

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Hybrid (ESC/Virtual)
June 15, 2022**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Sheila Fay, Stan Moon, John Ricks, Mark Gregory, Frank Kirkbride, Gary Edwards, Paul Perz, Angela Jefferson, Dontae Payne, Wayne Fournier, Lenny Greenstein,

ABSENT: Harry Miller

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla

GUESTS: Mark John, Mike Buchanan, Todd Carson, Dan Bivens, Shawn Crimmins, Steven Busz, Brian Hurley, Chris Clem, Steve Brooks, Liberty Hetzler, Tony Kuzma

STAFF: Ben Miller-Todd, Anna Lee Drewry, Daphne Reaves, Alan Provencher, Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush

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 – New Business, Item A, Special Projects, was changed from ‘Approve’ to ‘Information’. (Hambly/Kirkbride) move to approve, and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – April 20, 2022 & May 18, 2022 – (Ricks/Hambly) approve of the April & May minutes, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – June 2, 2022 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Chief Gregory reported: 1) The Ops Committee approved the special project requests which are on today’s agenda. 2) OFD provided a presentation on BLS transports, which is on today’s agenda. 3) Chief Schmidt with Lacey Fire provided a presentation on a BLS transport pilot. Chair VanCamp asked for this to be reviewed and approved by the TRU committee and brought back to Ops in July.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Perz reported: 1) Greg Perry distributed new guidelines for field triage, and these guidelines will be discussed at future meetings. 2) There will not be an EMS conference in 2023. The focus will be on regional training, such as the cadaver lab they had last year. 3) The Grays Harbor EMS training program needed funding and there was concern about whether they would be able to continue after May of 2022. They received a grant from the Quinault nation which will help them to continue operating through the end of this year. WREMS also gave them a \$7,000 grant. 4) Haley Thacker with DOH gave a presentation on HB1893 which authorizes EMTs to administer vaccines under certain conditions when there is a declaration of a state or local emergency. 5) LFD3 and Danielle King with the Child Care Action Council provided a presentation on the prevention grant they received for Safe Kids. 6) Perz thanked Ben Miller-Todd for the multi-county dashboard presentation he gave on multi-county divers.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://thurstoncountywa.gov/committees/medic-one). Miller-Todd highlighted on the following: 1) Paramedic hiring process will take place in June and we are looking at 8. 2) The ALS Training Coordinator, BLS Program Manager, and SEI Coordinator, are all posted on the County website. 3) EMT graduation is June 20th at 5pm at SPSCC. 4) As of June 6th, 1,377 citizens have been trained in hands-only CPR.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. BLS OTEP Funding – At the May EMS council meeting, the council was presented with a revised BLS funding worksheet. The revision includes a reallocation of funding, which will result in additional financial support funding to agencies who will be providing OTEP classes. Staff is asking the council for action on this funding. (Hambly/Ricks) move to approve the reallocation of funding, and this carried.
- B. BLS Funding Agreement - Amendment – Staff is asking the council for approval on an amendment to the

BLS Funding Agreement, which is companion to the BLS OTEP funding. The amendment will increase the contract amount greater than 10% so it must go before the BoCC. (Kirkbride/Greenstein) move to suspend rules to be able to consider the intergovernmental agreement, and this carried. (Kirkbride/Perz) move to recommend to the BoCC that they accept Amendment No. 2 to the Basic Life Support intergovernmental EMS contract, and this carried.

- C. Hybrid EMSC Meetings – Chair Moon said the council will remain hybrid, however he encourages those that can attend in-person, to do so.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Special Projects – Chief Gregory provided the council with a summary of the special project applications. Applications were received from FD8, FD12, FD17 and FD9. The Ops committee approved the agency's match request for FD8 and FD17, and a portion of the request from FD12 and FD9. Action is not needed from the council as the \$10,000 budget for special projects was previously approved.
- B. Response Times – Miller-Todd reported: At the last EMSC meeting, staff was asked for a refresher on average response times and what the applicable pieces are. Miller-Todd presented the 2021 ALS response times which showed the urban, suburban and rural response areas and a 2021 aggregate of 07:43. Miller-Todd explained a slower response time is due to an increase in population, which increases call volume, while the number of responding units have not increased. Councilmember Jefferson asked if staff could produce reports that show the trend in response times over a period of time.
- C. OFD – BLS Transport Briefing – OFD provided the BLS transport briefing that was provided to the Ops committee in June. The briefing outlines OFD's need due to decreasing availability by private ambulance services, decreased availability to handle concurrent emergency calls, and how this problem is compounded by increased call volume. OFD proposes to add 2 aid units that can serve as BLS transport units and is planning on GEMT and private insurance funding for this service. The aid units will be the primary source for BLS transport, and if those units are not available then AMR will be dispatched and if AMR is not available, Olympic Ambulance will be dispatched.

- VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Tony Kuzma with AMR spoke regarding the OFD briefing and informed the council of their aggressive measures to improve staffing.

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Chair Moon reminded the council that this meeting is Paul Perz's last attendance as a council member, and thanked Paul for his 6 years on the council. 2) Anna Lee Drewry's last day with Medic One is July 15th. 3) Chief John with OFD is retiring July 1st.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:48.