

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
April 7, 2022**

PRESENT: Steve Brooks, Ciaran Keogh, Chris Clem, Wendy Hill, Mindy Churchwell, Mark Gregory, Wendy Rife, Larry Fontanilla, Garth Wade, Mark John, Jeff DeHan

ABSENT: Leonard Johnson

EXCUSED: Brian VanCamp, Brian Hurley

GUESTS: Karen Weiss, Scott Jones, Mike Buchanan, Greg Perry, Todd Carson, Michael Hughes, Rian Winter

STAFF: Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Anna Lee Drewry

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Vice-Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 2:00.

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – March 3, 2022 – (Brooks/Hill) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – March 16, 2022 (Informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: 1) Greg Perry provided a brief update on changes to the WREMS website. 2) There was a presentation on disaster preparedness and the DMCC.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Rian Winter reported: 1) There is a severe shortage in all forms of normal saline. Medic One is looking at alternatives to secure other fluids for treatment. 2) Medic One has been able to secure some Epi 1:10,000. 3) Medic One still has a robust stock of PPE. 4) OFD trialed an app to help with double checking treatments and doses, and there was good feedback on this. OFD will be trialing other apps as well. 5) Ventilator maintenance has been secured for two more years.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report – next meeting is scheduled for April 28th and the committee will be looking at the active shooter/hostile event plan.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: 1) TAC met on March 17th and they had a good overview of how the evaluator workshop went. 62 people participated, with some follow up to do afterwards with additional training and a handful of more evaluations. 2) BLS training procedures have not been looked at since 2011 so these will be reviewed for updates and/or revisions.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: 1) There was an off-site TRU meeting which included an invitation from Capital Medical Center to meet some of their staff. 2) HPU ended staffing at the end of March.
5. ePCR Committee – No report.

C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Council Action Report – Gregory reported: 1) The EMSC bylaws are being reviewed and there will be a vote at their April meeting on changing the officer term from 1 year to 2 years. 2) Chair Stan Moon and Vice-Chair Lenny Greenstein were voted in to remain as Chair/Vice-Chair, respectively.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Projects Committee – A committee was appointed, and it will consist of Mark John, Steve Brooks, and Chris Clem. The committee will provide a report at the May Ops meeting.

B. ALS & BLS Response Times – Miller-Todd presented 2021 ALS & BLS response times (this was included in the meeting packet). Brooks asked about the 3% drop in a single year (looking at the aggregate data), which is the largest since we've been tracking it. Is this attributed to a single unit or response area? Miller-Todd believes there was an increase in the number of suburban area responses which would have had an overall change to the target. Miller-Todd emphasized that there was almost a 15% growth in the system for 2021.

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – The EMSC will begin having hybrid meetings in April. Vice-Chair Gregory asked the Ops committee if they would like to begin having hybrid meetings beginning in May. (Brooks/DeHan) move to approve hybrid meetings, beginning in May, and this carried. For those who would like to attend in person, the meetings will be held at the ESC on Pacific Avenue.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – (Brooks/John) move to adjourn at 2:25, and this carried.