

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
May 19, 2021**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon, Gary Edwards, Paul Perz, Angela Jefferson

ABSENT: Wayne Fournier

EXCUSED: Lenny Greenstein, Larry Fontanilla

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma, Steve Brooks

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, 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 – The agenda was amended as follows: Add Item C to New Business, EMS & Trauma Care Council Application for Ann Kellogg. (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 – April 21, 2021 (McPhee/Hambly) move to approve and this carried.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – May 6, 2021 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Clem: TAC reviewed the on-line training platform and presented their recommendation to the Ops Committee, switching from 24/7 to EMSI, which Ops approved. VanCamp: 1) WREMS is recruiting for the Executive Director position. 2) MCI Committee is working on the Active Shooter plan. Homeland Security has approved a grant to help fund the plan. 3) TRU reported significant hold times at the hospital emergency departments. This will be discussed under New Business, Item B. 4) Ops appointed a Special Project committee, which will consist of Brian Hurley, Mark John, and Tony Kuzma. 5) EMS week is this week. There was an insert in last Sunday's edition of the Olympian.

B. **WEST REGION:** No 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). Kurt also mentioned that Jerett Latimer has been hired to fill the BAT II position, which was approved in the 2020 budget. Staff delivered ice-cream to all 12 agencies, along with a resolution signed by the BoCC, as recognition for EMS week.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Levy Lid Lift Update – Department of Revenue suggested some technical corrections to the resolution for the ballot measure, and these corrections were put in place by the BoCC on May 4th. The ballot measure has been accepted by the Auditor's office and will be placed on the August 3rd primary. Hardin has presented information on the ballot measure to several stakeholder organizations. If there are additional stakeholders who would like Kurt to present this information to their board or council, please let him know.

B. Budget Committee Update – The BoCC voted to go back to a biennium budget. The budget submission date is three days after the Medic One Levy Lid Lift vote so two budgets will be prepared for 2022/2023. Depending on the outcome of the vote will determine which budget is submitted to the BoCC. The two budgets will be presented to the EMSC at their June meeting for consideration, with action at the July meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 1st Qtr. Budget vs Actuals – Staff presented the 2021 1st Qtr. budget vs. actuals, which showed an overall 15% utilization. Hardin explained that traditionally the 1st quarter budget expenditures runs low. The \$42,768 in the ER&R will most likely not be spent this year with the exception of PADs for law enforcement. Also, ALS & BLS salaries are low because the BAT II position was not filled until the first part of May. Hardin also touched on COVID reimbursements; vaccine clinic expenditures January – March was \$29,489 and staff expects reimbursement for this from the federal government, thru Public Health. Staff is waiting on an available funding

source for \$77,071 in COVID expenditures.

- B. Transport Delays/Diversions – There has been an increased time frame for transporting patients to the emergency departments, partially because units are having lengthy wait times at the emergency rooms, which puts their unit out of service. Available beds and staffing issues have had an impact this, as well as a couple of other areas. Staff has reached out to the hospitals and this is a regional concern due to transports in from surrounding counties, and an increase in population in Thurston County. Miller-Todd said hospitals are working on internal issues for how they can improve on this. PSPH reported a significant increase in COVID patients waiting in the emergency room for a transfer to ICU, which as of yesterday was at a 99% capacity. The TRU committee is looking at different options: i.e., round robin, having an EMT or paramedic waiting with patients in the emergency room, after they are dropped off, so units can get back on the street. Hardin said PSPH is still on track and moving forward with their 53-bed expansion. The TRU committee has a scheduled meeting tomorrow where there will be further discussion on this.
- C. EMS & Trauma Care Council Application – WREMS submitted an EMS & Trauma Care Council application for Ann Kellogg, who will replace Kathy Pace, as a rep for Airlift NW. (McPhee/Kirkbride) move to approve the application, and this carried.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:27.