

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Hybrid – 2703 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia
June 21, 2023**

PRESENT: Stan Moon, John Ricks, Brian VanCamp, Frank Kirkbride, Lenny Greenstein, Gary Edwards, Sheila Fay, Tom Carroll, Harry Miller, Margaret McPhee, Todd Carson, Larry Fontanilla

ABSENT: Wayne Fournier, Angela Jefferson

EXCUSED: Cindy Hambly

GUESTS: Dan Bivens, Derek Smith, Brian Hurley, Shawn Crimmins, Steve Brooks,

STAFF: Ben Miller-Todd, Sandra Bush, Chris Clem, Joy Keene, Scott Brownell

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

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – The agenda was amended to add Old Business, Item C. Comp Plan. (Ricks/Carson) move to approve the agenda as amended and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – May 17, 2023. (Kirkbride/Fay) move to approve the minutes, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – June 1, 2023 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) The Training Advisory Committee met and discussed resilience training as part of the OTEP plan. 2) The ePCR committee met and reported the state is finishing up on WAC development regarding submission for WEMSIS data, after which time the county will start reporting as mandated by the state's regulatory framework. 3) The PCR MPD policy was further discussed, and effective August 1st changes will be implemented. 4) Medic One is assisting Public Health with the surplus of an ambulance. 5) CD precautions have been ramped down to close to pre-pandemic levels.
- B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL:** Clem reported: 1) The slate of officers was elected for next year. Tom Lamanna will be Chair, Dr. O'Mahoney will be Vice-Chair and Chris Clem will be Secretary/Treasurer. 2) There was a final update on the strategic plan. All of the deliverables have been completed and reported to the state. 3) Budget numbers will be available early to mid-July. 4) They are planning on hosting an EMS conference next year.
- 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) There were 2 paramedics in the last hiring process and 1 passed. 2) EMT graduation was a success, with 14 students graduating. 3) The PSPH and Olympic Ambulance contract has been executed for the entry way component. Derek Smith added that they will be getting a daily update between the charge nurse at PSPH and Olympics supervisor, so they have an idea of what the census looks like for the day. Olympic Ambulance is also studying data, by hour by day, and looking at whether the thresholds are being met, and that staffing is being met.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ALS Workgroup Response Metrics – The metrics were vetted and approved by the Ops Committee, presented to the EMSC at their May meeting, and staff is asking the council for approval today. (Greenstein/Carroll) move to approve the ALS workgroup response metrics, and this carried.
- B. Medic One Levy – Miller-Todd presented the Medic One 10 Year Financial Plan which shows a projection thru 2027, the end of the stair step approach. The county budget office is considering an additional 1.8% increase in revenue for new construction, to the 7% levy increase. This will allow Medic One to provide the services/equipment that were presented in the levy ballot. There is the opportunity to have a potential \$1.6 million insertion that may be able to offset some of the equipment from a different funding

source (other than the Medic One levy). This would allow us to incorporate an 8th medic unit, starting in 2025. This would also allow us to achieve all the equipment replacement components under the current revenue and would keep us above the required 2-month expense fund balance.

- C. Comp Plan – Moon reported: The draft plan was presented in January 2020 and since the COVID pandemic is over, the comp plan committee will begin working on this again. The committee will consist of Frank Kirkbride, Margaret McPhee, John Ricks, Tom Carroll, Stan Moon, Lenny Greenstein, Ben Miller-Todd, 3 ALS Chiefs, and 2 BLS Chiefs, and will be chaired by Kirkbride.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WREMS Appointments – WREMS applications were received from the following individuals: Steve Brooks (position W-21), Tom Carroll (position W-71), Larry Fontanilla (position W-49), Ben Miller-Todd (position W-63), and Steven Slater (position W-15). (McPhee/Edwards) move to approve all 5 of the applications, and this carried.
- B. 2024/2025 Proposed Budget – Miller-Todd presented budgetary impacts on ER&R, 10-year plan impacts, budget details, 2023-2024-2025 comparisons, and a timeline of the next steps. The budget presentation will be emailed out to council members. We need to make sure we have a quorum at the July EMSC meeting as staff will be asking for approval on the 2024/2025 budget. The budget documents are due to the county budget office by August 4th. A meeting has been scheduled for July 7th if council members have any detailed questions outside of this meeting.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Miller-Todd reported that staff will be setting up a time for PSPH to speak to Ops and the EMSC regarding neurosurgery and their stroke and trauma care. 2) Kirkbride reported that he received a newsletter from PSPH, and they have created a new department on the 2nd floor to be able to relieve the emergency department of some 20 or 40 beds.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:29.