

# **BLS Subcommittee**

## **Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan & Levy Reauthorization**

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**Thursday, May 3, 2018**  
**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Renton City Hall, Council Chambers (7<sup>th</sup> 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
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### **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, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1055 South Grady Way
August 9, 2018	Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1055 South Grady Way
September 6, 2018	Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION  
Future Meetings**

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**EMS Advisory Task Force:**

✓ Thursday, January 18, 2018	1pm – 3 pm	Tukwila Community Center
<b>Wednesday, May 30, 2018</b>	<b>1 pm – 3 pm</b>	<b>Tukwila Community Center</b>
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:**

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

**Basic Life Support (BLS)**

	<i>Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00, various Renton sites</i>	
✓ February 8, 2018		Renton Fire Station 14
✓ March 8, 2018		Renton Fire Station 14
✓ April 5, 2018		Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
➔ May 3, 2018		Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
June 7, 2018		Renton Fire Station 14
July 12, 2018		Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
August 9, 2018		Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
September 6, 2018		Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
October 4, 2018		TBD

**Regional Services (RS)**

	<i>Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00, Renton location</i>	
✓ February 20, 2018		City of Seattle Joint Training Facility
✓ March 20, 2018		Renton Highlands Library conference room
✓ April 17, 2018		Renton Highlands Library conference room
May 15, 2018	<b>1:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>2100 Building, Community Room A</b>
June 19, 2018	<b>1:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>2100 Building, Community Room A</b>
July 17, 2018	<b>1:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>2100 Building, Community Room A</b>
August 21, 2018	<b>1:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>2100 Building, Community Room A</b>
September 18, 2018	<b>1:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>2100 Building, Community Room A</b>

**Finance**

	<i>Tuesdays or Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00, Kirkland location</i>	
✓ February 1, 2018 (Thursday)		Renton Fire Station 14 (1900 Lind Ave SW)
<b>May 17, 2018 (Thursday)</b>	<b>12:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>Peter Kirk Room, Kirkland City Hall</b>
July 24, 2018 (Tuesday)		Peter Kirk Room, Kirkland City Hall
September 25, 2018 (Tuesday)		Peter Kirk Room, Kirkland City Hall

**Bold = recently revised**

## **LOCATIONS:**

Renton Fire Station 14  
1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton

Phone: (425) 430-7000

City of Seattle Joint Training Facility  
9401 Myers Way South, Seattle

Phone: (206) 386-1600

The 2100 Building  
2100 24th Ave S, Seattle

Phone: (206) 407-2100

Renton City Hall  
1055 South Grady Way, Renton

Phone: (425) 430-6400

Kirkland City Hall  
123 5th Ave, Kirkland, WA

Phone: (425) 587-3000

Renton Highlands Library conference room  
2801 NE 10th Street, Renton

Phone: (425) 277-1831

Tukwila Community Center  
12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave South, Tukwila

Phone: (206) 768-2822

**EMS Advisory Task Force**  
**Medic One/EMS Levy Reauthorization Calendar**

2018

**JANUARY**

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ALS -revised

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Finance and Task Force meetings - revised

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Econ forecasts: 3/7-3/14; 7/18-7/27; 8/17-8/27

3/30/2018

# MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

## BLS Subcommittee Report to the Finance Subcommittee 5/17/18

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> *EMS Advisory Task Force* meeting

## **BLS Allocation Methodology**

### Update from the 4/24/18 BLS Working Group

#### 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