

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Hybrid – 2703 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia
December 20, 2023**

PRESENT

(In-Person): Stan Moon, Brian VanCamp, Frank Kirkbride, Lenny Greenstein, Tom Carroll, Margaret McPhee, Cindy Hambly, John Ricks, Gary Edwards, Brian Hurley

PRESENT

(Virtual): Harry Miller

ABSENT: Wayne Fournier, City of Olympia (TBD)

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla, Sheila Fay

GUESTS: Steve Slater (V), Jennifer Schmidt (V)

STAFF: Ben Miller-Todd, Sandra Bush, Joy Keene, Chris Clem, Daniel Ehlig

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 – (Kirkbride/Edwards) move to approve the agenda and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – November 15, 2023 (Ricks/Edwards) move to approve the minutes, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – December 7, 2023 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) Committee reports were provided. 2) Protocol updates have been submitted to DOH for their review and approval. 3) Chris Clem provided an update on the EMT class handbook workgroup. 4) There was discussion on the opening of the MultiCare off campus ED. The Ops committee recommended approval of the NW ambulance application for DOH, and the County ambulance application, to the EMSC which is on today's agenda.
- B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL:** Kirkbride reported: 1) The NW Ambulance application to DOH was reviewed and the council is asking for recommendation from the EMSC. If the EMSC recommends approval of the license application, WREMS will hold a special meeting tomorrow to act on it. 2) The strategic plan is on schedule. 3) Next meeting is March 6, 2024.
- 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) The new Paramedic Program Manager, Juan Mejias, will start work on January 2, 2024. 2) Paramedic hiring process is 1/10 – 1/11/2024. 3) 15 EMTs graduated this past Monday. 4) The Medic One budget was approved in full for 2024-2025. There was an over charging of population by \$140,000, which will be spread out over 3 years, and is a reduction of approx., \$46,000 a year. There will be no operational impacts to this.

V. OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Northwest Ambulance – DOH EMS Service and Vehicle License Application – At the December Operations Committee meeting there was a motion to recommend to the EMS Council a DOH EMS service and vehicle license application for NW Ambulance, for interfacility transports from the MultiCare Off Campus Emergency Department. (Greenstein/Ricks) move to approve the DOH service and vehicle license

application, and this carried, with Edwards abstaining.

- B. Northwest Ambulance – Thurston County Ambulance Application – (Greenstein/Carroll) move to approve the Thurston County business license application (ambulance license) being sent to the Thurston County Commissioners, and this carried with Edwards abstaining.
- C. Establishment of EMS Council By-Law Review Committee – Chair Moon asked the council to approve an ad hoc committee for reviewing the current bylaws. There are a number of things that have not been reviewed for some time, and with the increase of County Commissioners, there will be an increase to members on the EMS Council. Members of the committee will include Greenstein, Carroll, Hambly, Chief VanCamp, and Moon, and Greenstein will chair. (McPhee/Ricks) move to approve appointing a committee to examine the bylaws, and this carried. The committee will present back to the council for a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.
- D. MultiCare – Lacey OCED – Miller-Todd shared information on the Lacey OCED, that he shared at the Ops Committee meeting. The OCED is the off-campus ED located on Golf Club Rd. The OCED is licensed as an emergency department, however they are not a cardiac center, and they do not have a cath-lab. If Thurston County providers transport patients to or from this ED, Thurston County protocols apply.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER - None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT– Meeting adjourned at 4:08.