

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
HYBRID - ESC  
May 4, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Steve Brooks, Derek Smith, Mark Gregory, Wendy Rife, Ciaran Keogh, Todd Carson, Wendy Hill, Ray Curtis, Larry Fontanilla, Brian VanCamp, Shawn Crimmins

**ABSENT:** Mindy Churchwell, Leonard Johnson, Carla Carter

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Chris Patti, Joey Rodriguez, Rian Winter, Michael Hughes, Kevin Heindel, Tony Kuzma, Eric Forsythe, Jennifer Schmidt

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

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

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

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – April 6, 2023 – (Crimmins/Carson) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – April 19, 2023 (Informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: There was not a general council meeting since the last Ops. 1) The Executive Board and Director Perry are finalizing the FY24 budget to present at the June council meeting. 2) Final draft of the strategic plan is at DOH awaiting approval. 3) Nominations are open for the following positions on the board: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. These are all for a 3-year term and voting will occur at the next council meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **Subcommittees**
1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Rian Winter reported: 1) D50, Saline, Lidocaine, Ketamine, Albuterol are current drug shortages. 2) Video laryngoscopy demo will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. 3) Rian is working on getting some sterile gloves for central line placements. 4) There has been some ET Tube issues so alternatives are being looked at.
  2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: There was a meeting April 12<sup>th</sup>. 1) The meeting started with discussion on SALT (Sort, Assess, Life-Saving Interventions, Transport) training. This will be rolled out in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023. Chris Clem said there are some videos that exist that cover SALT triage and these will be rolled out in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as part of OTEP, in conjunction with a draft protocol that matches the guidance. The protocol will be submitted to DOH with an anticipated release of an updated protocol in January 2024. 2) There was discussion on high-level online training to be released in Q3/Q4 of 2023 for the C3 Pathways MCI model that is now in the MCI plan. Jonnica with TCOMM said she has a video that is being shown to LE and dispatchers and she will share this with the committee for review. Chief Gregory also volunteered to help develop training content. There are plans to do some more large MCI drills in 2024 with LE. 3) If anyone has interest in being Chair or Vice-Chair, let Shawn know. 4) The committee meets on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and hopefully will have a more robust report at the June Ops meeting.
  3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: 1) TAC continues to work on the Resilience and MCI OTEP, to be released towards the end of 2023. 2) The quarterly workshop is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at Medic One.
  4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – No meeting.
  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) 4 candidates for the ALS Program Manager position are being scheduled for interviews. 2) There are 15 students in the EMT class, 1 dropped for personal reasons. 3) 3 more paramedics have been put on the hiring list.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMSC Report – See minutes in the packet.

- B. ALS Workgroup – Miller-Todd reported: The proposed draft ALS workgroup charter was emailed to Ops members the end of March. A subgroup was created to specifically address the intergovernmental EMS contract for 2023-2025 which called out taking a good look at how ALS units are being utilized. (Gregory/Fontanilla) move to adopt the report from the subcommittee and forward it to the EMSC for their approval, and this carried.
- C. Special Projects Committee – Brooks reported: 7 applications were received from 6 separate agencies (a matrix was included in the meeting packet). The Special Project budget is \$10,000 and the total request from all 6 agencies came in at \$11,165. All requests fell within the criteria of EMS needs. The committee is recommending approval of all 7 applications, and if the EMSC is hesitant to go over the \$10,000 budget, then the committee recommends approving only 1 of the break-apart stokes baskets for FD9. (Crimmins/Fontanilla) move to approve the committee's recommendation to the ESMC, and this carried.
- D. Medic One Revenue/Equipment Replacement – Miller-Todd reported: Staff is working under the parameters of a 7% increase from previous years revenue, as interpreted by the Assessor's office and the Washington State Department of Revenue. There has been an astronomical increase in the cost for special service vehicles and this seems to be largely in part due to the high demand for chassis. We are expecting a 2024 delivery for medic units. Additionally, we have been doing some vetting in terms of possible payment plans or leasing programs, for some of the equipment needs. Staff has found some remarkable figures that are available.
- E. PCR MPD Policy Update - Miller-Todd reported: Earlier today a draft policy was emailed to the committee, for their review and comments. This will come back to Ops in June for approval.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Surplus of PHSS Covid Ambulance – Miller-Todd reported: Public Health purchased 2 ambulances during the COVID pandemic. They have a 2019 and a 2020 and they are looking to surplus the 2020. County fleet is working on what the fair market value is for these units but there is an approximate value of \$225,000. This has been handed over to Medic One to coordinate the surplus for Public Health. Medic One will administrate this just as they do other surplus vehicles, i.e., agency submits an application, a priority list is established, etc. The unit will be at Emergency Management and Miller-Todd will make sure it's available for interested parties to look at.
- B. CD Precautions – Miller-Todd reported: It has been requested that we start taking off CD precautions and outbreak facilities and those types of components in the CAD system, and thru TCOMM. Miller-Todd asked the committee to take this back to their agencies and really think about any downstream affects this could have from a policy standpoint within the agency.
- C. PPE Documentation – Miller-Todd reported: The PPE validations within ESO is another component that needs to be discussed. Currently, we validate each provider, on every single call, and they have to fill out the PPE that they wore. The expectation per the MPD's guidance is that we establish the expectation to use precautions based on the complaints of the patient. PPE was not documented pre-COVID and there does not seem to be a reason to continue documenting PPE moving forward unless there are select incidents where it needs to be documented. We would not take away the options to document PPE, we would only repeal the validation to mandate it.

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Tony Kuzma with AMR has assumed the position of Director of Operations for AMR's Western Washington operations. He will continue to have oversight of Thurston and Lewis counties; however, he has moved Eric Forsythe to a Chief EMS Officer position for these counties. Eric will replace Tony as the AMR representative for all county meetings. 2) Miller-Todd said CMC is going on full divert May 27<sup>th</sup> from approx., 0900 – 1700 due to electrical upgrades. 3) Mike Buchanan asked about learning more on the street medicine grant funded program offered by PSPH.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:38.