

AEMSP meeting 7/16/14

Called to order at 10 AM.

Minutes from April meeting approved.

Old business: Position of Secretary still vacant. Cheryl Rashkin nominated new secretary. Motion to accept nomination approved and accepted by Ms. Rashkin. Drug shortage: Currently saline, still able to obtain but at a higher cost. Many agencies are using more "line locks" in field if the transport times are short.

New business: Increase AEMSP membership in the upcoming year. Trauma rule changes/updates were discussed. Office of Inspector General (OIG): Making changes in its review process. OIG staff to review Medicare records for fraud; that all records have date and hours for personnel; and complete/file all paperwork in a timely fashion or be stand chance of being fined.

Open discussion from all agencies:

Stuart Fire Rescue: Celebrating 100 years hope to make 101.

Nature Coast: Temporary medic program will soon be advertised through Nature Coast; additional training and community medic working and is being funded by a reduction of losses in overall business.

Levy: 8000 transport a year, covering 1200 sq. miles with only 6 units. New recruitment for more paramedics, based upon need as there is no hospital in county and travel time estimated at 45 minutes.

Palm Bch County: Review of new PCR companies; updating its infectious exposure protocols, spinal mobilization, and procedure to implement EMTracker.

Liberty County: Adding units in the county; new dispatch system under review as old system died; 55,000-ambulance calls year.

MQA: Gail Curry here if needed after the meeting for individual discussions.

Brevard County: Having problems with NEMTS and transporting passengers with oxygen.

St. John's County: New stations being added in north west section; beginning FYI budget to ask to update 2 stations; regional EMS council collecting STEMI data currently and may look at stroke data next; call volume down slightly.

Orange County: data transfer between EMS and hospitals under review; more training to safety via EMS operations; reviewing Community medics and use of FR units to provide interfacility transports.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Rashkin, Secretary

Attendance for AEMSP meeting of 07-16-2014 (Orlando)

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