

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Hybrid – 2703 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia
April 19, 2023**

PRESENT: Stan Moon, Cindy Hambly, John Ricks, Brian VanCamp, Angela Jefferson, Frank Kirkbride, Margaret McPhee, Gary Edwards, Sheila Fay, Tom Carroll

ABSENT: Harry Miller, Wayne Fournier, Dontae Payne

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla, Lenny Greenstein

GUESTS: Dan Bivens, Derek Smith, Shawn Crimmins, Mindy Churchwell

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

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 – (Fay/Ricks) move to approve the agenda and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – March 15, 2023. (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve the minutes, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – April 6, 2023 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) There was a presentation on out-of-county transports for stroke patients, which is on today's agenda under Old Business. 2) ALS Workgroup continues to work on provisions that were provided for in the most recently adopted ALS agreements, with 3 contractors. There should be a recommendation to the EMSC at the May meeting. 3) A Special Project committee was appointed, and a recommendation will be made to the EMSC at the May meeting. 4) The Ops committee reviews the ambulance ordinance semi-annually and there were no recommended changes. 5) There were some errors in the previous version of the updated protocols. Revised protocols came out in April, and these can be found on Medic One's website.
- B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL:** Kirkbride reported: The next meeting is June 7, 2023.
- 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) Paramedic hiring process was at the end of March. There were 7 applicants and 3 were selected to move forward. 2) There are 16 students enrolled in the spring EMT course. 3) 6 applicants for the Paramedic Program Manager position will be interviewed this Friday and then narrowed down to 3.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Medic One Levy Update** – Miller-Todd reported: Staff has reached out to Washington State Department of Revenue to find out some of the reasons they stepped in and made changes to the components of the language right before the levy. Staff is waiting to schedule some of those components with the right stakeholders. Staff has been talking to the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the Budget office, and the County Manager and this was reported out to the Medic One Levy committee.
- B. **Stroke Transports Update** – Miller-Todd 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. **Medic Unit Procurement Update** – Miller-Todd reported: The cost for medic units has increased 76% since last purchased in 2018. In 2018 we spent \$232,000 per unit, and we will now spend about \$410,000 per unit. In addition, there is an incredible demand for aid units right now because procurements dropped

due to COVID. Staff received BoCC approval to procure the medic units with a 15% variance due to the current contract environment regarding specialized equipment. The current contracting environment allows for pass thru costs over a course of the year from the point Medic One signs the quote until the point in which we take delivery. So, over the course of the next year, pass through costs could increase by an additional 10% due to the supply chain constraints that are currently being experienced. New vehicles are 5 years on frontline, 5 years on reserve, and then they surplus out to agencies and are potentially used for another 15 years. Financing has been built into the equipment components and will be part of a discussion with the budget committee.

- D. Hospital Entry Delays – Olympic Ambulance will be contracting with Providence St. Peter's hospital to provide support in the entry way so transport units can be freed up. Miller-Todd said a healthcare presentation was given to the Board of County Commissioners and it was picked up by the Olympian.

Commissioner Edwards asked about EMP (Electronic Magnetic Pulse) protection availability for the units. Miller-Todd said he will research this.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2022 Year-End Financial Reports – Miller-Todd/Keene reported: The total 2022 budget spent was \$15,638,339 which is a 90% expended budget. Admin was 61% used, ALS was 97% used, BLS was 79% used, IT was 86% used, and ER&R was 0% used. Keene said we are starting to receive reimbursements from ARPA, CARES, and will soon begin receiving reimbursements from FEMA. As of today, we have received \$267,000 and expect an additional \$46,000. The money goes into the Medic One fund balance. Next month Keene will present 1st quarter 2023 YTD budget. Miller-Todd also reported that Medic One was able to surplus an old training van and it sold for almost \$7,000.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:14.