



MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

2020-2025 LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

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NEWSLETTER**

Summary: The 2020-2025 Medic One/EMS levy planning process has been in full swing now for five months, bringing together leaders, decision-makers and Stakeholders from throughout the region to generate the next **Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan and levy**.

Responsible for conducting the bulk of the program and cost analyses, the ALS, BLS and Regional Services Subcommittees have been meeting monthly to review system needs, regional interests, and identify efficiencies for the next levy span.



Each Subcommittee has developed its list of items considered and decisions made, which have become the “first draft” of the region’s Strategic Plan and levy proposals.

The Subcommittees presented their findings to the Finance Subcommittee in mid-May, giving partners the opportunity to view the three independent program areas as a whole package. The draft proposals were reviewed and forwarded to the EMS Advisory Task Force for input at its May 30th meeting.

Upcoming Meetings July, 2018

ALS Subcommittee
July 10, 2018 1:00–3:00
2100 Building, Community Room B
2100 24th Ave S, Seattle

BLS Subcommittee
July 12, 2018 1:00–3:00
Council Chambers, Renton City Hall
1055 South Grady Way, Renton

Regional Services Subcommittee
July 17, 2018 1:30–3:30
2100 Building, Community Room B
2100 24th Ave S, Seattle

Finance Subcommittee
July 24, 2018 1:00–3:00
Peter Kirk Room, Kirkland City Hall
123 5th Ave, Kirkland

EMS Advisory Task Force
July 31, 2018 1:00–3:00
2100 Building, Community Room B
2100 24th Ave S, Seattle

The following summarizes the programmatic and financial findings presented to the EMS Advisory Task Force on May 30th:

ALS Findings

- ◆ Minor adjustments to the unit allocation methodology will better ensure full funding.
- ◆ To protect the system, funds should be set aside in the Financial Plan for supporting possible new units over the 2020-2025 levy.

BLS Findings

- ◆ Consolidating all BLS funding awards into a single allocation will streamline and minimize the time, effort and administrative expense of BLS funding.
- ◆ Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) is a regional priority and should receive funding from the regional EMS levy.

Regional Services/Strategic Initiatives Findings

- ◆ Partners are committed to creating additional efficiencies and system effectiveness.
- ◆ The region supports programs and initiatives that increase standardization, coordination, interconnectedness and partnerships.
- ◆ Partners endorse a strong regional approach to address the needs experienced throughout all tiers of the EMS system.

Finance Findings

- ◆ The Financial Plan should include adequate reserves to mitigate potential risks.
- ◆ Pursuing a 10 year levy would not benefit the system.

EMS Advisory Task Force members were receptive to the work completed thus far in the planning process and supported the subcommittees proceeding as planned. They stressed the need for reserves, should economic changes befall the region, and requested further review to ensure funding is adequate and appropriate. They also considered the possibility of running the levy proposal at the August 2019 primary election, as opposed to the November 2019 general election, and will revisit that idea later in the process.

The following recommendations were presented at the May 30th Task Force meeting. Members supported each subcommittee continuing with its proposed next steps and approach, and requested that they bring more finalized recommendations to the next Task Force meeting on July 31st.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS)

Chair: Keith Scully
Shoreline City Councilmember

- ALS 1.** *Continue using the unit allocation* to determine ALS costs; slightly revise methodology to help ensure sufficient funding.
- ALS 2.** *2020 preliminary baseline unit allocation is proposed at \$2,562,325*, and will be appropriately inflated over the levy span - will require further refinement.
- ALS 3.** *Set aside funds as a “place holder”* in the Financial Plan to protect the system, should new units need to be added over the span of the 2020-2025 levy.
- ALS 4.** *Identify appropriate levels of reserves* and contingencies for the next levy span.

ALS Next Steps:

Refine the following and incorporate into Financial Plan:

- ◆ baseline unit allocation;
- ◆ placeholder costing scenario; and
- ◆ reserves.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)

Chair: Denis Law
Mayor of Renton

- BLS 1.** *Consolidate all BLS funding programs* into a single BLS allocation.
- BLS 2.** *Use the current methodology* to distribute funding to BLS agencies.
- BLS 3.** *Mobile Integrated Healthcare* (referred to as MIH) is a regional priority, and receiving **\$4 million annually** from the regional EMS levy would help it achieve its goals over the next levy span.

BLS Next Steps:

Resolve the following for the BLS funding requests and incorporate into Financial Plan:

- ◆ total BLS allocation funding level;
- ◆ first year funding methodology (potential rebase); and
- ◆ programmatic usage policies within the allocation.

Determine MIH funding methodology and usage policies.

REGIONAL SERVICES

Chair: Tom Agnew
Bothell City Councilmember

- RS 1.** *Support the continuation, and development, of programs and Strategic Initiatives* that increase standardization, coordination, interconnectedness, and partnerships, using a strong regional approach via:
- ◆ The Vulnerable Populations Initiative;
 - ◆ AEIOU Quality Improvement Initiative; and
 - ◆ STRIVE EMS Online Modernization Initiative.

RS Next Steps:

Refine expenditures and incorporate into Financial Plan.

FINANCE

Chair: John Marchione
Mayor of Redmond

- Fin1.** *Incorporate sufficient reserves* into the EMS Financial Plan to help safeguard the Medic One/EMS system from unforeseen financial risk.
- Fin 2.** *Enacting a 10-year EMS levy would not ensure sufficient funding* for the system.

Finance Next Steps:

Determine reserve levels and policies to mitigate potential risks.

Developing the next Strategic Plan and levy package is truly a regional effort, and its success relies heavily on input from our many partners. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about the levy planning process, please contact Helen Chatalas at (206) 263-8560 or helen.chatalas@kingcounty.gov.