

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
November 4, 2021**

PRESENT: Brian VanCamp, Larry Fontanilla, Wendy Rife, Steve Brooks, Karen Weiss, Chris Clem, Mark Gregory, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Russ Kaleiwahea, Mindy Churchwell, Mark John, Dave Johnson

ABSENT: LouAnn Morriss

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Jennifer Schmidt, Leonard Johnson

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC – New Business, Item A, Ambulance License Applications, was added to the agenda. (Brooks/Flewelling) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – October 7, 2021 – (Flewelling/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – No October meeting

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported highlights from the October 25th board meeting: The cadaver lab was successful with good participation, and a small profit was netted which will be used to support future training programs. Budget amendments were also made which brought them up into the black. Chair VanCamp asked if there will be a 2022 WREMS conference and Clem believes there will not be due to the uncertainty of COVID, however because the cadaver lab was successful, if WREMS is able to hold a number of training throughout the year, a lot of the same material can be delivered that was being done at the conference.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – There has not been a meeting since the last Ops meeting, however Miller-Todd reported that Medic One will continue purchasing nasopharyngeal airways independently, and not as a kit. Also, medics were notified of an ET Tube recall, and the Equipment Committee has decided to continue supporting the Envo-Mask parts and filters.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No meeting, no report.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: There has been progress on the 2022 OTEP plan and working on job descriptions for evaluators that each agency would be putting forward as well as the lead evaluator position. TAC has also been working on the development of the evaluators which could eliminate the requirement of being an instructor for one year, prior to being an evaluator, and substitute it with a workshop and significant mentoring and requirements on the back end.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Miller-Todd reported: 1) The HPU will continue operating on Mondays and Fridays through December 31, 2021, and then re-evaluate it. AMR has been struggling with the vaccine mandate and they've have had a couple of on the job injuries, which put them down about 6 people, so they are trying to staff back up. 2) The PSPH entry way process was discussed. The MOUs sent to all agencies need to be signed and returned to Medic One. 3) There was a miscommunication that came out the weekend of October 30th between AMR dispatch and TOCMM regarding AMR availability. 4) The dashboard has been very stable, it's the messaging and the fact that there is no longer 10,000 at the end of the URL anymore that has been unstable in the process. If agencies have the URL cached in the browser, or saved, removed the 10,000 from the end. Miller-Todd will send out the correct URL.
5. ePCR Committee – All tablets are now serviced and were sent back out. There will be a battery replacement after the first of the year and the old battery will be placed in the keyboard.

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 - No October meeting.

- B. Transport Issues – Hardin reported: Currently the HPU is staffed Mondays and Fridays and this will be extended through December 31st. Hardin asked at what point do we stand down the HPU, which was designed to be a surge capacity, and it's been running since August. TRU will evaluate this and report back to Ops in January. Chair VanCamp will brief the EMSC at the November meeting.
- C. L/E & EMS Intelligence Sharing and Pre-Event Communications – Dave Johnson with the Sheriff's department will send someone to the Fire Chiefs Association meeting for discussion on communication between L/E and EMS regarding potentially violent situations. Flewelling asked for TCOMM to be included in these discussions.
- D. COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates – Hardin reported: Based on a survey Medic One sent out to the agencies, there were no agencies who required additional resources from the State. L&I criteria on the mandate will come out in December and OSHA criteria will come out in January, so additional information will be provided once the new criteria comes out.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ambulance License Applications – The 2022 applications will be reviewed at Ops in December and acted on in January. Future applications will be reviewed by Ops in November and acted on in December. The 2022 applications for review will include AMR, Olympic and Falck.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Hardin said there has been some discussion and news reports that PSE and the City of Olympia will be doing some construction work around Lilly Rd, and it appears this will have minimal impact on EMS response vehicles transporting to PSPH.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Brooks/Clem) move to adjourn at 2:42, and this carried.