

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



Rick Scott
Governor

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS
State Surgeon General & Secretary

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

FLORIDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMSAC)

Meeting minutes from the meeting of:
September 5, 2014

Members Present:

Charles E. Moreland, Ed.D., Chair
Darrel Donatto, Chief
Michael Lozano, MD
Danny Griffin
Tom Quillin, Chief
Doris Ballard-Ferguson
Jane Bedford
Alan Skavroneck
Tracy Yacobellis
Carlton Wells
Joe Nelson, D.O.
Julie Bacon

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

Call to Order

Florida Department of Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-22 • Tallahassee, FL 32399-1722
PHONE: 850.245.4440 • FAX: 850.488.9408

www.FloridaHealth.gov
TWITTER: HealthyFLA
FACEBOOK: FLDepartmentofHealth
YOUTUBE: fldoh
FLICKR: HealthyFla
PINTEREST: HealthyFla

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Eight members were present, therefore a quorum was met.

John Bixler thanked Cory Richter, John Scott, Regina Sofer, Maria Fernandez and Dr. Patricia Byers for all of their service and participation over the years on the council.

Dr. Moreland welcomed Cindy Dick as the new Division Director for Emergency Preparedness and Community Support at the Department of Health (DOH).

State EMS Section Report

John Bixler reported that Dr. Armstrong, State Surgeon General, has not made appointments yet. Mr. David Mennini was removed from the council due to lack of participation. There are currently six vacant positions on the council.

Next, Rickey Stone reported that there are currently 272 licensed EMS services; 173 ALS transport; 60 ALS non-transport; and 31 air ambulances. There are 4,557 permitted vehicles throughout the state. The EMT and paramedic certification renewals are due this year. Bulk renewal and online renewal are open now.

Rickey Stone and Ina Leinas plan to travel to Orlando on October 23, 2014 to meet with a National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) representative to start the implementation plan for the EMT exam and certification in 2016. The meeting will be publicly noticed.

Next, Ina Leinas stated that there are currently 67 schools offering 179 EMT and paramedic training programs. There are also 56 continuing education providers offering 1,450 continuing education courses. If you are a provider, please submit previous courses for resubmission along with your fees.

Wendy Parkinson then stated the following 2014 certification exam statistics:

- There were 2,458 EMT first time test takers with a 74 percent pass rate.
- There are 1,044 paramedic first time test takers with an 83 percent pass rate.
- Florida currently has 36,430 active certified EMTs and 29,912 paramedics.

More than 1,000 people have tested for the PST program in 83 different locations with a 75 percent pass rate. There have been 630 certifications issued and 60 training programs have been approved.

The EMS matching grants were awarded in June. Visit the DOH's website for more information on which grants were awarded. County awards are now available; more information on that can also be found on the Department's website. New training and education for EMS for children will be available soon.

Medical Directors Report

Dr. Nelson reported that the Florida Association of EMS Medical Directors plans to schedule an independent meeting in late October–early November at the Orlando office.

Dr. Nelson stated that he attended Sarasota's EMS Advisory Committee meeting and was impressed with the data usage for EMS.

Dr. Nelson and Dr. Van Dillen with the Medical Director's Association have formed a cardiovascular working committee to look at the best ways to disseminate best practices for cardiac arrest and stroke.

Dr. Nelson reported that the disaster protocols training package is now complete. He will be doing the voice-over narration for the PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Byers stated the Florida Committee on Trauma meeting is on October 17, 2014 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Council Members Reports

Julie Bacon, Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)

Ms. Bacon stated that there will be a traveling pediatric program covering Panama City, Lake City, Vero Beach and Bonita Springs during the last week of October. It is a one day pediatric program offering seven continuing education hours with national speakers sponsored by EMSC. Nursing and respiratory therapy education will also be provided. The charge is \$20 to attend.

Old Business

Any suggestions for the bylaws must be submitted to Melia Jenkins by September 12, 2014. The goal date for approval of the bylaws is October 23, 2014.

Dr. Moreland requested Danny Griffin's assistance in getting the information from Melia after the September 12, 2014 deadline. Danny will be responsible for providing the updated bylaws to anyone interested in reviewing (constituent groups, presidents, etc.).

New Business

Due to the recent changes, Dr. Moreland will need an executive board. Danny will remain the vice chair. Chief Donatto is interested in serving as secretary, and Dr. Doris Ballard-Ferguson is interested in serving as parliamentarian.

Education Committee

Danny Griffin reported that the educators will meet on October 24, 2014 in conjunction with the Department of Education at Seminole State College in Orlando, Florida. Trey Rodriguez, Director of the NREMT, will be speaking to the educators group.

Medical Care Committee

Dr. Patricia Byers requests continued help on the tourniquet survey. She will also continue to work on the motorcycle training program to determine a case fatality rate.

Any feedback from the tip cards distributed during EMS Week is welcomed.

PIER Committee

Bob Smallacombe reported that September 23, 2014 is Falls Awareness Day and that EMS Week is in the works for May 2015.

EMS Strategic Visions Committee

Cory Richter stated that implementation of old plans from July are still underway. Close out information for the strategic plan may be emailed to either Cory or Julie Bacon.

Dr. Moreland requested Chief Donatto to assist Cory on his survey on recertification.

Access to Care Committee

Jane Bedford reported that a small group has been conducting a literature and data review; they are working on strategic plan objectives 3.2, 5.8, 6.7, 9.2 and 9.5. We are looking to define some objectives within the scope of these objectives and course strategies.

Additional Comments / Request to Speak

John Bixler stated that the council is considered to be a functioning council and fully supported by the DOH. The council will be notified when the State Surgeon General makes the appointments.

Chief Mike Patterson extended his congrats to Dr. Moreland on his new role as chair.

Billy Cockman stated he is available to be of assistance to any committee; would also like to assist with the tourniquet survey.

Mr. Bixler stated that the current list serve for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight is called BEMOcomm. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please email Bethany Lowe at: Bethany.Lowe@flhealth.gov.

Kathy Koch requested communication as it becomes available on the process of nominating new appointments.

Summary

Dr. Moreland stated that Dr. Robert F. Kiely is retiring after 32 years as medical director of the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department. There will be a ceremony to honor him on October 16, 2014.

A final motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was then adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bethany Lowe
Administrative Assistant II, EMS Section