

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
HYBRID - ESC  
June 1, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Steve Brooks, Derek Smith, Mark Gregory, Wendy Rife, Elizabeth Gore, Todd Carson, Wendy Hill, Ray Curtis, Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley

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

**EXCUSED:** Brian VanCamp

**GUESTS:** Shawn Crimmins, Eric Forsythe, Jennifer Schmidt, Lisa Skinner, Greg Perry

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

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

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

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – May 4, 2023 – (Carson/Fontanilla) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – May 17, 2023 (Informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: 1) The next meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup>, zoom only. 2) The council will be approving the 2024 budget, as well as voting in the new Executive Board positions. The nominees are: Chair – Greg Peterson, Tom Lemanna; Vice-Chair – Lila O’Mahoney; Treasurer – Chris Clem. 3) The Training, Education & Development Committee is planning on bringing the conference back in 2024. Tentatively they are looking at May 17 – 19 in Ocean Shores. Greg Perry reported: 1) WREMS just posted the prevention grant RFP on their website. Applications are due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. 2) The Strategic Plan for FY24-25 was approved and is now on the website for viewing and/or downloading. 3) The following meetings could use participation from anybody within the west region: Council – June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am; MPD – June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15pm; Prevention – June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am; Trauma QIF – June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm; Cardiac/Stroke – June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00/10:45am; Training/Education – June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00am. All meetings are zoom.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No May meeting.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: 1) Working on dates for 2024 MCI drills. 2) The following individuals were elected through acclimation: Chair – Shawn Crimmins; Vice-Chair – Jeremy Knight from Lacey police. 3) The next meeting is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1400.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: The committee was unable to meet in May due to a last-minute conflict. Chief Flowers with LFD was on the agenda to present her resilience OTEP, however since the meeting was cancelled, she recorded a voice over power point that they were planning on using for OTEP. This will be uploaded on to EMS1 once it has been reviewed and approved. A message will go out when it’s available.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Miller-Todd reported: No meeting in May due to a conflict of scheduling at Medic One, however there were a couple of components Miller-Todd wanted to speak on. There is an ongoing struggle with wait times and there will be continued discussion as we move forward. Derek Smith said the agreement between Olympic Ambulance and PSPH has been delivered but has not been finalized.
5. ePCR Committee – Jerett Latimer reported: The committee has not met since the last report; however, he mentioned the following: A change that is coming soon relating to ESO is the NEMSIS 3.5 change which is mostly going to affect how providers document dispositions. ESO has been sending over documentation that staff will start putting together and sending out so everyone is aware of what will change. These changes will be covered more in depth at the next ePCR committee meeting, and the effective date for the change is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Miller-Todd added the following: As soon as the state finishes their WAC development regarding submission for WEMSIS data, Thurston County will start reporting as mandated by the state’s regulatory framework. Latimer said there will not be any provider changes in terms of documentation.

- 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) Paramedic testing will happen June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. 2) The EMT class graduation is June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. 3) We've seen an uptick on our bystander CPR trainings. In 2022 the Utstein bystander survival rate jumped up to 44%.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMSC Report – Miller-Todd reported: 1) The council is looking to fill a number of WREMS positions. 2) There was an update on the Medic One levy and budget. We will be proceeding with a 7% increase in terms of year-to-year revenue. The budget office may allow us to project out 1.8% for new construction, and this would be in addition to the 7%. 3) All of the special project requests were funded fully at the 50% allowable reimbursement.
- B. PCR MPD Policy Update – Miller-Todd reported: The only PCR policy feedback received was from Chief Gregory so there will be a Bald Hills specific component of the PCR policy independently and directly with them. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> we will implement the current version as was distributed, for the PCR policy. This will be messaged through TAC and a variety of arenas.
- C. Surplus Units – Miller-Todd reported: Thurston County Public Health is looking to get rid of a 2020 built ambulance. It was appraised independently by a third party that was sent out to the Ops committee, for a fair market value of \$125,000. Applications will be emailed to each agency by the end of the day tomorrow and must be returned by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be ranked by the scoring criteria built into our surplus matrix. The surplus of this ambulance is independent from the Medic One unit surplus application process.
- D. CD Precautions – Miller-Todd reported: On behalf of TCOMM it was brought up at the last Ops meeting to take off CD precaution flags. Staff is asking the committee to make a motion to recommend removal to TCOMM, the CD precautions. (Carson/Hurley) move to recommend removal of the CD precautions, and this carried.
- E. PPE Documentation – Discontinue Validation - Miller-Todd reported: Currently in ESO we mandate every single provider document their PPE, prior to closing the chart. This step is becoming much more arduous than it needs to be and we see as something not necessary moving forward. There is still an expectation that PPE is worn appropriately but it can be within those times when it is most appropriate to document those components. This does not remove the ability to document or check mark check boxes on all of the worn PPE, it would just remove the mandatory validation against that component. (Hurley/Smith) move to approve the removal of validation in ESO for PPE documentation, and this carried. This will go into effect by the end of this week, and a notice will be given to the MSO group so they can disseminate to providers.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Miller-Todd shared a concern that was brought up at the EMSC meeting: There is a wavering timeline on when this will occur, but PSPH is struggling to have neurosurgery coverage past September. We are looking to have a joint briefing where we would invite PSPH to discuss this with both the Ops committee and the EMS council, in July. Brooks asked if this would jeopardize our level III trauma designation, and Wendy Rife said it does not.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:26.