

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ REGULAR MEETING
HYBRID MEETING

AGENDA - REVISED

March 2, 2023, 2:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Operations Committee – February 2, 2023
 - B. EMS Council - February 15, 2023 (informational only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. West Region EMS Council
 - B. Subcommittees
 - 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Chair or Representative
 - 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Chair or Representative
 - 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chair or Representative
 - 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chair or Representative
 - 5. ePCR Committee – Chair or Representative
 - C. Staff Report - <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	EMSC Report	VanCamp	Information
B.			

VII. NEW BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	Medic One Website/Social Media	Miller-Todd/Bush	Information
B.	Healthcare in Thurston County – System Overview	Miller-Todd	Presentation
C.	Medic One Levy Briefing	Hardin/Miller-Todd	Information
D.	BLS Funding Workgroup Update	VanCamp	Information

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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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 20th 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 18th 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 20th 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 1st 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 3rd 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.

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Hybrid – 2703 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia
February 15, 2023**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, John Ricks, Brian VanCamp, Angela Jefferson, Harry Miller, Frank Kirkbride, Margaret McPhee, Lenny Greenstein, Gary Edwards, Sheila Fay, Dontae Payne,

ABSENT: Wayne Fournier

EXCUSED: Stan Moon, Larry Fontanilla

GUESTS: Dan Bivens, Tom Carroll, Brian Hurley, Greg Perry, Steve Brooks, Joey Rodriguez, Derek Smith

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Chris Clem, Joy Miller, Jerett Latimer, Daphne Reaves

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Lenny Greenstein called the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – Old Business, Item B. (Letters to State Agencies) was removed from the agenda. (Hambly/Edwards) move to approve the agenda as amended and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – January 18, 2023 – Hambly pointed out a miss-spelling of Chief Schmidt’s name in the Ops report, and this has been corrected. (Kirkbride/Edwards) move to approve the minutes, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – February 2, 2023 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) Nomination and election was held for the Chair and Vice-Chair position. VanCamp will remain as Chair and Gregory will remain as Vice-Chair. The term is for 2 years. 2) There was discussion on the ALS unit utilization workgroup. The workgroup is looking at the use of medic units for non-ALS related issues. There have been 2 meetings so far and it looks like the use has gone down. The benchmark of 80/20% will continue to be used. 3) Medic One staffing EMTs at PSPH entry way will remain through February. 3) Miller-Todd followed up on a recent meeting regarding a policy Dr. Fontanilla wrote with regards to completing the electronic patient care reports. There will be further discussion on this. 4) BLS Funding Committee will meet this month. 5) Joe Rodrigues with Olympic Ambulance provided information on a home-based health program they are working on.
- B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL:** Kirkbride reported: The next meeting is March 8th. Greg Perry, Director of WREMS provided the following information from the executive meeting: 1) Finances were reviewed and the council took advantage of approval from the previous meeting to move some funds into investments to help bolster up the back log of cash. 2) A new Accountant has been hired. 3) The council is working on the Strategic Plan for FY 2023-2025. 4) An EMS SCI workshop will take place March 4th in Tacoma, at no charge for up to 40 SCIs, with a focus on pediatrics.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/committees/medic-one). Miller-Todd highlighted on the following: 1) Please share the ALS Program Manager posting, which is on NeoGov and Indeed, as well as a few other platforms. 2) Paramedic testing is March 29th & 30th.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Nominations Committee – The only nominations made were for Stan Moon as Chair and Lenny Greenstein as Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Greenstein opened the floor for additional nominations of Chair, and none were made. (McPhee/Edwards) move to close the nominations for Chair and elect Stan Moon by acclamation and this carried. Vice-Chair Greenstein opened the floor for additional nominations of Vice-Chair, and none were made. (McPhee/Edwards) move to close the nominations for Vice-Chair and elect Lenny Greenstein by acclamation, and this carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMSC Proposed Bylaw Change – Miller-Todd reported: The County voted to change the number of Thurston County Commissioners from 3 to 5. The current EMSC bylaws state a total of four Citizens-at-large positions, one from each of the county commission districts. Staff is asking the council for their recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to change the bylaws so “four” is removed. (Kirkbride/Greenstein) move to suspend the EMSC rules, which requires an agenda item of this nature to be voted on at the meeting following discussion, and this carried. (Kirkbride/Edwards) move to modify the current bylaws to remove the word “four” in Article 4.1, paragraph C, leaving the wording as “Citizens-at-large consisting of one from each of the County Commission Districts, plus one whom shall be a physician from any County Commissioner District”, and this carried.
- B. EMSC Citizen-at-Large Application – (Greenstein/Kirkbride) move to approve the EMSC Citizen-at-large application for Tom Carroll, and tis carried.
- C. Medic One Fund and Future Revenue Projections – Hardin reported: In the spring of 2021 the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) adopted a resolution for language to be used in the Medic One levy. The Department of Revenue and the Assessor’s office expressed concern over the language that was adopted. There was a meeting held in April where the Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Assessor’s office both expressed concern about how the language was written. How it was originally written and the intent for the levy vote was to do a stair step approach to increase the millage up to \$0.50/\$1,000. It would start off in year 1 (2022) at \$0.35/\$1,000 and then increase \$0.03/\$1,000 for each year all the way through 2027, getting us back to our original levy rate of \$0.50/\$1,000. The reason for this was we needed the funds in the outlying years, but not the first year. The public mailing that was approved by the lawyers, stated what was mentioned above. In the April meeting, the DOR and the Assessor’s office said we needed to change the verbiage to a percentage instead of the cents increase, so it came out as 107%, which is approximately \$0.03/\$1,000 for the millage, moving forward. Hardin said he agreed to the change of language, provided it still gives us the stair step approach getting us back to \$0.50/\$1,000. In January of 2023 we expected the millage to come up to \$0.38/\$1,000, however the Assessor’s office came to us and said the millage is going to be \$0.30/\$1,000 because they applied the percentage against last years revenue and not against the millage. As a result, Medic One will receive \$4.5 million less in revenue this year which would have been used in the outlying years (replacing medic units, aging equipment, etc.).

Miller-Todd provided revenue comparisons through 2027, using the fixed 7% stair step, based on the current assessed value: The originally projected revenue at year 2027 would have been \$29,614,698. The newly projected revenue at year 2027 is \$23,594,328. 2023 shows a difference of \$4.5mil, 2024 is \$5.2mil, 2025 is \$5.45mil, 2026 is \$5.7mil, and 2027 is \$6mil, in less revenue Medic One will receive.

(Kirkbride/McPhee) move to form a committee to work with staff to seek out the legal opinion of our Prosecutor’s office to see what our options are, and this carried. The committee will consist of Hambly, McPhee, and Greenstein.

Miller-Todd discussed the cash flow needs from 2022 – 2027. Years 2024, 2025 and 2027 the ending funding balance drops below the 2-month mark requirement for covering expenses.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:29.