

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
May 6, 2021**

PRESENT: Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Malloree Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Chris Clem, Mindy Churchwell, Mark John, Mark Gregory

ABSENT: Jeff DeHan, LouAnn Morriss, Russ Kaleiwahea

EXCUSED: Brian VanCamp

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma, Jennifer Schmidt, Karen Weiss, Kevin Bossard

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 2:01.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – New Business, Item C, On-line Training Platform was added to the agenda. (Hurley/Brooks) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – March 4, 2021 (No April Meeting) – (Flewelling/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
 2. EMS Council – March 17, 2021 and April 21, 2021 (informational only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: There has not been a council meeting; however, the Executive Board has been meeting monthly. WREMS is still searching for an Executive Director and Norma Pancake, Chris Clem and Anne Benoist will be on the hiring board. A couple of interim changes on the Executive Board; Tony Kuzma will replace Kathy Pace, and Chris Clem will replace Cheryl Bell as Secretary/Treasurer. The next Council meeting is June 2, 2021.
 - B. **Subcommittees**
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report, however; Crimmins said they are still in need of members from the BLS side.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: There was an Active Shooter meeting on March 31st, with good participation, however nothing to report at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27th at 10:30.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – See New Business, Item C.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Miller-Todd reported extended turn-around times at the hospitals, with anywhere from 2 – 4 hours of waiting time for the providers. Dr. Fontanilla reported no attendance from CMC at the last TRU meeting, however; he did meet with their executive team and they are committed to being good partners with the community and they assured Dr. Fontanilla that CMC would participate in round robin. In addition, Dr. Fontanilla said the hospitals have asked how other counties can find out if Thurston County facilities are maxed out. Miller-Todd said WATRAC is an option if the other counties are subscribed to Thurston County's WATRAC. TCOMM will check into this option on the dispatch side. There was discussion about reaching out to the surrounding counties who are transporting to Thurston County and asking them what internal controls they could work on to help reduce the flow of patients to PSPH, and asking them to provide a good amount of notice that a transport to Thurston County is needed. Miller-Todd will bring this discussion to the TRU committee. Brooks addressed a concern with periodic lack of BLS resources, both public and private, and explained that agency calls are back at a pre-COVID call volume which has contributed to this, as well as staffing issues.
 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 – The levy lid lift update will be on the EMSC meeting agenda until August 4th. The BoCC voted to place the levy lid lift on the August 3rd ballot. Hardin is scheduled to present the ballot measure to several shareholders.
 - B. COVID-19 Vaccination Update – Miller-Todd said this item will be removed as a standing item on the agenda.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appoint Special Project Committee – Brian Hurly, Mark John and Tony Kuzma volunteered to participate on the committee, and Hurley will chair.
- B. EMS Week – EMS week is the week of May 16th. Staff will visit the agencies with financial support checks, and ice-cream. There will be a posting in the Olympian on May 16th.
- C. On-line Training Platform - Clem provided a presentation on the TAC process of researching and comparing on-line training platforms. After careful review and consideration, TAC's recommendation is to select EMS-I, with an implementation target date of 2023. (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve the transition to EMS-I, and this carried.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Hurley recognized Jim Floyd's service with TFD and his retirement on April 30th. 2) Brooks asked about the County's rules or transition on hybrid meetings. Miller-Todd said there are no changes at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:43.