BLS Subcommittee
Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan & Levy Reauthorization

Thursday, May 3, 2018
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Renton City Hall, Council Chambers (7th Floor)
1055 South Grady Way

Chair: Denis Law, Mayor of Renton
Alternate: Larry Rude, Fire Commissioner, Eastside Fire & Rescue

Agenda

➢ Opening Remarks & Introductions (10 minutes)

➢ Report from Other Subcommittees (5 minutes)

➢ BLS Funding (90 minutes)
  BLS Working Group meeting recap
  BLS allocation methodology scenarios
  ✓ Action item: Recommend allocation methodology

➢ Next Steps/Next meeting (15 minutes)
  ▪ Finance Subcommittee – 5/17
  ▪ EMS Advisory Task Force meeting – 5/30

Future Meetings of the BLS Subcommittee
Thursdays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at various Renton sites

June 7, 2018    Renton Fire Station 14    1900 Lind Ave SW
July 12, 2018   Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7th Floor 1055 South Grady Way
August 9, 2018  Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7th Floor 1055 South Grady Way
September 6, 2018 Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7th Floor 1055 South Grady Way
October 4, 2018 TBD
Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan & Levy Reauthorization
EMS STAKEHOLDER PRINCIPLES

As regional EMS Stakeholders, we are committed to these fundamental principles:

1. **REGIONAL SYSTEM**
   The Medic One/EMS system is based on partnerships that are built on regional, collaborative, cross-jurisdictional coordination. This seamless cohesion allows the system to excel in pre-hospital emergency care.

2. **TIERED MEDICAL MODEL**
   The medical model, with its tiered system and intensive dispatch, EMT and paramedic training and protocols, has led to our success in providing high quality patient care throughout the region.

3. **PROGRAMS & INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES**
   State of the art science-based strategies and programmatic leadership have allowed us to meet the needs and expectations of our residents and our system.

4. **FOCUS ON COST EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCIES**
   The Medic One/EMS system has maintained financial viability and stability due to the region's focus on operational and financial efficiencies, effectiveness and cost savings.

5. **MAINTAINING AN EMS LEVY AS FUNDING SOURCE**
   The EMS levy is a reliable and secure source of funding our world-renowned system.
# MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

## Future Meetings

### EMS Advisory Task Force:
- **Thursday, January 18, 2018** 1pm – 3 pm Tukwila Community Center
- **Wednesday, May 30, 2018** 1 pm – 3 pm Tukwila Community Center
- **Tuesday, July 31, 2018** 1 pm – 3 pm 2100 Building Community Room B
- **Tuesday, October 16, 2018** 1 pm – 3 pm Tukwila Community Center

### SUBCOMMITTEES:

#### Advanced Life Support (ALS)
- **Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00, South Seattle location**
  - **Renton Fire Station 14**
  - **February 15, 2018**
  - **March 15, 2018** 1:30 – 3:30 **2100 Building Community Room B**
  - **April 10, 2018**
  - **May 8, 2018**
  - **June 12, 2018**
  - **July 10, 2018**
  - **August 14, 2018**
  - **September 11, 2018**
  - **October 9, 2018**

#### Basic Life Support (BLS)
- **Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00, various Renton sites**
  - **Renton Fire Station 14**
  - **February 8, 2018**
  - **March 8, 2018**
  - **April 5, 2018**
  - **May 3, 2018**
  - **June 7, 2018**
  - **July 12, 2018**
  - **August 9, 2018**
  - **September 6, 2018**
  - **October 4, 2018**

#### Regional Services (RS)
- **Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00, Renton location**
  - **City of Seattle Joint Training Facility**
  - **Renton Highlands Library conference room**
  - **February 20, 2018**
  - **March 20, 2018**
  - **April 17, 2018**
  - **May 15, 2018**
  - **June 19, 2018**
  - **July 17, 2018**
  - **August 21, 2018**
  - **September 18, 2018**
  - **1:30 – 3:30 2100 Building, Community Room A**
  - **1:30 – 3:30 2100 Building, Community Room A**
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#### Finance
- **Tuesdays or Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00, Kirkland location**
  - **Renton Fire Station 14 (1900 Lind Ave SW)**
  - **February 1, 2018 (Thursday)**
  - **May 17, 2018 (Thursday)** 12:00 – 2:00 **Peter Kirk Room, Kirkland City Hall**
  - **July 24, 2018 (Tuesday)**
  - **September 25, 2018 (Tuesday)**

