

MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

ALS Subcommittee meeting 4/10/2018

Summary

Topics included reports from the other subcommittees; status quo budget review; unit allocation model discussion and projected demand analysis.

Attendees

Alternate Chair: Michele Plorde, KCEMS

Matt Abers, Snoh Co FD #26

Andy Adolfson, Bellevue Fire

Cynthia Bradshaw, KCEMS

Seth Buchanan, Kirkland Fire

Rich Burke, Eastside Fire & Rescue

Helen Chatalas, KCEMS

Jeff Clark, Eastside Fire & Rescue

Tim Dahl, Shoreline Fire

Rachel Garlini, Shoreline Fire

Krystal Hackmeister, Bellevue Fire

Jason Hammond, KCEMS

Tracie Jacinto, KCEMS

Keith Keller, King County Medic One

Michelle Lightfoot, KCEMS

Stacie Martyn, Bellevue Fire

Joe Monteil, King County Medic One

John Rickert, KC Fire Commissioners

Chris Santos, Seattle Fire

Tommy Smith, Redmond Fire

Mark Thompson, KC Fire Commissioners

Eric Timm, WSCFF

Issues discussed

Opening Remarks and Introductions

The April 2018 Finance Subcommittee and EMS Advisory Task Force meetings have been moved out to May 2018 to enable the other subcommittees to do a little more work.

- BLS Subcommittee: The subcommittee reviewed status quo BLS funding, Mobile Integrated Health as a regional program, and alternative methodologies for BLS allocation distribution.
- Regional Services Subcommittee: The subcommittee reviewed status quo funding and the status of current strategic initiatives.

ALS 2020-2025 Status Quo

The subcommittee looked at the cost of current levels of ALS funding projected into the 2020-2025 levy period. This framework provides one 'bookend' when considering total funding for ALS agencies.

ALS Unit Allocation Model Discussion

The subcommittee reviewed the components of the ALS unit allocation and comparable costs by ALS agency.

Discussion: The ALS Working Group is looking at how to tweak the allocation to better address one-time or irregular costs. Wonder about comparable systems outside King County. Suggest

adding Seattle Fire Department costs to the agency cost comparison, looking at other comparable systems, and drafting sound bites that explain our system easily.

Projected Demand Analysis

The subcommittee reviewed a variety of data trends related to ALS responses and population.

Discussion: Recognized that trends are dependent on the number of years that are included. In addition, adjustments to the dispatch criteria affects the call volumes making trending more challenging. Wonder why the difference between 'total ALS response' trends and ALS responses with 'patients present' data. Is dispatching a factor? In discussing capacity, Shoreline, Redmond and Bellevue stated they had sufficient capacity into the next levy period, while King County Medic One stated they would likely need to add service based on the data.

Next Meeting

May 8, 2018: 1:00 – 3:00 pm 2100 Building, Community Room B
2100 24th Ave South in Seattle

Items for discussion include reviewing a more detailed ALS allocation cost estimate, projected costs for anticipated demand for units, and draft efficiencies, effectiveness and best practices.