

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ REGULAR MEETING
HYBRID MEETING

AGENDA

March 7, 2024, 2:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Operations Committee – February 1, 2024
 - B. EMS Council - February 21, 2024 (informational only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. West Region EMS Council
 - B. Subcommittees
 - 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Chair or Representative
 - 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Chair or Representative
 - 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chair or Representative
 - 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chair or Representative
 - 5. ePCR Committee – Chair or Representative
 - C. Staff Report - <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	EMSC Report	Gregory	Informational
C.			

VII. NEW BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	Medic One Office Hours	Miller-Todd	Information
B.	Semi-Annual Review of Ambulance Ordinance	Gregory	Discussion
C.	Medic One Committee Structure	Miller-Todd	Action x 4
D.	EMSC Bylaws Update	Miller-Todd	Informational
E.	Paramedics Staffing Update	Miller-Todd	Informational
F.	Zoom to Teams Transition	Miller-Todd	Informational

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

IX. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is hybrid. If you would like to attend in person, the meeting will be at 2703 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia. If you would like to attend this meeting virtually, please follow the instructions below:

March 7, 2024, 2:00 pm

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THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID - ESC
February 1, 2023

PRESENT

(In-Person): Brian Hurley, Anders Conway, Wendy Hill, Brian VanCamp, Steve Brooks, Ray Curtis

PRESENT

(Virtual): Wendy Rife, Mark Gregory, Eric Forsythe, Ciaran Keogh

ABSENT: Mindy Churchwell, Matthew Morris, Leonard Johnson

EXCUSED: Carla Carter

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins (I), Derek Smith (I), Jennifer Schmidt (I), Joey Rodriguez (I), Tammy Smith (V), Chris Patti (I), Kevin Heindel (V)

STAFF: Ben Miller-Todd, Sandra Bush, Chris Clem, Scott Brownell, Juan Mejias

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC – The agenda was amended to remove ‘Establish Quality Improvement Committee’ and ‘Behavioral Health’. (Hurley/Brooks) move to approve the agenda as amended and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – January 4, 2024 – (Curtis/Brooks) move to approve the minutes and this carried.
2. EMS Council – No January meeting (Informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **West Region EMS Council** – No WREMS meeting since Ops met last. Training, Education and Development committee (TED) is continuing the planning for the EMS conference May 17 - 19.
- B. **Subcommittees**
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Keogh reported: 1) Drug shortages: Lidocaine, Ketamine, Albuterol, and Sodium Bicarb. Due to availability, we’ve switched from the 250-irrigation saline to Seljet. 2) The McGrath video laryngoscope is in stock; however, training still needs to take place so there is no ETA on roll-out. 3) Steerable bougies are in stock and we will demo those. 4) We are still searching for infant BVMs for the mercury medical adjustable BVMs.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No report.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: There was limited participation at the last meeting. There was discussion about including South Sound Behavioral Health, and Brooks said there was some interesting information that came out about Madigan that could warrant some investigation.
 5. ePCR Committee – No report.
- C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMT Class Workgroup – Clem presented highlights of the information that was changed by request. (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve recommendation of the EMT class handbook to DOH for approval, and this carried.
- B. MPD PCR Policy – Miller-Todd said the final draft was sent out, and posted on the website, and will be in place April 1, 2024. Brooks asked if this would be agency to agency, and Miller-Todd confirmed that it will be, and said it will be a compliment to the protocols. Brooks also asked if this is available on the ‘App’ and Miller-Todd said not at this time.
- C. OCED Transports – Miller-Todd reported: There is a significant higher amount of EMS traffic in and out of the OCED than what was anticipated. Traffic can be tracked on the dashboard. In December there were 5 public transports, and there were 25 for January. Derek with Olympic Ambulance said things are going great. January there was a total of 151 requests for out of the OCED, with the majority going to CMC or Tacoma General. They also dropped off 130

