

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL  
February 3, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Brian VanCamp, Steve Brooks, Ciaran Keogh, Tony Kuzma, Wendy Hill, Russ Kaleiwahea, Mark John, Jeff DeHahn, Mindy Churchwell, Brian Hurley, Mark Gregory, Amy Larson, Wendy Rife

**ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Karen Weiss, Leonard Johnson, Monti Sorem, Michael Hughes, Chris Clem, Jennifer Schmidt, Corey Rux

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – New Business, Item A, EMT Class Status; Item B, SEI Coordinator Position, Item C, 2022 BLS Funds, was added to the agenda. (DeHan/Gregory) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – January 6, 2022 – (Kaleiwahea/John) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – January 19, 2022 (Informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **West Region EMS Council** – No meeting since the last Ops meeting.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Bush reported for Crimmins: 1) Epi 1:10000 are very difficult to get again. Alan is working on finding vendors. 2) We have plenty of PPE in stock at Medic One. 3) Medic One continues to order Antigen Tests. 4) Next meeting is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> at 0930. 5) Moving forward, Lieutenant Rian Winter will be the Equipment Committee Chair.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – MCI Committee will meet February 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Active Shooter plan.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: 1) Lead evaluators for most departments were identified. 2) Job descriptions for evaluator and lead evaluator roles were finalized. 3) Proposed dates for the evaluator workshop are March 1 - 3.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: TRU meets next week, discussing two significant problems; availability of transport units, and available beds at the receiving facilities. Miller-Todd added on to this and said Medic One does send out ambulance availability every 3 days, and the HPU is still running Mondays and Fridays thru the end of February and will most likely continue thru the end of March. Clem said Olympic Ambulance has had a good round of hiring over the past few weeks with 9 EMTs starting orientation next week, in addition to the 3 that started last week.
5. ePCR Committee – No meeting in January, next meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 0930.

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 – VanCamp reported: 1) A WREMS report included a Health Information Exchange Workgroup that is working on electronic records keeping. 2) Discussion about the Rehab Without Walls organization, which deals with traumatic injuries to the brain and spine, closing some of their locations. 3) EMT reciprocity and lack of EMTs nationwide. 4) The number of open positions on the WREMS council. 5) An ALS Contraction Negotiations committee was appointed. 6) 2022 Ambulance applications were approved. 7) BLS Funding worksheet was shared. 8) A proposed Multi-Care emergency department in Lacey was discussed.

B. Nominations Committee – Chief Kaleiwahea presented for the Nominations Committee: There were no nominations, however the committee recommended the current Chair and Vice-Chair be placed on the floor for a vote. A call was placed on the floor for the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Medic One Ops Committee, and hearing none, a second call was placed, and hearing none, Kaleiwahea suggested placing Chair VanCamp and Vice-Chair Gregory for a vote. The bylaws state that voting takes place in March of each year. (Brooks/John) move to close the nominations, to suspend the bylaws and move forward today with moving the existing Chair and Vice-Chair for a vote, and this carried.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. EMT Class Status – Drewry reported: 2022 EMT classes will include on-line distributive type learning and in-person skill sessions. The one full week of skill sessions was very successful last year. A class schedule is planned to go out tomorrow, however the anticipated start date is March 12<sup>th</sup>, and Karen Weiss will be the lead SEI. District 9 has agreed to host the classes, at Station 95. Course applications will contain information on vaccinated/un-vaccinated protocols.
- B. SEI Coordinator Position – Medic One is recruiting for an SEI Coordinator position and information regarding this position was presented.
- C. 2022 BLS Funds – A draft copy of the 2022 BLS Support worksheet was emailed to the committee. This worksheet will be presented at the March Ops meeting.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Miller-Todd reminded the committee that the MPD issued an ask for a Protocol Committee.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – (Hurley/DeHan) move to adjourn at 2:26, and this carried.