

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
HYBRID - ESC  
February 2, 2023

**PRESENT:** Steve Brooks, Derek Smith, Mark Gregory, Brian VanCamp, Wendy Rife, Ciaran Keogh, Todd Carson, Brian Hurley, Mindy Churchwell, Wendy Hill

**ABSENT:** Ray Curtis, Leonard Johnson

**EXCUSED:** Larry Fontanilla, Carla Carter

**GUESTS:** Tony Kuzma, Mike Buchanan, Shawn Crimmins, Michael Hughes, Rian Winter, Karen Weiss, Jennifer Schmidt, Joey Rodrigues

**STAFF:** Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Chris Clem, Kurt Hardin, Daphne Reaves, Alan Provencher

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair VanCamp called the meeting to order at 2:00.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MSC – Approved.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – January 5, 2023 – (Hurley/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – January 18, 2023 (Informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: The WREMS committee has not met since the last Ops committee meeting. The executive board met on Monday, and they continue to work on updating the strategic plan for the next 2 year cycle.
- B. **Subcommittees**
1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Rian Winter reported: 1) Drug shortages on D50, some forms of saline, lido preloads, berman airway sets, ketamine and atropine. 2) Medic One still has a strong stock of PPE. 3) Still moving forward with the Handtevy app for the ALS units. 4) Looking at video laryngoscopy options, which will be handed off to Dr. Skinner. 5) End dates for older products were discussed and some that were obsolete. It was agreed that nothing in particular would be removed from the medic units. 6) Effective in March the committee will be moving from Thursday to Monday meetings, every other month. Next meeting is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> at 0930.
  2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No meeting, no report.
  3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: At the last meeting there was discussion on the structure of the TAC committee. Going forward, every 3 months the committee will meet for a condensed workgroup, in person for 3 hours, to work on content creation for the following years OTEP. The in between months will be a much shorter hybrid meeting to discuss other training topics and to review the results of the workgroup meetings.
  4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – No report.
  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. EMSC Report – VanCamp reported on the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting: 1) Miller-Todd provided a presentation on healthcare restraints and this will be presented to Ops at the March meeting. 2) ALS MSO deliverables were approved. 3) The following committees were appointed; Budget, Nominations, and BLS Funding work group. A draft charter has been created for the BLS Funding Workgroup which will direct how the BLS direct support funds are disbursed among the agencies.
- B. Nominations Committee – Hurley reported: Nominations were received to reappoint VanCamp for Chair and Gregory for Vice-Chair. Hurley asked the floor for additional nominations, and none were received. (Brooks/Carson) move to close the nominations and accept the acclamations, and this carried.
- C. ALS Unit Utilization Workgroup – VanCamp reported: There has been one meeting and the next one is scheduled for next week. Staff has been busy gathering data which is being analyzed by the workgroup.

- D. Medic One Staffing – Miller-Todd reported: The ALS Program Manager position should be posted later today, or tomorrow. Emergency Services also has an opening for an Emergency Management Manager.
- E. EMT Entryway at PSPH – Clem reported: Medic One has been consistently staffing the Emergency Room entry way at PSPH, and this will continue through February. Through January 20<sup>th</sup> there was quite a bit of utilization of it, and the last couple of weeks have slowed down. If the utilization increases again and stays consistently high, there is discussion about off-loading this to St. Peters so they would begin funding it.
- F. ePCR Policy – Miller-Todd reported: A listening session was held and components from the session is being taken into consideration.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. BLS Funding Review Committee – see EMSC report. The committee will consist of Stan Moon, Chair of EMSC, Brian VanCamp, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Cindy Hambly, Chief Hurley, Chief Rux, and Chief Gregory. A meeting is being scheduled for later this month.
- B. Olympic Ambulance Home-Based Healthcare Services – Joe Rodrigues with Olympia Ambulance provided the following information: Olympic Ambulance has partnered with Kaiser as well as a third party medical at home vendor. A pilot was started statewide in October 2022. Post pilot, during the 1<sup>st</sup> month of operating this in Thurston County there was a patient census of 5. The service is non-EMS related work and falls within the in-patient realm of work. Sedans are staffed with nurses that have acute care and ICU experience. These nurses have a variety of equipment from an expanded drug formulary as well as antibiotics. Patients being seen are patients discharged from a med/surg unit, into their homes, to finish off their stay. There is a rapid response within 4 hours if needed, however if the patient is experiencing chest pain, shortness of breath, or anything life threatening, the case is escalated to a 911 call.

## **VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Hardin announced Ben Miller-Todd's acceptance of the Director of Emergency Services position however Kurt is still Director. Please make sure correspondence to Ben is copied to Kurt, and correspondence to Kurt is copied to Ben. Sandra Bush announced a retirement celebration in honor of Kurt which will be held at Emergency Management on Tilley Road, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 4. There will also be an acknowledgement of Kurt's retirement at the March EMSC meeting.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 2:39.