

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID - ESC
August 3, 2023**

PRESENT

(In-Person): Steve Brooks, Todd Carson, Jonnica Elkins, Leonard Johnson, Derek Smith, Ray Curtis

PRESENT

(Virtual): Ciaran Keogh, Mark Gregory, Wendy Rife, Brian Hurley, Carla Carter

ABSENT: Mindy Churchwell, Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED: Brian VanCamp

GUESTS:

STAFF: Ben Miller-Todd, Daphne Reaves

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

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: There has not been a council meeting since the last Ops meeting, however there was an executive meeting with the new officers on Monday. 2024 conference planning is underway and is planned for May 17 – 19, 2024 at the Ocean Shores convention center. The next WREMS council meeting is September 9th at 10:00 via zoom.
- B. **Subcommittees**
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Miller-Todd reported: We are still experiencing several drug shortages, mainly Ketamine, so we are working through a variety of options. Also, the committee is looking at a replacement for video laryngoscopes.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: The 2023 Resilience OTEP was finalized so we are working on getting the online portion uploaded to EMS1 Academy and updating the OTEP guidance documents for the persons skills portion of it. The next TAC meeting is the in-person workshop September 21st at Medic One and will be starting development of the 2024 MCI OTEP.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Miller-Todd reported: There has been an uptick of wait times at both facilities and we are working through a variety of different options to address this. Additionally, there have been some potential changes that are occurring in terms of the BLS transport pilot, with Lacey's implementation, and Ben believes Tumwater is moving forward as well, of dedicated units and floating units around the county, which will be continuously evaluated. The next meeting for TRU is August 10th.
 5. ePCR Committee – Miller-Todd reported: Final edits are being made to the ePCR policy. The CBD association is being removed that is in the current proposed policy. Further updates will be disseminated soon so we can meet the new effective date of October 1st.
- 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) Jerett Latimer, Medic One IT support, is leaving and moving on to the State Auditor's office. We will be posting for this position immediately. 2) August 16th our ALS Training Coordinator begins work at Medic One. 3) Liz Gore with LFD3 accepted a part-time position at Medic One and will be performing cardiac arrest reviews.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMSC Report – Miller-Todd reported: 1) The EMSC recommended the 2024/2025 budget to the Board of County Commissioners. There has been a proposed increase of \$120,000 to BLS funding. There is also a proposal in the budget to replace medic units, AEDS, ventilators, radios, and tablets and the purchase of an 8th medic unit, with staffing associated with it.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SEI Staffing – Clem provided a presentation on where we stand with SEIs in Thurston County and what the plan is moving forward. The presentation included what the initial and ongoing requirements are for SEIs. The current status is 5 certified SEIs, 1 SEI candidate, and 2 interested Thurston County providers. Moving forward we will finish the process with the current SEI candidate, start another provider through the SEI process in 2024-1, ideally maintain 5-6 active SEIs, and have 2 classes per year with a maximum of 6 SEIs.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Miller-Todd said effective 9/1/23 we are switching out the MPDD from Dr. Skinner to Dr. Conway, while Dr. Skinner is on a 1-year sabbatical. 2) Derek Smith provided an update on the PSPH entry way program: As of July 1st, Olympic Ambulance has stood up 5 times for a total of 18 hours and captured 15 patients.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:23.