patients in total. Joey Rodriguez with Olympic said they have seen an uptick in mental health transports from the OCED to Smokey Point, which he believes is based on bed placement. Tammy with the OCED said she does not have the resources to take care of a restrained patient. Miller-Todd said TRU will establish a workgroup, made up of a variety of stakeholders in the system, to address issues regarding transports of mental health patients. Eric with AMR said for the month of January they had 44 transports into the Lacey OCED and 16 were from South Sound Behavioral Health. Eric said Neil Lacanlale with South Sound Behavioral health would be a good contact for discussions. Miller-Todd said NW Ambulance has been approved by DOH, so they are actively in our system, and we are going through the process of getting the reciprocity done. Brooks thanked Olympic for their ability to step up and help with the transports.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Draft Rules for WAC 246-976 – Miller-Todd said this has been 6 years in the process of making and it is finally in the comments period. There will be a public hearing on March 7, 2024, and comments will be accepted until 5pm on March 7th. Miller-Todd said there are a couple of components that were included in the WAC – for MPDs that would like to maintain the skills component to DOH's WAC for recertification, has been maintained, but the State has also included MPD discretion for those agencies that struggle to be able to send people to the OR and would like to do a separate training module. 2.6.976 is the EMS chapter in the WAC.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Clem: Evaluator workshop just completed, and comments were made about pay for volunteers. Volunteers can be set up as employees with Medic One and they will need to fill out a timesheet for their time. Career providers time can be billed to Medic One on an invoice, for reimbursement out of their BLS funds. Miller-Todd: Medic One is planning a 50th anniversary gala for September 28th. Ben will send an email to stakeholders asking if the 28th will conflict with any major events.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Hybrid – 2703 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia
February 21, 2024**

PRESENT

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

PRESENT

(Virtual): Harry Miller, Angela Jefferson, Sheila Fay, Liberty Hetzler

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla, Matthew Morris, Gary Edwards

GUESTS: Steve Brooks (V), Mindy Churchwell (V), Wendy Rife (V), Shawn Crimmins (I), Derek Smith (I), Brian Hurley (V), Daniel Bivens (I)

STAFF: Ben Miller-Todd, Sandra Bush, Joy Keene, Chris Clem, Clint Wathen, Juan Mejias

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 – (Greenstein/Ricks) move to approve the agenda and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – December 20, 2023 (Greenstein/McPhee) move to approve the minutes, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – January 4, 2024, February 1, 2024 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) The Ops committee passed recommendation of a new EMT class handbook to the EMSC. 2) The new MPD PCR policy will be put in place April 1st, which explains how and when patient care reports are submitted. 3) Transfers in/out at the new Lacey off campus ED were discussed. 4) Comments on DOH proposed draft rules for WAC 246-976 (EMS Program) will be received through March 7, 2024.
- B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL:** No regional meeting since the last EMSC meeting. The EMS conference will be in May, in Ocean Shores.
- 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 spring EMT class is underway with 32 students currently enrolled. 2) Staff is working on paramedic recruitment – ads have been placed with JEMS, Indeed, and Daily Dispatch. Information is on our website and Facebook.

V. OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Medic One Office Hours – Effective April 1, 2024, Medic One business hours will change to 7am – 4pm, Monday – Friday. These hours align with Emergency Management.
- B. EMSC Meeting Day/Time – With the addition of 2 County Commissioner's, there has been a change in the Commissioner's schedules, so the EMS Council meeting will change to the 4th Thursday of each month, effective with the April meeting. We have 3 options for times, either 1pm – 2pm, 2pm – 3pm, or 3pm – 4pm. Staff will send out a doodle poll, asking members for their preferred time.
- C. Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council Membership Application – Position # W-34 & W-35 – An

application was received from Justin Bell for the W-34 position (Emergency Room Nurse rep) and Wendy Rife for the W-35 position (Trauma Program Manager). (Greenstein/Carroll) move to recommend to DOH the approval of the applications for both positions, W-34 & W-35, and this carried.

- D. EMT Class Policies & Procedures – Clem reported: The EMT class handbook had not been updated for quite some time, so the Ops committee chartered a workgroup, with representation from the EMSC, Ops, MPD, Medic One staff, SEIs, EMS Evaluators, and Thurston County Fire Commissioners to review the current rule set. The updated draft included in the meeting packet was presented to the Ops committee for review, and after editing and discussions with the Ops committee and associated agencies, Ops is asking the EMSC for their recommendation to DOH.