*Bold = recently revised*
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Accomplishments to Date:

- Members were oriented to levy planning process, milestones, roles and responsibilities of members and expectations
- Endorsed items to be reviewed as part of the Work Plan, and principles to guide Subcommittee decision making
- Reviewed the history of BLS funding, the current funding formula, and programs that help reduce BLS impacts and address demand for services
- Considered economic and demographic factors that could greatly impact the EMS system
- Identified regional BLS priorities; discussed appropriate funding levels and mechanisms
- Considered and proposed alternative BLS funding formula options to help address equity and need

Principles leading the Subcommittee:

- The total BLS allocation should reflect the fundamental role that BLS plays within the regional system
- Use data driven approaches to develop the BLS funding level
- For determining the BLS funding methodology, keep it simple, equitable, stable and keep agencies whole

Decisions made by the Subcommittee:

1. Connecting callers to the appropriate health care settings and services is a regional priority.
2. Continue funding BLS agencies through the BLS allocation, which includes funding for ________. 
3. Distributing the BLS allocation will be based on ________.

Next Steps:

- Present Subcommittee update at the May 30, 2018 EMS Advisory Task Force meeting
- Proceed with tasks as directed by the EMS Advisory Task Force at May meeting
- Prepare recommendations for July 31st EMS Advisory Task Force meeting
Overview:

- Since its inception, the regional Medic One/EMS levy has provided BLS agencies with an allocation to help offset costs of providing EMS services.

- The allocation was developed as a way to recognize and support BLS for its significant contribution to the success of the EMS system, but was never intended to fully fund BLS.

- Two of the BLS Subcommittee’s tasks during the levy planning process are to determine the total level of funding that will be allocated to BLS for the span of the next levy, and how to distribute it among the BLS agencies.

- At the April 5, 2018 BLS Subcommittee, the idea of using a new “unit allocation” methodology was broached, and referred to the BLS Working Group for its review.

- The Working Group convened on April 24, 2018, to discuss this new methodology, as well as other possible options. (See back of sheet for list of those reviewed.)

- Based on what the EMS Division heard from its partners, these options were geared toward simplicity, equity, consistency, providing flexibility (with just enough firewalls to prevent potential supplanting), and streamlining the administration and oversight.

Take-aways from the meeting:

- Partners remain committed to regionalism, its benefits, and its desire to efficiently match services with needs.

- Using a methodology reflecting AV and calls (service level) acknowledges and balances jurisdictions’ financial investments with service needs.

- There is no identifiable problem that would be solved by changing the current allocation methodology.

May 3, 2018 meeting:

1. EMS to discuss BLS allocation methodology scenarios
2. Recommend allocation methodology
BLS allocation scenarios prepared for 4/24/18 BLS Working Group meeting

Status Quo with variations:
Base Level; distribute annual increase by:
- New funds 50% AV ad 50% call volume
- New funds 100% AV
- New funds 100% call volume

Rebase; distribute Annual Increase by:
- New funds 50% AV ad 50% call volume
- New funds 100% AV
- New funds 100% call volume

Adding different levels of funding (consolidating programs)
Base level; distribute annual increase, BLS Core and BLS QI funding by:
- 50% AV ad 50% call volume
- 100% AV
- 100% call volume

Rebase Allocation, BLS Core and BLS QI; distribute by:
- 50% AV ad 50% call volume
- 100% AV
- 100% call volume
- Unit Model
- 50% Unit model/50% AV
- 75% Unit model/25% AV

Rebase Allocation, BLS Core and BLS QI, CMT funding; distribute by:
- 50% AV ad 50% call volume
- 100% AV
- 100% call volume
- Unit Model
- 50% Unit model/50% AV
- 75% Unit model/25% AV

Rebase Allocation, BLS Core and BLS QI, CMT + NEW MIH funding; distribute by:
- 50% AV ad 50% call volume
- 100% AV
- 100% call volume
- Unit Model
- 50% Unit model/50% AV
- 75% Unit model/25% AV