

MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

BLS Subcommittee meeting 4/5/2018

Summary

Topics included reports from the other subcommittees; BLS funding and priorities related to status quo BLS funding, Mobile Integrated Health (MIH), and BLS allocation methodologies.

Attendees

Chair: Denis Law, City of Renton

Andy Adolfson, Bellevue Fire

Cynthia Bradshaw, KCEMS

Seth Buchanan, Kirkland Fire

Helen Chatalas, KCEMS

Nick Claiborne, Valley RFA

Mark Correira, Snoqualmie Fire

Kevin Coughlin, KC Fire Commissioners

Adam Davis, Puget Sound RFA

Michelle Davis, Redmond Fire

Jodi Denney, Shoreline Fire

Chuck DeSmith, Renton RFA

Todd Dickerboom, Bellevue Fire

Jon Ehrenfeld, Seattle Fire

Joe Eliassen, South King Fire

James Fossos, South King Fire

Gordon Goodsell, South King Fire

Natasha Grossman, Bellevue Fire

Krystal Hackmeister, Bellevue Fire

Jason Hammond, KCEMS

Craig Hooper, Eastside Fire & Rescue

Vic Kave, City of Pacific

Melina Kuzaro, Valley RFA

Tamara Liebich-Lantz, South King Fire

Michelle Lightfoot, KCEMS

Mike Marrs, KCFD#2

Joe McGrath, Redmond Fire

Stacie Martyn, Bellevue Fire

Matthew Morris, Puget Sound RFA

John Nankervis, Shoreline Fire

Eli Panci, Kirkland Fire

Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association

Michele Plorde, KC EMS

Tom Rea, KC Medical Program Director

John Rickert, South King Fire

Larry Rude, KC Fire Commissioners

Chris Santos, Seattle Fire

Mitch Snyder, Puget Sound RFA

Carrie Talamaivao, South King Fire/Valley RFA

Mark Thompson, KC Fire Commissioners

Jay Wittwer, Tukwila Fire

Dana Yost, Redmond Fire

Issues discussed

Report from Other Subcommittees

Note: The April 2018 Finance Subcommittee and EMS Advisory Task Force meetings have been moved out to May 2018 to enable the other subcommittees to complete additional work.

- ALS Subcommittee: Reviewing details of the unit allocation, including suggested enhancements, and baseline data for understanding projected demand.
- Regional Services Subcommittee: Reviewed status quo funding and status of current strategic initiatives.

BLS Funding and Priorities

Status Quo Funding: The Subcommittee reviewed the cost of current BLS funds projected into the 2020-2025 levy period. Calculations included MIH and other BLS-specific funds (BLS Core Services, BLS QI and Training). This framework provides one 'bookend' when considering total funding for BLS agencies.

Program Priorities – MIH and Others: The MIH advocacy group presented the background, description and benefits for supporting a regional approach to MIH in King County, and recommended financial support that would partially cover costs.

Discussion: There was strong support for this service at a regional level, but continued concern regarding cost impacts and what regionalization meant. The subcommittee asked the BLS Working Group to discuss this topic at its meeting on April 24, 2018 and return with recommendations.

Total BLS Funding – Allocation Methodologies: Although the BLS allocation has provided funding for agencies since 1979, the formula has created challenges over the years. Changes were made to address 'hold harmless' and a lack of adequate growth, but they have not addressed the issue that AV and calls are applied only to a portion of the BLS funds (only new funds). Basic 'rebasings' numbers were presented.

Discussion:

Since rebasing would impact a select number of agencies, there was interest in mitigating this disruption. The subcommittee asked the BLS Working Group to discuss more options at its meeting on April 24, 2018 and return with recommendations.

Next Meeting

May 3, 2018: 1:00 – 3:00 pm Renton City Hall, Council Chambers (7th floor)
1055 S. Grady Way in Renton

Items for discussion include further reviewing BLS allocation methodology scenarios and programs to increase system effectiveness.