Hambly had the following questions/suggestions: 1) Attendance/Absences, #4 – “absences must be approved prior to the missed class”. Who approves this? Clem said the SEI approves it. 2) Make-Up Requirements, #3 – Underline “must” in the first sentence and remove the 2nd sentence. 3) Testing, #5 – strike “the student has 2 retake attempts to achieve the passing score” and replace with “the student will retake the test until a passing score is achieved”. 4) Attire & Hygiene, #1 – Chris will add duty pants and dark colored shoes, to the attire expectations. (Hambly/Greenstein) move to recommend the EMT class policies to DOH, as amended, and this carried.

- E. Board of Health Briefing – Miller-Todd reported: In the current medical environment, a large part of what is being discussed in a variety of committee meetings, is how to break down barriers, or silos, in health care and how to communicate and coordinate effectively across different entities. There are some items that have become prominent, where there is a very clear need to integrate EMS, Public Health and other healthcare entities and make sure there is collaboration, communication, and effective managing to break down silos. Miller-Todd and Fontanilla will present a briefing to the Board of Health on April 9th at 3:45 pm, at the Atrium. The briefing will be presented to the EMS council at the March meeting. Miller-Todd and Fontanilla will routinely brief the Board of Health, on an annual basis.
- F. 8th Medic Unit Anticipated Timeline – Miller-Todd reported: The 8th medic unit will require 10 new paramedics and funding is available in the 2025 budget for this. The biggest hurdle we will be facing is the expected need to hire 20 or more paramedics throughout 2024 into 2025 to not only meet the current shortage of 10 paramedics, but also add the additional 10 necessary for the additional Medic Unit. As mentioned in the staff report, staff is working on national recruiting, and working with military partners up north. Angela Jefferson asked Miller-Todd about speaking to the military medics at Madigan who are nearing their end of time of service. Jefferson also suggested having a recruiter on staff. Trevor Palmer, Yelm City Council, asked about staff speaking to the National Guard.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER - None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT– Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

ORDINANCE NO. 15751

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 6.16, SECTIONS 6.16.010, 6.16.030, 6.16.040, 6.16.050,
6.16.055, 6.16.100 OF THE THURSTON COUNTY CODE**

WHEREAS, The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners adopted revisions to the original Thurston County Title 6, Ordinance No. 10091, on June 15, 1992, ordinance No. 7928, on November 6, 1984, Ordinance No. 11941 on May 24, 2009, and Ordinance No. 15505 on August 29, 2016, consistent with RCW 18.73; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County Medic One would like to correct the current Ordinance for any grammar and spelling errors, update fees and liability insurance requirements, and establish reimbursement rates for private ambulance transports with an accompanying paramedic.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY DOES ORDAIN TO ADOPT REVISIONS AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 6.16 - AMBULANCES

Sections:

6.16.010 - Definitions.

- A. "Ambulance" means any private vehicle that is especially designed, constructed, equipped, maintained or used for the transportation of patients which is operated as part of an ambulance service for hire.
- B. "Ambulance service" means any business involving ownership, operation, management or maintenance of any ambulance within Thurston County.
- C. "Medic One personnel" means any person who is acting on behalf of a fire department, regional fire authority, or a fire district and who has been certified as a paramedic, emergency medical technician, first responder, or advanced first aider.
- D. "Medical transport officer" means emergency response person who is responsible for patient transports.
- E. "Operations committee" means the operations committee of the emergency medical services council.
- F. "Patient" means an individual who is sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.
- G. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose, or organization of any kind, including any governmental agency other than the United States.

(Ord. 10091 § 1, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. 15505, 8-29-2017)

6.16.020 - License required.

- A. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, no person shall operate an ambulance or ambulance service within unincorporated Thurston County, unless licensed to do so by Thurston County.
- B. No such license shall be issued unless:
 - 1. The application has fulfilled all applicable requirements of the laws of the state of Washington, including but not limited to Chapters 18.73 and 70.168 RCW and Chapter 246-976 WAC, as those chapters currently exist or are hereafter amended;
 - 2. The applicant has met all the requirements of this chapter, including standards and regulations recommended by the EMS Council and approved by the board of commissioners pursuant to this chapter.
- C. A license is not required for ambulances entering Thurston County solely for the purpose of transporting patients from Thurston County to a medical facility outside of Thurston County, or for ambulance service rendered during a disaster when determined by the Medical Transport Officer to be necessary to a specific incident.
- D. Each license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.
- E. This chapter shall not be construed to preclude any city's requirement for a business license.

