

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID - ESC
April 6, 2023**

PRESENT: Steve Brooks, Derek Smith, Mark Gregory, Wendy Rife, Ciaran Keogh, Todd Carson, Mindy Churchwell, Wendy Hill, Ray Curtis, Larry Fontanilla, Dave Johnson

ABSENT: Brian Hurley, Leonard Johnson

EXCUSED: Brian VanCamp

GUESTS: Chris Patti, Joey Rodriguez

STAFF: Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Chris Clem, Jerett Latimer

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Vice-Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 2:00.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC – (Brooks/Carson) move to approve the agenda and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – March 2, 2023 – (Brooks/Carson) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – March 15, 2023 (Informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: The council met March 8th via zoom. 1) The council is still working to finalize the strategic plan for the upcoming biennium. 2) WREMS is hoping to resume hosting the in-person conference next year. 3) Chris Clem is officially back on the board as Treasurer. 4) Norma Pancake nominated Tony Kuzma as Chair for next year. Nominations are still open for all board positions. 5) Lewis County requested funds to re-stock their MCI trailer and this has been tabled for the next council meeting.
- B. **Subcommittees**
1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report – next meeting is April 12th.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: 1) TAC has been working to develop the Resilience OTEP which is to be released in the second half of this year. 2) TAC is planning to have an online module followed by an in-person session for a discussion facilitated by TC Peer Support Consortium members.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – No report – next meeting is April 13th.
 5. ePCR Committee – No report - next meeting is in June.
- C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx> Miller-Todd highlighted the following: 1) The title ALS Program Manager has been changed to Medic One Paramedic Program Manager and the position has been changed to an at-will position. As of today, 9 applications have been received. An initial zoom introduction will take place with the top 6 applicants, followed by an in-person interview. 2) This past week there was an initial medic hiring process and 3 of the 7 applicants passed. 3) 16 students are enrolled in the EMT class.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMSC Report – Gregory reported on the March 15th meeting: Just a couple of items Gregory highlighted on – vacant positions at Medic One and the re-titling of the ALS Program Manager position.
- B. Stroke Transports - Clem presented a chart showing stroke transports for December 2022 – March 2023. Out of the 130 strokes documented, 85% were treated at PSPH, 1% was transported to Madigan Army Medical Center, 11% were transported to MultiCare Tacoma General, and 4% were transported to St. Joseph Medical Center. Currently a LAMS score of 4 or 5 are transported north. Dr. Fontanilla is reviewing data to determine if a LAMS score of 5 should be the only transports north.
- C. ALS Workgroup – Miller-Todd presented a draft ALS Response Workgroup Charter which will be emailed to the committee. Ops will be asked at the May meeting for a recommendation to the EMS council, so Ben asked the committee to review and reach out with questions before May 4th. Miller-Todd provided 2021 and 2022 ALS unit utilization numbers and 2022 utilization has drastically improved.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appoint Special Projects Committee – (Brooks/Carson) move to extend the application deadline to April 20th, and this carried. Derek Smith, Steve Brooks and Todd Carson volunteered to be on the committee, and they will report back at the May Ops meeting.
- B. Semi-Annual Review of Ambulance Ordinance – There are no recommended changes to the ordinance.
- C. Protocols – Clem reported: In January of this year there were some unintended changes to the protocols and the State has been working with staff to expedite a new set of protocols. As of yesterday, staff received the approval letter for the corrected protocols which are now live on the Medic One website and will be live on the protocol app and ESO April 11th. Clem will email agencies with a list of what changes have been made.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Brooks/Carson) move to adjourn the meeting at 2:41, and this carried.