC packet is a memo sent out by staff regarding the reimbursement process.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Medic One Support – providing financial information on the website – Medic One would like to add financial information to the website, showing the cost for BLS support to each fire agency, as well as the cost for ALS support, by fire district. Citizens would be prompted to enter their address which would then provide them with financial information specific to their fire district. More information will come, as staff is working with the County IT department.
- B. Paramedic Hiring Challenges – Ben Miller-Todd talked about recent successes with the paramedic hiring process. During the last hiring period, 4 more candidates passed the oral board, 2 of those were internal candidates. Current vacancies are 1 at OFD, 1 at TFD, and 1 at LFD3. Staff is looking at different outreach options as PST (Public Service Testing) has not been good in terms of blanket coverage on those who are coming in and understanding how Thurston County works.
- C. Appointment of ALS Contract negotiations Committee – ALS contracts expire December 31, 2020 and because the negotiation process can be lengthy, staff has recommended forming a contract negotiation committee as soon as possible. Margaret will Chair the committee but needs a couple of individuals from the Council to assist with this process. Council members were asked to email Margaret if they are interested. If Margaret doesn't receive any volunteers, she will appoint members at the next EMSC meeting.
- D. WREMS Service Agreement – The WREMS Service Agreement for FY20 & FY21 is included in the EMSC meeting packet. Anne Benoist explained the changes in the contract during her WREMS report. (Hambly/Kirkbride) move to approve the FY20 & FY21 WREMS Service Agreement with Thurston County, and this carried. This agreement does not need to go to the BoCC.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Harry Miller shared sad news about Patti Frost passing away. Patti was an EMT, and Volunteer Coordinator at Bald Hills. A moment of silence was given. 2) Cheryl Selby said Steve Hall, Olympia City Manager, is retiring the end of November. An interim will be appointed this week. 3) Paul mentioned an article he read on line ranking the States with the highest pay for firefighter and paramedics, and Washington State came in at #1.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:31.

## OPS COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT FOR 10/03/2019

**ALS Update:**

- Contract negotiations are underway with Stryker for ALS Cardiac Monitors. We are planning on finalizing the contract by the end of September to bring to the BoCC in mid-to-late October.
- Medic One's August Paramedic Hiring brought two new candidates to the hiring list and passed two internal candidates from LFD3 and OFD.
- The ePCR Committee and the MPD are working on updating the PCR directives. Please pay attention as these will be issued October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**BLS Update:**

- There are currently 27 students enrolled in the 2019-2020 EMT Class. All student drops were for personal reasons and not academic related.
- The TAC annual all day planning session for 2020 was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at station 81.
- Training hosted two Patient Workshops on September 24<sup>th</sup> for all responders in a patient role for Initial and Ongoing Training. Notification went to all Departments for these workshops.
- Reminder of WREMS Conference at Ocean Shores March 27-29, 2020.

**CPR Update:**

- 4,404 citizens have been trained in Hands Only CPR as of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Thank you for a job well done to all of our CPR Instructors and staff!