

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
December 2, 2021**

PRESENT: Brian VanCamp, Larry Fontanilla, Wendy Rife, Steve Brooks, Alex Christiansen, Chris Clem, Mark Gregory, Shawn Crimmins, Keith Flewelling, Russ Kaleiwahea, Mark John, Jeff DeHahn

ABSENT: LouAnn Morriss, Mindy Churchwell

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Scott Jones, Jennifer Schmidt, Leonard Johnson, Matt Gantenbein, Tony Kuzma

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, 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 B, BLS Funds 2021, was added to the agenda. (Clem/Brooks) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – November 4, 2021 – (Flewelling/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – November 17, 2021 (informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Chair VanCamp asked Committee Chairs to please provide a report to Sandra Bush at least one week in advance of the Operations Committee meeting.

A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported on the December 1, 2021 meeting: 1) The need to have an SEI workshop was discussed, and there should be one annually per the strategic plan. This has historically been part of the conference but will now need to be independent since there hasn't been a conference the past 2 years. 2) They are on pace with budget, with a surplus of \$7,236.43, which will be slated to be used to support the SEI workshop. 3) The Cadaver Lab was successful and ended with a net profit of \$8,833.92. Education was budgeted for a \$5,000 loss due to uncertainty with COVID-19 which caused a positive swing of \$13,833.92 in the budget. 4) The council granted a one-time payment of \$7,000 to support the Grays Harbor EMT class. Grays Harbor EMS lost their funding almost 2 years ago and they have been unable to get the legislation passed to restore it. 5) A request from Adventure Medics to upgrade their existing ALS license in Lewis County from interfacility only to a combination of interfacility and pre-hospital was approved.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No meeting in November, the next meeting is in January.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: The Active Shooter plan should be ready for Ops review in March.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: There was no meeting in November due to scheduling conflicts. In lieu of the meeting, Drewry sent out draft job descriptions for the updated expectations of evaluators and the new agency lead positions. Each committee member was asked to review and comment on these, and to come to the next meeting with the name of the individual who will be the agency lead. Next meeting is scheduled for December 16th.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: The meetings have moved back to the monthly model, the second Thursday of each month. Ongoing activities are the utilization of the Thurston County Mobe to give the 3 day rolling totals of available BLS transport census. Miller-Todd said the December 9th meeting will have discussion about whether we will continue the HPU indefinitely, or something different. A recommendation will come to Ops at the January meeting.
5. ePCR Committee – Miller-Todd reported: Adam Phinney is the new Chair and Russ Barstow is the new Vice-Chair. December 15th is the next meeting (the committee meets the third Wednesday, every other month, on even months).

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) Governor's vaccine mandate and deadline was discussed. 2) Long Term Care Facility Response – this is being addressed so there is no need for a committee. 3) PSPH entry way

staffing was discussed. 4) The council was updated on the 2022/2023 budget, and the 2021 budget vs. actuals was presented. 5) The December EMSC meeting was cancelled.

B. Transport Issues – Hardin reported: The HPU will be staffed through December 31st. The TRU committee is discussing whether there will be a need for the HPU after January 1, 2022 and they will present a report to Ops in January, and Ops will present to the EMSC in January.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022 Ambulance License Applications – 2022 ambulance applications were included in the meeting packet for AMR, Olympic Ambulance and Falck Ambulance. Brooks asked if staff could provide prior year rates at the next annual review of applications. Brooks asked about the Falck application because it only shows one vehicle, and Scott Jones with Falck replied that they have reserves. Chair VanCamp asked committee members to email Sandra Bush with questions on the applications, and at the January Ops meeting, the committee will make a recommendation to the EMSC.

B. BLS Funds – 2021 – Hardin reminded agency reps that the BLS contract stipulates BLS supply orders can only be made through November 30th, and supplies/equipment must be received by December 31st. The November 30th deadline does not apply to inventory orders from OIQ, only direct purchase items.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER –

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Clem/Brooks) move to adjourn at 2:26, and this carried.