

Mission:
To protect, promote & improve the health
of all people in Florida through integrated
state, county & community efforts.



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FLORIDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes from the meeting of:
April 6, 2015

Member Name:	Voting Status:	Attendance:
John Bixler, EMS Section Administrator	Non-Voting	Not Present
Charles E. Moreland, Ed.D., Chair	Voting	Present
Daniel Griffin, EMS Educator, Vice Chair	Voting	Present
Chief Darrel Donatto, EMS Administrator (Fire)	Voting	Present
Michael Lozano, M.D., Physician	Voting	Present
Chief Tom Quillin, EMT (Non-Fire)	Voting	Present
Doris Ballard-Ferguson, Ph.D., Lay Elderly	Voting	Not Present
Jane Bedford, Paramedic (Non-Fire)	Voting	Present
Sheila Bradt, Emergency Nurse	Voting	Present
Alan Skavroneck, Commercial Ambulance Operator	Voting	Present
Tracy Yacobellis, Department of Education	Non-Voting	Not Present
Charles Hagan, III, Office of the Governor, Emergency Management	Non-Voting	Not Present
Captain Timothy J. Roufa, Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles	Non-Voting	Present
Preston Bowlin, Department of Financial Services	Non-Voting	Not Present
Trenda McPherson, Department of Transportation	Non-Voting	Present
Carlton Wells, Department of Management Services	Non-Voting	Present
Joe Nelson, D.O., State EMS Medical Director	Non-Voting	Present
Julie Bacon, EMSC Liaison	Non-Voting	Not Present
Bethany Lowe, Meeting Coordinator	Non-Voting	Present

Note: A verbatim transcript of the entire meeting is available for review at the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, EMS Section.

Call to Order

Chair Moreland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A roll call was conducted and a total of eight voting members were present, therefore a quorum was met.

EMS Charter Discussion

Chair Moreland stated that based on the previous conference call, that the development and finalization of the draft EMS charter would best be done at the next face-to-face meeting. However, he wanted to point out some format changes to the document.

The statutory requirements (section 401.245, Florida Statutes) were re-formatted to be listed within their own column directly below the mission, vision and values of the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC). The council members approved of this change.

The stakeholders that were listed from the previous conference call remained the same. Dr. Lozano requested that the stakeholders be listed in alphabetical order.

Chair Moreland then stated that the current version of the draft EMS Charter would be emailed to the council members today. He requested that the members review it and be prepared to finalize it at the July 2015 EMSAC meeting in Orlando.

Leah Colston, Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, then stated that the intent behind today's meeting was for the council members to see how the goals are lined up with the objectives. She requested for everyone to review the goals and objectives so that the outcomes can be determined at the next meeting. Outcomes are higher-level goals that the council can agree on and achieve as a group.

Next, Leah requested for the council members to email their input and ideas to Bethany now and it would be considered at the July meeting.

Danny Griffin then recommended that once a measure is completed by the constituent group, that it be presented to the council and officially acknowledged. Dr. Lozano suggested that progress reports toward the EMS Charter be included in each meeting report by council members.

Debbie Vass, president of the EMS Quality Managers Association, then stated that the terminology, goals and objectives should be consistent between the charter and state plan. Chief Colston stated that the charter is designed to be a more focused, documented means for the EMS state office to inform Executive Leadership on what the EMSAC is doing for the next year.

Next, Chair Moreland stated that the deadline for additional feedback on the draft EMS State Plan was April 3, 2015. The state EMS office did not receive any additional feedback.

Dan Harshburger confirmed that a large percentage of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association's suggestions were incorporated into the state plan. Chief Donatto then stated that the reports to EMSTARS should be meaningful. He suggested the providers be surveyed on the benefits of EMSTARS. Steve McCoy then stated that the providers are currently being surveyed on whether or not they are receiving meaningful data.

Chief Colston then stated that the next steps are to obtain approval on the EMS State Plan by Dr. Armstrong, State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health.

Next, Chief Colston provided an update on the EMSAC appointments. The top nominees are currently being considered by Dr. Armstrong. If he approves all of them, he will then interview each candidate. He is reviewing six candidates for the six vacant positions.

Chief Donatto then provided an update on the combined firefighter/EMT curriculum. An official Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and the program will be officially offered this August on a case-by-case basis to institutions who request it.

A final motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was then adjourned at 2:10 p.m.