

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Hybrid
November 16, 2022**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Stan Moon, John Ricks, Brian VanCamp, Angela Jefferson, Harry Miller, Frank Kirkbride, Margaret McPhee, Lenny Greenstein

ABSENT: Wayne Fournier

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla, Gary Edwards, Sheila Fay, Dontae Payne

GUESTS: Dan Bivens, Shawn Crimmins, Steve Brooks, Joey Rodriguez

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Pete Suver, Chris Clem, Joy Miller, Jerett Latimer

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

- I. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC –** Removed Item B (WTRFA Lease Agreement) under New Business. (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.**

- ### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – October 19, 2022 – (Greenstein/Kirkbride) approve of the minutes, and this carried.
B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – November 3, 2022 (informational only)

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- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) The Ops committee reviewed and approved updates to the MCI plan. 2) There was discussion on the Active Shooter plan. 3) 2023 ambulance license applications were reviewed and approved. 4) A workgroup is being formed to review how ALS units are utilized for non-ALS functions.
- B. **WEST REGION:** No meeting – next meeting is December 7th.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/committees/medic-one). Hardin highlighted on the following: 1) Hardin introduced Chris Clem as the new BLS Program Manager. 2) Five medic units have been approved and are expected to arrive in the second quarter of 2024.

- ## V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Hospital Staffing & Ambulance Wait Times – Pete Suver reached out to the Emergency Services Manager at Providence St. Peter Hospital (PSPH), and she said staffing is currently a struggle. They have implemented signing bonuses and other things to try and remedy the problem. The COVID waiver they had in place for 26 additional beds was supposed to expire on October 27th. Washington State DOH extended this through December 31st, and they may get an additional extension beyond this.

On December 6th PSPH is scheduled to open the “Clinical Decision Unit” or the “Discharge Lounge” which will provide an avenue for people whose problem requires additional investigation. There is discussion on renewing the entry way EMT program where we provide two people to help the transport units to offload their patients.

Pete presented transport vehicle emergency department drop times for the period 10/19/22 – 11/15/22. The data included average drop times at Providence Centralia, MultiCare, and Providence St. Peter. The total average time in sample was 00:35:01. Pete also presented a screen shot of WATRAC hospital turnaround dashboard which shows call information, arrival time and duration.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2022 3rd Qtr. Budget vs Actuals – Joy Miller presented the 2022 3rd Qtr. Budget vs. Actuals. Over-all Medic One is 54% spent through September. The summary shows there is consistency in salaries and benefits. There is some savings in salaries and benefits for Admin, ALS and BLS due to vacancies and the E.S. Director filling in at PHSS. There is some savings in ALS training because most training is occurring virtually so there is no travel expense. EMT course budget is expected to be on budget. In the I.T. budget there are some accounts that are over and some that are under so overall they are expected to be within budget. Year-to-date COVID cost is \$81,000 and the majority of that is FEMA. Outstanding 2021 cost is approx., \$567,000, and over \$500,000 of this is FEMA. The military department is currently going through all the invoices for the entire county, verifying what is eligible.
- B. 2023 Ambulance License Applications – (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to recommend approval of the 2023 ambulance license applications for AMR and Olympic Ambulance, and this carried.
- C. Min/Max – The EMSC will be submitting a letter to WREMS with a recommendation of the minimum and maximum numbers and levels of trauma verified prehospital services (min/max) in all West Region Counties. The recommendation is the minimum number of trauma-verified agencies providing BLS Aid, BLS Ambulance, and ALS Ambulance services be reduced to 1 each. In addition, the council is recommending that the maximum number of trauma-verified agencies are amended as follows: 1. BLS Aid Verified – reduction of 3 positions from 6 total to 3 total. 2) BLS Ambulance Verified – addition of 2 positions from 9 total to 11 total. 3) ALS Ambulance Verified – no recommended change for 3 total. (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve a recommendation to West Region EMS council, a change in the min/max as stated in the letter to WREMS, and this carried.
- D. Cancel December EMSC Meeting - The December EMSC meeting has been cancelled.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Joy Miller said the formatting of financial reports after the first of the year will look different because the county will be live on their new accounting system.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:12.