

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
HYBRID - ESC  
November 2, 2023**

**PRESENT**

**(In-Person):** Mike Buchanan, Ray Curtis, Brian VanCamp, Brian Hurley, Larry Fontanilla, Ciaran Keogh, Wendy Hill, Steve Brooks

**PRESENT**

**(Virtual):** Mark Gregory, Wendy Rife, Tony Kuzma

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

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Joel Smith (I), Michael Hughes (V), Chris Patti (V), Rian Winter (V), Kevin Heindel (V), Shawn Crimmins (V), Pamela Brown (V), Tammy Smith (V), Alisha C.(?sp) (V), Joey Rodriguez (I), Elizabeth Gore (I)

**STAFF:** Ben Miller-Todd, Sandra Bush, Chris Clem, Clint Wathen

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

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

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – October 5, 2023 – (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve the minutes and this carried.
2. EMS Council – No October meeting (Informational only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: 1) The council has not met since the last Ops meeting. The next meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup> by zoom only. There is discussion about possibly moving to a hybrid format in 2024. 2) The Training Education Committee (TED) is continuing to plan the conference, which is May 17 – 19, 2024. Medic One will be doing a skills session with our new Point of Care ultrasound devices.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Rian Winter reported: 1) Drug shortages include: D50, 250 cc sapine bottles, lidocaine, ketamine, albuterol and sodium bicarbonate. 2) Video laryngoscope is in finance, no changes. 3) Sterile gloves are available for central line placement. 4) POCUS probe covers are being ordered. Kits are going to be put together for POCUS IV and central line starts. 5) New BVM rollout program is in process before trial starts. 6) Next meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 0930.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No meeting, no report. Next meeting is November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1000.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No meeting since the last Ops meeting.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: Continuing to get updates from the hospitals and private ambulance providers. Still working through the notification process for ambulance levels, and the Ops Chiefs are still looking at the best way to share that information. Clem said the stand-alone ED folks have been invited to the next TRU meeting, as well as NW Ambulance, to talk about transport plans from the ED facilities.
5. ePCR Committee – Clem reported: The ePCR meeting has been combined with the BLS MSO meetings.

C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMSC Report – No October meeting to report on.
- B. EMT Course Workgroup Charter – Clem reported: The first meeting is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, and he will send out materials later today or tomorrow. Recommendation was planned for December; however, this has been moved to the January Ops meeting.
- C. TCMO Medical Protocols – Clem presented some of the changes and new features that have been made to the protocol document, which has been submitted to DOH. April 1, 2024 is the estimated effective date.

- D. TCMO 2024-2025 Budget Process – Miller-Todd reported: Budget deliberations were last week and preliminarily everything that was recommended by the EMSC has been approved; however, public comments will be heard on December 5<sup>th</sup>, so a tentative approval date is December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- E. EMSC Comprehensive Plan – Clem reported: Various stakeholders have presented to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Olympic Ambulance will present at the meeting following Ops today, and South Sound Behavioral Hospital is scheduled to present at a future meeting. The stakeholder presentations will be incorporated in the comprehensive plan document.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2024 Ambulance Applications – (Brooks/Keogh) move to recommend the 2024 ambulance applications for Olympic Ambulance and AMR to the EMSC, and this carried. NW Ambulance is applying for an ambulance license, as they will be the transport unit for the stand-alone ED. If they are unable to receive a license, then Olympic Ambulance will be the transport unit.

## **VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Chair VanCamp asked the committee about cancelling the December meeting if there are no critical discussions or actions. Miller-Todd said we have a pending issue with an opening OCED that is going to happen in the middle of December, and we are still trying to find out what is going to happen with response to that facility. A cancellation notice will go out to the committee if it turns out that December will be cancelled.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT** – (Buchanan/Curtis) move to adjourn the meeting at 2:46, and this carried.