

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
HYBRID – ESC/VIRTUAL  
June 2, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Steve Brooks, Ciaran Keogh, Tony Kuzma, Wendy Hill, Mindy Churchwell, Mark Gregory, Wendy Rife, Larry Fontanilla, Todd Carson, Jeff DeHan, Leonard Johnson, Brian VanCamp, Brian Hurley

**ABSENT:** Garth Wade

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Chris Clem, Rian Winter, Jennifer Schmidt, Scott Jones, Shawn Crimmins, Mike Buchanan, Michael Hughes, Chris Patti

**STAFF:** Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Daphne Reaves, Rick Wilkinson

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

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

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – April 7, 2022 – (Johnson/DeHan) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – April 20, 2022 & May 18, 2022 (Informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: WREMS 2022/2023 fiscal year budget was approved. There have been some additional expenses mainly due to the transition of Anne to Greg which forced them to dip into their surplus, however moving forward to 2022/2023, they should be back to a positive status.
- B. **Subcommittees**
  1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Rian Winter reported: 1) There is a severe shortage of Epi 1:10,000, albuterol and all forms of saline. Medic One is working on other avenues to get these meds and contingencies if they don't become available. 2) PPE stocks are still robust. 3) As a follow-up to a previous discussion on an app that has a lot of cognitive off-loading resources for providers, the committee has looked at another app called Handtevy, and a quote has been requested. 3) The next meeting is July 21<sup>st</sup> at 0930.
  2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: The committee met on April 28<sup>th</sup> and has agreed to move forward on developing a stand-alone "hostile event". The committee will meet again on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 0900 for further discussion on moving this forward to Ops for review.
  3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No report.
  4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: The key area of discussions was the 90-day no divert trial and the lack of available BLS transport resources. The Operations Chiefs formed a subcommittee, which will provide a briefing later in this meeting.
  5. ePCR Committee – No report.
- C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>  
Miller-Todd added - we are going through the paramedic hiring process, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMS Council Action Report – VanCamp reported: 1) Miller-Todd provided an update on the vacancies at Medic One. 2) The council proposed changing the bylaws so the officer term will be 2 years rather than 1. 3) The council was updated on the 90-day no divert trial. 4) At the April meeting the council moved forward with hybrid meetings, however at the May meeting there was discussion about going back to virtual. There will be further discussion at the June meeting. 5) BLS 2022 funding was discussed.
- B. Special Projects Committee – Clem provided a report from the Special Project Committee and asked for an approval from Ops for a recommendation to the EMSC. The recommendation is to approve the requested amount from FD8 and FD17, with the remaining budget split between FD12 and FD9. (Hurley/Kuzma) move to approve the special project grants requested for 2022, and this carried.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Removing COVID screening questions from TCOMM's dispatch questionnaire – This has been approved by the MPD. (Gregory/Kuzma) move to approve a recommendation to make this change and further recommend it back to TCOMM.

B. Surplus Medic Units – Miller-Todd provided information on surplus medic units that are expected to be available in the next 18 months. Applications were emailed to each agency, with a submittal deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup>. VanCamp asked about question #7 on the application which asks if the surplus unit would be available to Medic One if needed. Miller-Todd believes this question was intended for asking if it would be available to respond to multi-jurisdictional calls.

C. BLS Transport Pilot – Chief Schmidt presented information on a Guideline to Interoperability Deliberate BLS Transport Unit Dispatching, which was emailed to the Ops committee prior to this meeting. The purpose of this guideline is to increase BLS transport unit availability. The implementation of this guideline is intended to be for a trial period of 90 days, with performance metrics evaluated every 30 days. VanCamp asked for this to be reviewed and approved by the TRU committee and then brought back to Ops in July.

D. OFD – BLS Transport Briefing – OFD addressed BLS transport needs in the City of Olympia and is asking for support from the Ops Committee: OFD has been experiencing decreasing availability by private ambulance services; decreased ability to handle concurrent emergency calls; and is facing increased call volume. OFD is proposing to add 2 aid units that can serve as BLS response and transport units, staffed with 2 BLS Fire Fighters, 24/7, and this would be funded by GEMT and private insurance companies. These units would be the primary BLS transport units for Olympia. OFD explained a proposed response model for mutual-aid, and they also predict that this would improve medic unit availability. (Hurley/Johnson) move to support Olympia's proposal, and as a committee, to move it forward as a recommendation to the EMS council in support. The motion carried, with one against.

E. Cancel July Ops meeting? – Due to items that need further discussion and/or action, the committee decided not to cancel the July Ops meeting.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Miller-Todd reminded the committee that Anna Lee Drewry retires July 15, 2022, and he introduced Rick Wilkinson as her replacement.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.