(Ord. 11941 § 1, 1999: Ord. 10091 § 2, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.030 - License application and reapplication.

All applications to operate an ambulance or ambulance service shall be submitted with a one hundred dollar application fee to the Medic One office, 2703 Pacific Avenue SE, Suite C, Olympia, Washington, on forms provided by the Medic One office. If all requirements of this chapter and all standards and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter have been met, the license application shall be approved by the board of county commissioners upon recommendation of the operations committee and the auditor shall issue the license. The application shall, at a minimum, contain the following information:

- A. Name, home address and telephone number of the applicant;
- B. Business name under which the ambulance service will be operated within the county, together with business address and telephone number;
- C. If the ambulance service is a corporation, the name and address of the officers and directors of such corporation, and in case of a partnership, the name and address of each general or limited partner;
- D. A description of each ambulance, including the make, model, year of manufacture, VIN number, together with current state license number; and the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate applicant's ambulance;
- E. The location(s) from which the ambulance service is intended to operate and the number of licensed medical attendants to be initially employed;
- F. List of current employees and evidence of emergency medical technician certification, for such employees, including the certification expiration date. The list shall be updated in writing quarterly and filed with the operations committee;
- G. Any changes in the information provided on the current application shall be submitted in writing to the Medic One office within ten working days of the changes;
- H. Application for renewal of licenses must be submitted with a fee of one hundred dollars by January 31st of each year;

- I. The operations committee shall have sixty days from the date of receipt to reject renewal applicants. Those applications not rejected within the sixty-day period shall be automatically renewed. The Operations Committee Chair shall inform the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) on all applications for informational purposes.

(Ord. 11941 § 2, 1999; Ord. 10091 § 3, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. 15505, 8-29-2017)

6.16.040 - Insurance.

- A. No ambulance service shall be issued a license until the operator has submitted to the operations committee a certificate of insurance for automobile liability insurance in a minimum amount of two million dollars and professional insurance in a minimum amount of one million dollars issued by an insurance company approved by the county. The insurer shall be a company licensed to do business in the state.
- B. Said insurance certificate shall be submitted to the operations committee approval prior to the issuance of each ambulance license. Satisfactory evidence that such insurance is at all times in full force and effect shall be furnished to the operations committee, in such form as may be specified, by all licensees required to provide such insurance under the terms of this chapter.
- C. Every insurance policy required under this section shall contain a provision for continuing liability thereunder to the full amount thereof, notwithstanding any recovery thereon, that the liability of the insurer shall not be affected by the insolvency or the bankruptcy of the insured, and that, until the policy is revoked, the insurance company will not be relieved from liability on account of nonpayment of premium, failure to renew license at the end of the year, or any other act or omission of the name insured.
- D. Every insurance policy required under this section shall extend for the period to be covered by the license applied for, and the insurer shall be obliged to give not less than thirty days' written notice to the operations committee and to the insured before any cancellation or termination of the policy earlier than its expiration date, and the cancellation or other termination of any such policy shall automatically revoke and terminate any license issued for the ambulances covered by such policy, unless a substitute insurance policy complying with the provisions of this section shall be provided and be in effect at or prior to the time of such cancellation or termination.

(Ord. 10091 § 4, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.050 - Filing of ambulance rates required.

- A. Each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall, upon filing an application for licensure, file with the Medic One office its schedule of rates to be charged for its services, for the duration of the calendar year in which the license is to be issued. Thereafter, each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall annually file with the Medic One office its schedule of rates to be charged for its services. Said annual rates schedule shall be filed on or before the first day of December of the year preceding the year for which the schedule is to be in effect. The schedules of rates shall be a matter of public record and open to public inspection in the Medic One office during normal business hours. Any revision during the calendar year shall be filed with the Medic One office at least thirty days prior to the rate change becoming effective. Any revisions filed with the Medic One office shall be open to public inspection.
- B. It is unlawful for any ambulance service, including any of its agents or employees, to charge, demand, collect or receive any greater rate of fare than those posted with the county Medic One office. It is unlawful for any ambulance service to charge for any service, equipment or supplies not provided by the ambulance service to the patient.

