

SKAGIT COUNTY EMS DELIVERY MODEL ADVISORY GROUP

Monday, 27 June 2016

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mt. Vernon, WA

REVISED AGENDA

THIS MEETING'S GOAL:

1. LEARN ABOUT THE EXISTING SKAGIT COUNTY 9-1-1 SYSTEM AND HOW ITS OPERATIONS COULD AFFECT THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) SYSTEM IN THE FUTURE.
 2. BEGIN TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS, STARTING TODAY WITH A DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW KING COUNTY'S EMS SYSTEM IS ORGANIZED AND DELIVERS SERVICES.
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NOTE: Coffee and light refreshments will be served at 9:00. Please come early to enjoy them and be ready to convene the meeting promptly at 9:30. Thank you!

9:30 Review Agenda and Ground Rules - Jim **Reid**, Facilitator

9:35 Skagit County's 9-1-1 System - Helen **Rasmussen**, Director

Since the middle of last year, Helen Rasmussen has served as the Director of Skagit 9-1-1. At the first Advisory Group meeting in late April, members requested that Helen brief us on the existing system and how its current operations, and potential future changes in the system, could help shape the future of EMS in Skagit County.

- *How does Skagit 9-1-1 operate?*
- *What are its costs? Do they accurately reflect the real costs of serving the public? And what is the impact of those costs on the EMS System?*
- *What are the system's greatest strengths and greatest challenges?*
- *Are any changes planned in the future? If so, what are they and why are they needed?*
- *How might those changes affect the future service delivery model and operations of emergency medical services in Skagit County?*

10:10 break

10:25 King County's EMS Model - **Dr. Mickey Eisenberg**, Medical Program Director, King

County and UW Professor of Emergency Medicine

King County's Medic One/EMS System is distinctive from other systems in that it is medically based and regional, and uses a tiered out-of-hospital response. Within the system are 3800 EMTs employed by 29 fire-based agencies, and 26 ALS units provided by five fire departments and King County Medic One. The King County Emergency Medical Services Division, which is part of the Seattle-King County Public Health Department, manages this system.

Dr. Eisenberg, who has served as the Medical Program Director for more than ten years, will describe King County's system, including its use of criteria-based dispatch. Following his presentation, the Advisory Group will have the opportunity to ask Dr. Eisenberg questions and engage in a discussion with him about the current strengths of and future challenges to King County's system, and how those challenges are being or will be addressed.

- *In what ways is King County's EMS System similar to Skagit's? How does it differ?*
- *How does King County's criteria-based dispatch function? How is our system similar and different? What lessons have we learned from King County?*
- *How does King County's system deploy Paramedics and EMTs? How is their system similar to and different from ours? What accounts for the differences? What lessons might we learn?*

11:40 Public Comments - **Guests**

- *What are your reactions to or suggestions about what has been discussed today?*

11:50 Preview the Next Two Meetings - Jim

Noon Adjourn

The Advisory Group's Next Meeting is:

Monday, 18 July 2016, 9:30 – Noon
Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mt. Vernon