

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID - ESC
December 7, 2023**

PRESENT

(In-Person): Shawn Crimmins, Mark Gregory, Derek Smith, Ray Curtis, Leonard Johnson, Larry Fontanilla, Wendy Hill, Brian VanCamp, Mike Buchanan

PRESENT

(Virtual): Brian Hurley, Wendy Rife, Mindy Churchwell, Carla Carter

ABSENT: Matthew Morris, Ciaran Keogh

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Kevin Heindel (V), Michael Hughes (V), Joel Smith, NW Ambulance (V), Rian Winter (V), Eric Forsythe (V), Pamela Mattson (V), Paul Mitchell, NW Ambulance (I)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair VanCamp 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 – November 2, 2023 – (Johnson/Crimmins) move to approve the minutes and this carried.
2. EMS Council – November 15, 2023 (Informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **West Region EMS Council** – Clem reported: 1) The council met on 12/6/2023. 2) NW Ambulance presented their EMS Service and Vehicle License application and the council asked to delay their vote until TC EMS Council has had a chance to review and vote. There will be a special council meeting on 12/21 or 12/22 to take action. 3) Olympic Ambulance presented their Grays Harbor County ALS verified application and it was voted to recommend approval to DOH. 4) DOH presented the new trauma triage tool. They will have training resources available on the new tool by January.
- B. **Subcommittees**
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Rian Winter reported on the November 15, 2023 meeting: 1) Drug shortages are saline irrigation bottles, Lidocaine, Ketamine, Albuterol and Bicarb. Chris Clem found a device to get around the saline irrigation. Medic One was able to get a very small amount of Ketamine, and was told a new concentration was available, however it appears that it is not available at this time, and staff is still working on this. 2) The Video Laryngoscopy has been ordered and should be put into service early next year. 3) TFD just received their shipment of Adjustable BVMs and will be testing them before full deployment. 4) A POCUS prep pack is being created for guided IV starts. 5) There was discussion on Peds Bags and whether the kits are being used or if providers just use the Broselow tape and work out of their regular kits.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported that the committee met 11/28/23 and formalized changes to the MCI plan. Clem reported on MCI training for 2024: There will be an OTEP module with MCI drills across the county. Still working on dates for the larger drills – OFD has a drill scheduled for 6/26/24, TFD will be either 7/8/24 or 7/12/24, based on Tumwater PD's availability, and still working through details with LFD.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No meeting since the last Ops meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/18/23 via zoom.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: The last meeting was primarily focused on OCED (Off Campus ED), and masking requirements. Mindy Churchwell said she walked the campus and there is a field in the back that the city might own, and Airlift NW is going to ask the city to pave it for a helipad.
 5. ePCR Committee – Clem reported: The ePCR meeting has been combined with TAC and TAC has not met since the last Ops meeting.

- C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx> Miller-Todd added that Medic One received a signed offer letter for the Paramedic Program Manager position. Juan Mejias will join the Medic One staff on January 2, 2024. A notice will be sent out on December 15th.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **EMSC Report** – VanCamp reported: 1) A detailed budget update was presented. 2) 3rd quarter 2023 budget vs actual was presented. 3) The EMSC approved the 2024 ambulance applications for Olympic and AMR. 4) There was discussion on the new MultiCare OCED.
- B. **TCMO Protocols** – Miller-Todd reported: The protocols were re-formatted, and an updated version was submitted to the state on December 1st, and it is anticipated to go live April 1, 2024. The draft protocols are on the Medic One website, as well as an executive summary.
- C. **EMT Workgroup Update** – Clem reported: The workgroup met on November 27th, and they were able to get through the remainder of the rules for comment and discussion. Clem is working on the notes and putting them into a draft of the new rule set and planning on having this done and out to the group tomorrow for review. The plan is to present to Ops in January.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Patient Delivery Process to the OCED** – Miller-Todd reported: The go live on the OCED is December 13th. Information will be disseminated to the agencies, including maps of where units can pull in, which is parallel to Selma St. ESO and all other environments will be updated with the OCED as a destination, and Scott Brownell has been working to integrate Tracker into their system so they will have charts go their way as well. Step traumas, STEMIs, strokes, and those types of things cannot go to the OCED, as well as OB patients. The slide included a report line of 564-669-5223, however MultiCare put a new number in chat of 564-669-5210. Miller-Todd reminded the committee that the OCED is a 24/7 facility, and if a 911 is activated, it rolls over to Thurston County protocols.
- B. **Northwest Ambulance Services** – Miller-Todd explained the differences between the two applications that are on the agenda for NW Ambulance. Recommendation on the DOH application will go back to DOH, and recommendation on the Thurston County ambulance application will go to the EMS Council, and then to the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners. The service provided by NW Ambulance will be strictly for the MultiCare OCED and Miller-Todd is recommending a letter be attached to the DOH application regarding the restriction of the license.
- C. **Northwest Ambulance – DOH EMS Service and Vehicle License Application** – (Johnson/Brooks) move to recommend approval of the NW Ambulance license application with trauma verification limited to interfacility emergency and non-emergency only, within Thurston County, and this carried with one abstaining.
- D. **Northwest Ambulance – TC Ambulance Application** – (Johnson/Buchanan) move to approve recommendation to the EMS Council for the NW Ambulance application with a letter of limitation attached, and this carried with one abstaining.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Miller-Todd mentioned masking is required in clinical areas at both hospitals, due to RSV. Buchanan said Chief Morris will be at the next meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Curtis/Smith) move to adjourn the meeting at 2:55, and this carried.