

MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

BLS Subcommittee meeting 6/7/2018

Summary

Topics included a recap from the 5/30/18 EMS Advisory Task Force meeting, and making decisions about the BLS allocation and MIH funding.

Attendees

Chair: Denis Law, City of Renton

Jeff Bellinghausen, South King Fire & Rescue

Dave Beste, Bellevue Fire

Cynthia Bradshaw, KCEMS

Seth Buchanan, Kirkland Fire

Richard Burke, Eastside Fire & Rescue

Helen Chatalas, KCEMS

Jeff Clark, Eastside Fire & Rescue

Mark Correira, Snoqualmie Fire

Kevin Coughlin, KC Fire Commissioners

Jody Denney, Shoreline Fire

Chuck DeSmith, Renton Regional Fire Authority

Andi Drummond, Shoreline Fire

Pam Fernald, City of SeaTac

Erik Friedrichsen, KCEMS

Krystal Hackmeister, Bellevue Fire

Jason Hammond, KCEMS

Steve Heitman, Mercer Island Fire

Tracie Jacinto, KCEMS

Kirsty Jones, NORCOM

Vic Kave, City of Pacific

Keith Keller, King County Medic One

Michelle Lightfoot, KCEMS

Mike Marrs, Burien Fire

Joe McGrath, Redmond Fire

Matt Morris, Puget Sound RFA

John Nankervis, Shoreline Fire

Kevin Olson, Valley Regional Fire Authority

Eli Panci, Kirkland Fire

Michele Plorde, KCEMS

Chris Santos, Seattle Fire

Ryan Simonds, Renton Regional Fire Authority

Mitch Snyder, Puget Sound RFA

Issues Discussed

5/30/18 EMS Advisory Task Force meeting recap

The EMS Advisory Task Force met on 5/30/18 for a briefing on work completed thus far by the various subcommittees. They reviewed draft Financial Plans, emphasized the need for efficient communication about the Medic One system and levy, entertained the idea of running the Medic One/EMS levy at the August 2019 primary election.

BLS Funding

Overview:

The BLS Subcommittee is tasked with determining 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. Although the group endorsed policies related to the BLS allocation at its 5/3/18 meeting, there are still other funding items to discuss and adopt.

Subcommittee discussion:

It was noted that while changes have made to the BLS allocation over the years, it still does not adequately reflect true AV and calls for service. Members also reiterated their support having the regional levy contribute funding toward MIH, and stressed that each agency be eligible to receive and use MIH funds to meet its specific needs.

Decisions made

BLS Allocation:

1. Consolidate the funding from the BLS Core Services regional program and the BLS Training and QI Initiative into the BLS allocation. Earmark usage for those activities in the contract.
2. Rebase the total allocation for the first year of the new levy span (2020) using the distribution methodology of 50% AV/ 50% call volume to more accurately reflect current assessed valuation and service levels.
3. Add BLS funding to ensure that agencies are “kept whole”, and not negatively impacted by this first year rebase.
4. Distribute annual increases using on same 50%AV/50% call volume methodology (*endorsed at the Subcommittee at its May 3, 2018 meeting*).

Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH):

5. Allocate \$4 million a year of levy funding for MIH.
6. Distribute the first year of MIH funding to all agencies throughout the region using the current 50% AV/ 50% call volume methodology.
7. Inflate each agency’s funding in the subsequent years of the levy by CPI-W + 1.
8. Establish guidelines to create consistency around data collection, measures and program reporting.

Next Steps

Because decisions made at this meeting will impact the total levy budget, the EMS Division will distribute a revised Financial Plan reflecting these decisions for BLS Subcommittee review.

Next Meeting

July 12, 2018: 1:00 – 3:00 pm Renton City Hall, Council Chambers (7th Floor)
1055 South Grady Way in Renton