- C. It is unlawful for any ambulance service to transport a patient without advising the patient or person authorizing the transport, in advance of the transport, that they will be billed for transport services according to the rate schedule. A patient may be transported without said advisement only in circumstances when the delay in obtaining the authorization would be detrimental to the emergency care of the patient.
- D. In the rare circumstance where a Medic One Paramedic accompanies a patient on the private ambulance transport unit due to emergency circumstances, the private ambulance company shall bill Medic One according to their respective published rate schedules. Medic One will set their reimbursement rate schedule according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rate schedule and shall publish this no later than January 1st of each year. No additional fee, charge, or other cost shall be submitted to the patient or their health care provider.

(Ord. 11941 § 3, 1999; Ord. 10091 § 5, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.055 - Ambulance color scheme restrictions.

- A. The color scheme used by ambulance vehicles must be a color or color combination different than the color schemes reserved for Thurston County Medic One vehicles. The color schemes reserved for the exclusive use by Thurston County Medic One vehicles shall be: red vehicle and/or patient compartment with white or any color stripes(s) and/or white or any color lettering/graphics. No lettering with the words Medic One, medic, Thurston County or fire department are allowed. No Medic One unique markings or logos are allowed.
- B. No change in ambulance color scheme or company identifying features will be allowed for the duration of the license. A change in the color scheme or company identifying features will require Notification to the Operations Committee.

(Ord. 11941 § 4, 1999)

6.16.060 - License revocation.

- A. The Board of Thurston County commissioners may suspend or revoke any license issued under this chapter for failure of the licensee to comply with, or for the violation of, any provision, standard or requirement of this chapter or for any regulations promulgated hereunder. Prior to any such suspension or revocation, the board shall notify the licensee, in writing, of the intended action and of the opportunity to request a hearing concerning the proposed action within ten working days from the date of the notice. If a hearing is requested in writing by the licensee within said period, the proposed action shall not be taken, if at all, until after completion of the hearing.
- B. Any ambulance service may appeal to the board of county commissioners for review of the findings. Such appeal must be in writing and must be filed with the board of county commissioners within ten days of the license suspension or revocation shall be stayed until such time as the board has reviewed the findings and entered its decision. The stay shall not affect subsequent suspensions or revocations for subsequent violations.

(Ord. 10091 § 6, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.070 - Recordkeeping.

Each licensee shall maintain complete and accurate records, which shall include information regarding requests for services and transportation of each patient within the county by the licensee. All such records shall be available for inspection at the Medic One office at all reasonable times.

(Ord. 10091 § 7, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.080 - Availability of equipment and personnel.

Each licensee under this chapter shall maintain a minimum of two ambulances, at least one of which is staffed on a twenty-four hour basis.

(Ord. 10091 § 8, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.085 - Ambulance personnel uniforms and identification.

It is unlawful for ambulance personnel to wear public agency uniforms while on duty for private ambulance companies. It is unlawful for private ambulance personnel to wear uniforms lettered with the words Medic One, medic, Thurston County or fire department. Personnel will identify themselves to the patient or person authorizing transport as personnel of the ambulance company they represent.

(Ord. 11941 § 5, 1999)

6.16.090 - Inspections.

- A. An authorized representative of the county may conduct an inspection of a licensee upon the receipt of any complaint about said licensee. In addition to the inspections identified above, an authorized representative of the county may, during normal business hours, inspect the records, equipment and accessories of any licensee hereunder.
- B. Each licensee shall pay an inspection fee in the amount specified annually by the board of county commissioners for each inspection prompted by a complaint; provided, however, that no such inspection fee shall be paid if the board of county commissioners determines that the complaint was unwarranted or without substantial merit. All inspection fees shall be due and payable within ten days of the date of the inspection.

(Ord. 10091 § 9, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.100 - Medic One—Ambulance dispatch.

