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

PRESENT: Stan Moon, Cindy Hambly, John Ricks, Mark Gregory, Angela Jefferson, Harry Miller, Frank Kirkbride,

Margaret McPhee, Lenny Greenstein, Gary Edwards, Sheila Fay, Tom Carroll

**ABSENT:** Wayne Fournier, Dontae Payne

**EXCUSED:** Larry Fontanilla

**GUESTS:** Dan Bivens, Brian Hurley, Derek Smith, Shawn Crimmins

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

Provencher

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

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – (Greenstein/McPhee) move to approve the agenda and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

## III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL February 15, 2023. Hambly pointed out a misspelling under WREMS committee reports minutes show EMSC SCI and it should be EMSC SEI. (Greenstein/Ricks) move to approve the minutes with the noted correction, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE March 2, 2023 (informational only)

## IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Gregory reported: 1) Medic One staff shared their new website. 2) Miller-Todd presented the Healthcare system overview to Ops. 3) Ops was briefed on the Medic One levy issue.
- B. WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL: Kirkbride reported: 1) There is a draft 2024-2025 strategic plan. 2) Periodically WREMS receives grant requests from agencies in need of financial help. A grant request has been received from Opago which helps with senior citizens mobility, strengthening of bones, etc. For more information visit <a href="https://www.villageconcepts.org">www.villageconcepts.org</a>. Another one that came in is from Safe Gun Storage and is through Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. Also heard from Rehab without Walls which deals with neurological rehabilitation. Kirkbride said there was one action item however Kurt Hardin asked to postpone it until the next meeting. Kurt suggested to Frank that actions items should be first on the agenda so there is time to discuss the item before asking for action.
- C. STAFF REPORT: Staff report is available on the website. Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information (thurstoncountywa.gov). Miller-Todd highlighted on the following: 1) Paramedic testing is March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. 2) EMT class started a couple of weeks ago and 16 students are currently enrolled. 3) PSPH entry way staffing has now transitioned to Olympic Ambulance and the expense is no longer a part of the Medic One levy.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Medic One Fund and Future Revenue Projections Committee — Miller-Todd reported: There is no committee report as of today, however Ben and Kurt met with the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and a County Attorney. The next step forward is to meet with the State. Miller-Todd emphasized that dealing with the levy issue will not be a fast process. The BLS Funding Committee meetings have been suspended until further notice on the levy issue.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>Medic One Vacant Positions</u> – Miller-Todd reported: Staff has worked with the County Manager and HR regarding the ALS Program Manager position. There has been one application received over the past

several weeks. The job description is being changed to Medic One Paramedic Program Manager and is being reclassified from an MTP position to an At-Will position. This will allow for a retention bonus and relocation fees to be paid for by the County. Staff pulled the SEI Instructor position posting while they work through some options.

- **VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** The council recognized Kurt Hardin's retirement with a certificate of appreciation and council members thanked Kurt for his service with the County's EMS system.
- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER None
- **IX. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 4:07.

