

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

PRESENT: Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Malloree Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Chris Clem, Mindy Churchwell, Kevin Bossard

ABSENT: Mark Gregory, Jeff DeHan, LouAnn Morriss

EXCUSED: Russ Kaleiwahea

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins, 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 – (Flewelling/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem & Brooks reported: 1) A letter from the EMSC, explaining the change to MIN/MAX, was presented at the WREMS meeting. DOH asked if a needs analysis was completed, justifying the increase in BLS verified transport, and the answer was no because this has never been required in the past. DOH will send Anne with WREMS the needs analysis template, which will be completed by staff and will be presented to the Ops committee for approval. 2) There was a presentation by the new Madigan Trauma Director.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Crimmins reported: 1) Epi 1:10,000 and gloves are difficult to procure. 2) The committee is asking for BLS representatives to participate in meetings. The next meeting is in April.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: The Active Shooter Workgroup met March 3rd. There was discussion on a potential plan, and a sub-group will meet to work on this. The plan will be presented to the MCI committee and Ops.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: TAC met on February 18th and the primary discussion was the OTEP platform. Anna Lee made multiple attempts to have current users of EMSI speak at TAC, and these attempts were unsuccessful. Anna Lee requested trial accounts for EMSI so members of the committee can evaluate it, from all directions. The evaluation will take place over the next few weeks, prior to the next TAC meeting. A representative from EMSI will be present at the next meeting to provide additional information. The committee will then perform an additional assessment of the product prior to the April TAC meeting. Anna Lee said ESO will be at the next meeting as well.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Hardin reported: Hospital diversion issues are being handled between the hospitals with Medic One participating. All stakeholders are meeting regularly.
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 – VanCamp reported – 1) Levy restoration was discussed. 2) The EMSC was presented with the recommendation to rescind the ALS Fund Policy. This will go before the council at their March meeting for action. 3) VanCamp informed the council of Ops recommendation to review the ambulance ordinance annually, vs. semi-annually. 4) There was discussion about hospital capacity issues.

B. Operations Committee Officer Elections – Ops committee officer election for 2021 was held in February and the bylaws call for it to be held in March. The County PAO asked for a vote at the March meeting to accept the election conducted in February. (Clem/Brooks) move to accept the officer election held in February, and this carried.

C. Review of Ambulance Ordinance – At the February Ops meeting, the committee recommended changing the ambulance ordinance so the mandated review of the ordinance, by Ops, would be held annually vs. semi-annually.

Ambulance ordinance reviews must go before the BoCC at a public hearing; therefore, this change will be put on hold until there are more substantive changes to the ordinance.

D. EMT Spring Class Update – Drewry reported: 11 students are enrolled in the spring EMT course. The pre-requisite class is March 8th and the first class is March 15th. The last class is scheduled for June 12th.

E. COVID-19 Vaccination - Hardin reported: There is a second dose clinic for the mass vaccination site on March 6th, at the RAC and station 34. March 5th, Public Health is having a mass vaccination site at Thurston County Fairgrounds. Public Health is planning to hold mass vaccination clinics in the future at South Puget Sound Community Center (SPSCC)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 BLS Funding Allocations – Bush reported: The 2021 BLS Funding Allocation report is included in the packet and this was also emailed to all fire agencies in February. Financial support checks will be sent out in May.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Mindy Churchwell, Kathy Pace's replacement as a representative for Airlift NW, introduced herself. 2) Brooks said Undersheriff Tim Braniff's retirement recognition begins at 3:00 today, at the Tumwater Operations Center. 3) Hurley reminded everyone that March 6th at 1:00 pm is the memorial service for TFD's retired Training Lt. Darlene Raffleson, and March 13th at 11:00 is the memorial service for retired Chief Scott LaVielle.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:33.