- A. In order to provide optimum patient care in Thurston County and release Medic One aid cars to respond to other emergency calls, when needed, the ambulance service whose base station or branch office is located nearest the incident may be called by Thurston County central dispatch as determined by Medic One personnel at the scene. If central dispatch is unable to contact an ambulance service or an ambulance service cannot respond immediately, then the next nearest ambulance service may be contacted. This referral service does not preclude a patient from requesting that a specific ambulance service be dispatched.
- B. This referral service does not prevent a fire district or city from contracting with a private ambulance service from transportation exclusively in their jurisdiction.
- C. No effort shall be made by the licensee to assume the custody of a patient before release of custody has been made by Medic One personnel in charge at the scene.

(Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.110 - Operations committee.

- A. The operations committee shall act as an advisory committee to the Thurston County Emergency Medical Services council and Board of County Commissioners regarding the administration of this chapter.
- B. The operations committee shall meet at least semiannually to review and recommend amendments to this chapter to the board of county commissioners. The operations committee will meet with all Thurston County licensed ambulance companies regarding any proposed amendments. The committee may recommend new or different equipment to be required of ambulance services.

(Ord. 10091 § 10, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. 15505, 8-29-2017)

6.16.120 - Violation—Penalty.

- A. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or attempt to operate an ambulance or ambulance service without first complying with the provisions of this chapter, including all standards and regulations adopted by Thurston County pursuant to this chapter. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of violating any provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars. Each day during which any person, firm or corporation is in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation.
- B. According to established administrative procedures, the operations committee, who has solicited a quorum vote, may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting an ambulance service from operation within Thurston County, or such other order as deemed appropriate, determined by the circumstances of the violation(s).

(Ord. 10091 § 11, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.130 - Variances.

- A. The operations committee shall have the authority to grant variances from the provisions of these rules and regulations, when in the opinion of the operations committee, the criteria set forth in subsection B of this section have been found to exist. In such cases, a variance may be granted which is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ambulance ordinance and the public health, safety and welfare is secured. Variances may be granted for a period of no more than one year.
- B. Before any variance may be granted, it shall be shown:
 - 1. There are special circumstances applicable to the provider or the geographic area served that do not apply generally to other providers or geographic areas;
 - 2. That the literal interpretation of the ambulance ordinance would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and/or welfare;
 - 3. That the proposed variance will not be inconsistent with the general purpose and intent of the ambulance ordinance;
 - 4. The applicant shall have the burden of proving the above specified criteria and the lack of opposition to the request shall not negate this requirement.
- C. Requests for variances shall be made to the operations committee in writing. Any appeals from decisions of the operations committee shall be made in writing to the board of county commissioners within ten days of the decision.

(Ord. 10091 § 12, 1992)

