

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
HYBRID  
November 3, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Steve Brooks, Tony Kuzma, Mark Gregory, Brian VanCamp, Jeff DeHan, Wendy Rife, Ciaran Keogh, Todd Carson, Brian Hurley, Mindy Churchwell, Ray Curtis

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:** Wendy Hill, Larry Fontanilla

**GUESTS:** Mike Buchanan, Chris Clem, Shawn Crimmins, Michael Hughes, James Osberg, LouAnn Morris, Rian Winter, Karen Weiss

**STAFF:** Sandra Bush, Kurt Hardin, Pete Suver, Jerett Latimer

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair VanCamp called the meeting to order at 2:00.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve the agenda as presented, and this carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – October 6, 2022 – (Brooks/DeHan) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – October 19, 2022 (Informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **West Region EMS Council** – No meeting to report on. Next meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No meeting to report on.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – See New Business, Item A & B.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No meeting to report on.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Hardin reported: The hospitals had a waiver from DOH for bed capacity due to COVID, and those waivers went away last week, which would have impacted approx., 55 beds at St. Pete's. St. Pete's applied for an individual waiver and DOH granted it last week. This does not increase the bed capacity; it allows them to maintain the bed capacity they are using.
5. ePCR Committee – Suver reported for Adam Phinney: 1) Ben Miller-Todd presented on the process for receiving feedback on calls through the HDE system in place at CMC, and other hospitals north of Thurston County. 2) Scott Brownell presented on the dispositions available in ESO and the types of calls that fall under each disposition in anticipation of changes forthcoming with our HER reports. Scott also presented on aspirin validation in HER. 3) There was discussion on upcoming changes to our EHRs from new NEMIS changes. 4) Scott Brownell discussed the insights program for statistical analysis and QA/QI within ESO. This is a change from the previous analytics program within ESO.

C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>  
Hardin added: 1) Chris Clem has accepted the position of BLS Program Manager and he begins November 7<sup>th</sup>. 2) Dr. Lisa Skinner is on board as the MPD Delegate.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. EMSC Report – VanCamp reported: 1) There was a 30-day report on the BLS ambulance pilot program. 2) MPD contract amendment was approved. 3) Five applications were received for surplus medic units, and the EMSC approved all 5.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. MCI Plan Revisions – Shawn Crimmins highlighted on some of the changes to the MCI plan: 1) START triage was removed and replaced with SALT triage. 2) Good Sam was removed as a backup DMCC. 3) The definition of Casualty Collection Point will align with law enforcement so it will now be called The Treatment Area.

Pete Suver asked about the flow chart on Page 78, which shows 2 medical group supervisors. It was suggested to remove both of them. Mark Gregory asked about Appendix N: Thurston County Fire/EMS Response to Large Scale Violent Incidents and if this will be replaced with C3 Pathways. Shawn said the committee plans to leave this for now, but it may be removed later. (Gregory/Brooks) move to adopt the revisions as submitted, with the exception of the wire diagram that was discussed, and this carried.

B. EMS/FIRE Components of the C3 Pathways Hostile Event Plan – Shawn Crimmins is only asking for approval today on the FIRE/EMS portion, section 3 of the C3 Pathways Hostile Event Plan. Steve Brooks asked if this would become part of the protocol app for the end user. Shawn will look into this further. Karen Weiss asked about training, and Shawn said the introduction will be in 2023, with training in 2024. (Gregory/Hurley) move to approve the Hostile Event plan, and this carried.

C. 2023 Ambulance License Applications – (Brooks/Johnson) move to approve the 2023 ambulance license applications for AMR and Olympic Ambulance, and this carried.

D. ALS Unit Utilization Workgroup Briefing – During the ALS contract renewal negotiations it was brought up that there needs to be an agreement in place for a set of standards on how often medic units are dispatched for services other than ALS purposes and have this in place by April 2023. It was determined that Ops would create a subcommittee that would draft the criteria, make a recommendation to Ops, and Ops would bring it to the EMS council. VanCamp said a charter will be rolled out to get an adhoc committee started, and he will be looking for a senior person from each agency, and this person should be a Chief Officer. VanCamp is also asking for nominations from 3 non-ALS Chiefs that would have knowledge of the operational and administrative side of this. Nominations should be sent to VanCamp before the December Operations committee meeting. The expectation is for the committee to report back to Ops by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2023 so Ops can report at the April meeting.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Hurley/DeHan) move to adjourn at 2:35, and this carried.**