

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
November 17, 2021**

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

ABSENT: Renata Rollins, Wayne Fournier

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla, Gary Edwards

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Shawn Crimmins, Alessandra Ramirez, Cara Abubakar, Dan Bivens, Brian Hurley

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

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

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** – Chair Moon made a recommendation to move New Business, Item A (Concierge Care Advisors) to Public Participation. (Ricks/Kirkbride) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Alessandra Ramirez and Cara Abubakar with Concierge Care Advisors provided a summary of what Concierge Care provides. Concierge Care is a senior care and transitions company partnering with hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, clinics, physicians, etc. for referrals on seniors who are needing a transition from home to assisted living. The council recommended Alessandra to reach out to the Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Commissioners Association, Senior Services of South Sound, and large retirement communities in the area (Panorama, Jubilee, etc.). Concierge's website is www.conciergecareadvisors.com. Alessandra's phone number is 206-747-3568 and her email is alessandra@conciergecareadvisors.com.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – September 15, 2021 (October meeting was cancelled) (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve the minutes, and this carried.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – October 7, 2021, November 4, 2021 (informational only)
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) Medic One has been struggling with filling Instructor and Evaluator positions for EMT classes. TAC's recommended plan to Ops is to rely more heavily on individual agencies for instructors and lead instructors. 2) There was continued discussion on transport issues, which is on today's EMSC meeting agenda. 3) There was discussion about communications and relations between LE and EMS, and the sharing of intelligence. LE has been invited to the December Fire Chief's Association meeting for further discussion. 4) EMS calls to the assisted living facilities is on today's EMSC meeting agenda. 5) There is a planned MCI drill regarding Amtrack since it is now being moved from the Point Defiance route to the new route through Tacoma. This will most likely be a table-top exercise and will focus on the needs and capabilities of Thurston County. 6) The TRU committee was meeting weekly for discussion on the transport issues. Staffing the HPU and PSPH breezeway, as well as private ambulance companies staffing up, has improved the transport delay issue. The issue still exists; however, it is less critical, therefore TRU will go back to meeting monthly. 7) 2022 ambulance license applications will be reviewed at the December Ops meeting, acted on at the January Ops meeting and presented to the EMSC in January.
 - B. **WEST REGION:** Perz reported: A couple of months ago a committee was appointed to review vacancies on the WREMS council. The committee discussed bringing on 6 more individuals (surgeon, emergency room nurse, elected official, OPD rep, emergency management rep, and a dispatch rep), making representation as broad as possible. The next WREMS meeting is December 1st.
 - C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting](#)

[Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](http://thurstoncountywa.gov). Hardin pointed out the final OTEP topic for 2021 is MCI and was released on October 31st. This will be an on-line only class for EMTs.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Governor's Vaccine Mandate – Hardin reported: There was minimal impact to Thurston County EMS agencies, and it was not significant enough to request additional resources from the state. There has been discussion about the Governor requiring companies with 50 or more employees to be vaccinated.
- B. Long Term Care Facility EMS Responses – VanCamp reported: This was discussed at the Ops and Fire Chief's meeting, and those agencies affected by this are already addressing it. Chair Moon asked VanCamp to ask Ops if there is anything the EMSC can do to help support a county wide policy.
- C. Hospital Entry/Ambulance Delays/HPU – The HPU is mostly staffed by agency personnel, however the Ops committee (thru TRU) is looking at Medic One's role with the HPU and identifying how to keep Medic One from being in an operational capacity. Clem reported staffing improvements with Olympic Ambulance.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2022-2023 Budget Update – Hardin said the 2022-2023 budget, recommended by the EMSC, is proceeding along and final action by the BoCC is scheduled for December 17th.
- B. 3rd Qtr 2021 Budget vs. Actual – This was presented by Joy Miller, which shows an overall used rate of 66%. Hardin reminded the council that because we are in the last quarter, we will have 4 months of billing because December bills will be paid in January, which is the 13th month. It was also pointed out that under BLS Salaries/Benefits, on the summary sheet, it says, "This decrease" and it should say "This increase".

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Chair Moon said due to an expected light agenda, the December EMSC meeting has been cancelled.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:18.