DATED: April 9, 2019

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

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Clerk of the Board

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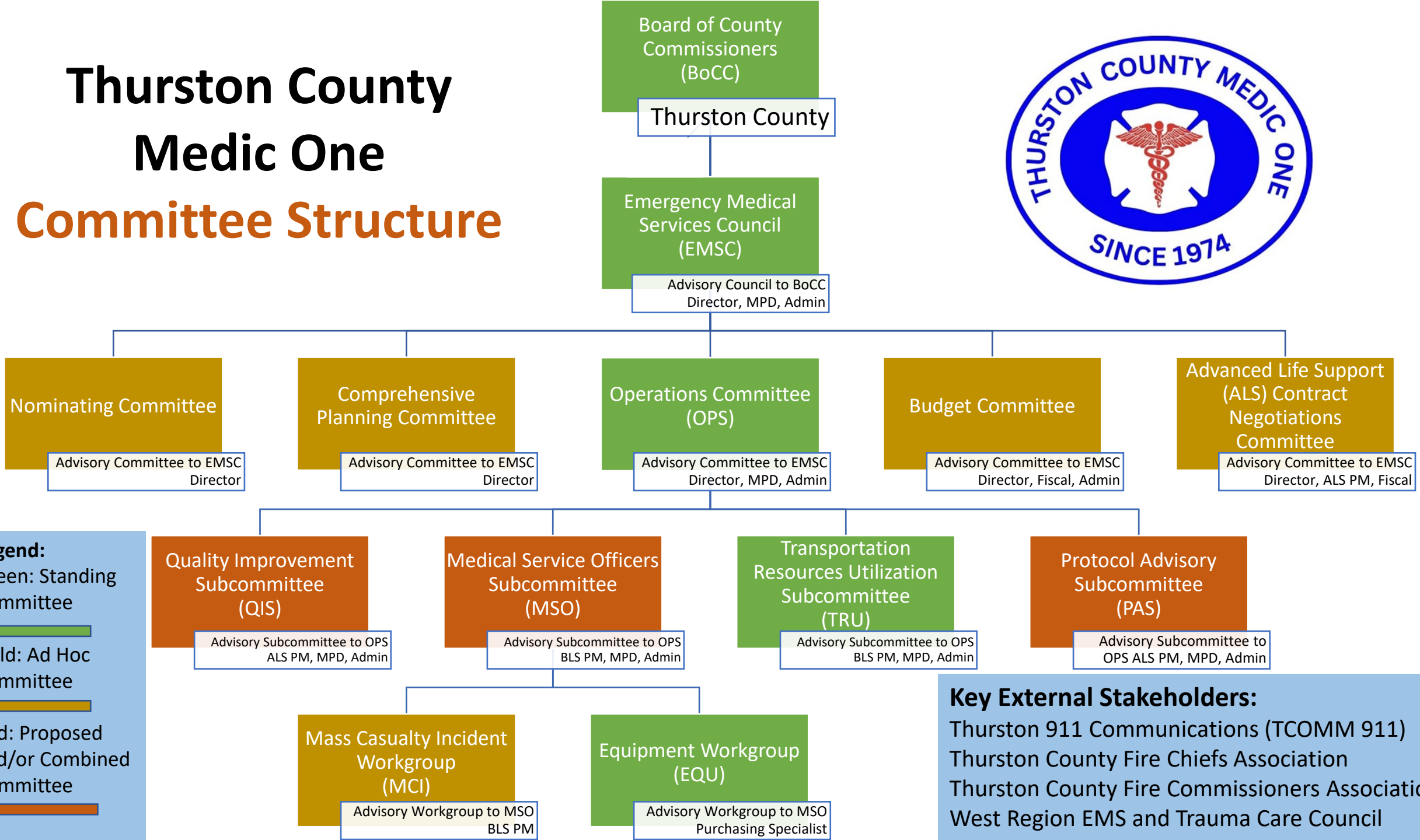
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Thurston County Medic One Committee Structure



M O N		T U E		W E D		T H U		F R I	
		BoCC Agenda Setting (09:00 - 12:00)		WREMS Council (10:00 - 12:00) QUARTERLY Emergency Services Management Meeting (13:00 - 14:30)		ALS Inservice (09:00 - 11:00) ALS Chiefs (12:00 - 13:30) Operations Committee (OPS) (14:00 - 15:00)			
Thurston County Appointed Directors (11:30 - 13:00)		BoCC Agenda Setting (09:00 - 11:00) BoCC / Thurston County Appointed Directors (11:00 - 12:00) EVERY FOURTH WEEK TCOMM FLAC (13:00 - 14:30) SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY TWO MONTHS BoCC Business Meeting (14:00 - 17:00) EVERY OTHER WEEK		Medic One Staff Meeting (09:30 - 10:30)		Quality Improvement Subcommittee (QIS) (09:00 - 10:30) ALS MSO Meeting (10:30 - 12:00) Transportation Resource Utilization Subcommittee (TRU) (13:00-14:00) Protocol Advisory Subcommittee (PAS) (14:00 - 15:30)			
TCOMM Operations Board Meeting (13:00 - 15:00)		BoCC Agenda Setting (09:00 - 12:00)		Equipment Workgroup (EQU) (09:30-10:30) Emergency Management Staff Meeting (10:30 - 12:00)		Criteria Based Dispatch Quality Improvement (CBD QI) (08:30 - 10:00) Medical Service Officers (MSO) (13:00 - 14:30)			
		BoCC Agenda Setting (09:00 - 11:00) BoCC Business Meeting (14:00 - 17:00) EVERY OTHER WEEK		Thurston County Fire Chiefs Association (13:00 - 15:00) LAST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH		Emergency Management Council (10:00 - 12:00) Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) (13:00 - 16:00)			