

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Hybrid (ESC/Virtual)  
April 20, 2022**

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**PRESENT:** Cindy Hambly, Paul Perz, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Margaret McPhee, Brian VanCamp, Angela Jefferson, Lenny Greenstein, Dontae Payne, Harry Miller, Daniel Bivens

**ABSENT:** Wayne Fournier

**EXCUSED:** Stan Moon, Larry Fontanilla, Gary Edwards, Sheila Fay

**GUESTS:** Steve Brooks, Garth Wade, Brian Hurley, Tony Kuzma

**STAFF:** Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Joy Miller, Anna Lee Drewry, Daphne Reaves

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

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – (Kirkbride/Ricks)** move to approve the agenda as presented, and this carried.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.**

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. EMS COUNCIL – March 16, 2022 McPhee requested to change ‘ED’ referenced in New Business, Item B, to Emergency Department. (Hambly/Ricks) move to approve the minutes as amended, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – April 7, 2022 (informational only)

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) A report was provided from the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) regarding a recent evaluator workshop for the next season of OTEP training. There were 62 participants. 2) The Transportation Resource Utilization (TRU) committee met regarding the improvement of communications. 3) Staffing of the HPU ended March 31<sup>st</sup>. 4) A Special Project committee was appointed. 5) Miller-Todd provided a report on the 2021 average response times for BLS & ALS. Councilmember Jefferson asked what the significance is of the average response time. Miller-Todd said based on jurisdiction there is a required response time compliance, which is reported each year, and defined by a WAC. Miller-Todd said we are compliant within all districts. Perz asked if the average response times pertain to the private ambulance companies. Miller-Todd explained that the compliance only applies to the primary response agency units, not private ambulance companies.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Perz reported an update to the March meeting: 1) There was a presentation on the Disaster Medical Coordination Center (DMCC). Pierce Hospital is the lead and they are working on St Joseph Hospital being the back-up. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue was the agency that was really pushing this. A lot of this came out of the Amtrak train derailment a couple of years ago. Greg Perry, WREMS Executive Director, is doing an update on their website and he is asking for current department photos. 2) Kurt Hardin identified 3 issues with DOH that have had an impact on EMS: hospital discharge to long-term care and the problems it was presenting; the hospital staffing bill that passed the legislature - Hardin asked what DOH’s intent was in terms of rule-making; regional isolation and quarantine facilities – what is DOH looking at in terms of responding to many of the issues we have, particularly in terms of transportation. DOH said they would try and have a response before the next WREMS meeting.
- 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). Miller-Todd highlighted on paramedic hiring: The hiring list included 10 applicants, and 9 were interviewed. Lacey FD3 and OFD has started to interview this pool. We have altered the way in which we are testing paramedics when they come through, to look at not only the oral board component, but also a scenario-based exam. County HR is working with the agency HR departments to help with bringing applicants in. Miller-Todd also mentioned that Medic One has posted the following positions: BLS Program Manager, ALS Training Coordinator, SEI Coordinator, and QI Coordinator. Anna Lee Drewry has interviews scheduled for the BLS Program Manager.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed Bylaws – change EMSC officer term from 1 year to 2 years – (Hambly/Kirkbride) move to change the officer's terms from 1 year to 2 years, and this carried.
- B. 90-Day No Divert Trial – Miller-Todd provided an update: At the beginning of March, Capital Medical Center, Providence Centralia, and Providence St Peter Hospital, agreed to a no-divert trial. The month of March showed excellent results. Also, there have been very quick turn arounds from the time a unit arrives at the hospital to the time it departs from the hospital.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2021 Final Budget vs. Actuals – Joy Miller presented: Overall, Medic One's 2021 budget was 96.7% expended. Administration was 101% expended due to expenses related to the ballot measure. ALS was 99.1% expended, and BLS was 84.5% expended.
- B. Appoint Ben Miller-Todd as Kurt Hardin's alternate on the WREMS council – (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to accept the application for WREMS alternate for representing Thurston County Medic one, and forward on to WREMS/DOH for finalization, and this carried.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:03.**