

Broward Regional EMS Council
Thursday, October 26, 2017
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Call to Order	Ralph Marrinson, Committee Chair, called meeting to order at 1:35pm	1:35pm
Announcement	No Announcements	
Roll Call	Staff called the roll and established quorum.	
Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2017	<u>MOTION TO</u> Accept by Chris DelCampo and seconded Unknown (refer to recorded minutes).	MOTION passed unanimously
➤ Announcements	Staff, Alison Zerbe, congratulated Dr. Antonio Gandia appointed to the state EMS Advisory Council as a representing physician. Chief David Donzella from Lighthouse Pointe has retired, and his EMS position is vacant; he represented ALS: Municipal Provider.	
➤ Council Vacancies in need of recommendations	A. Zerbe, stated the committee has the following vacancies. Forward any recommendations to her. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALS, Private Provider, Administration ▪ ALS, Municipal Provider ▪ Broward League of Cities ▪ Commissioner Bogen, District 2 ▪ Commissioner Holness, District 9 	
➤ Recent Appointments/ Reappointments:	Staff, A. Zerbe, announced and welcomed the new EMS Committee Appointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Kimpel and Merlin Underwood 	
➤ Recommendations for Appointments/Reappointments:	Staff, A. Zerbe, announced recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joel Gordon, ALS – Municipal Provider, Paramedic ▪ Ralph Marrinson, Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. ▪ Zeff Ross, Hospitals – Memorial Healthcare System, Administration <u>MOTION TO</u> Reappoint was made by Dr. Frederick Keroff and seconded by Bruce Caruso. Also, Joanne Richter stated her position is completed, the end of December, with Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc.	MOTION passed unanimously
➤ Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trauma Plan Approval 	R. Marrinson mentioned that everyone was sent a copy of the Trauma Plan. A. Zerbe stated that according to 64J-2, the plan is updated every five years. The Trauma Plan Committee had a sunshine meeting on August 17 th to finalize the draft plan, made suggestions, and she asked for	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ EMS Conference • Legislative Issues * Medical Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Infectious Exposure ➤ EMS Review 	<p>support we can give this program will really make a difference; talk it up particularly with Public Information Officers (PIOs).</p> <p>Training for PIOs in Emmitsburg, Maryland, will have two advanced trainings. J. Gordon and Mike Jachels will give advanced training in Daytona.</p> <p>Chief Rodney Turpel represented the EMS Conference taking place June 5, 6, 7 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Westin; same place as last year. There are speakers, ALS Finals, Medical Director’s meeting, Fire Chief’s meeting, Vendor Exhibits, EMS Party, and main conference.</p> <p>A. Zerbe announced: Senate Bill 376 – Workers’ Comp for first responders trying to add eligibility for mental health issues. Senate Bill 488 – COPCN and STDs – Health Policy Senate Bill 474 – certain providers to withhold CPR – Health Policy</p> <p>Chief McGrath sends out legislative emails often and A. Zerbe will put EMS Council on list to receive them.</p> <p>Chief T. DiBernardo spoke on medical issues: There hasn’t been a meeting, but they reissued and hand-delivered corrected posters.</p> <p>Bruce Caruso spoke on EMS Review. In their meeting they recommended three licenses from private providers.</p> <p>Also, today we have a meeting/hearing for complaints received for Elite Transportation.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Old Business 	<p>A. Zerbe brought up the issue of Sunset Review Changes for the EMS Council. She said last year Daphnee Sainvil, from Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Professional Standards, talked to the EMS Council about the County’s Sunset Review Changes. These changes look like they will be happening soon.</p> <p>Adam Katzman, County Attorney, spoke on the issue:</p>	

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	<p>list that could be removed? If there are not, then we tell them we want to leave it the way it is. He believed that a couple of the vacancies on the membership had been with Commissioners.</p> <p>Dr. W. Lee wanted to know what was the rationale; it seemed to him so arbitrary and capricious to mark off these names. He asked why they came to that conclusion and shouldn't somebody have deliver that information to us?</p> <p>A. Katzman replied that he recalled (prior to A. Zerbe) that the coordinator of the board would be involved in this Sunset Review process. A. Katzman stated there are 72 boards.</p> <p>A. Zerbe stated that when she looked back on previous meetings, C. Rashkin did say that these were positions that were hard to fill in the past. That's what was quoted in the notes.</p> <p>C. LaMarca mentioned one of his boards, Diversity Advisory Board, was being eliminated. His thought was that they looked at every board.</p> <p>Dr. W. Lee said to C. LaMarca wouldn't you think the review board would come to R. Marrinson for his opinions on the changes? It's possible we don't need certain types of members but maybe some were left out.</p> <p>Dr. W. Lee made a <u>MOTION</u> that the EMS Executive Committee should look at it and make recommendations. It was seconded by J. Richter. A. Katzman said the timeframe would be before the end of the year. R. Marrinson asked if we could request an extension? LaMarca is open to meeting anyone on Executive Board; he questioned if is there were any positions we know we want to keep?</p> <p>Steve Parr said it would make more sense to know why they aren't needed.</p> <p>B. Caruso said they eliminated municipal fire, and county fire and swapped it out with Fire Chiefs' Association. That was a logical swap out and they did coordinate that through the Council. He remembered the meeting with 'm., p., q.' We asked if those could stay on. It was also supposed to</p>	

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	<p>be to retain municipal <i>or</i> county on paramedic. There is some crossover and certain positions could cover another position. It would be helpful to see what would remain in a side by side comparison.</p> <p>A. Katzman said that the only thing taken out of transport would be municipal fire and county fire and they are changed to Fire Chiefs' Association.</p> <p>Dr. F. Keroff asked Dr. W. Lee if he will take his MOTION off the table since there has been good attendance and make a <u>MOTION TO</u> keep 'as is'. We're the experts...we're the ones working with each other. His motion is to appeal to the County Commissioners with a letter saying that we're happy, it's a functional committee and leave it as such. He said Dr. W. Lee's motion is on the table--- rather than taking back to Exec. we are not going to have everyone's participation at the table when we make those decisions.</p> <p>Dr. W. Lee thought Dr. F. Keroff's is a good motion, too. What disturbed him was the process. He thought that a few people should get together, Dr. F. Keroff, R. Marrinson, Commissioner LaMarca, and make some recommendation. Dr. W. Lee said that he didn't mind Dr. F. Keroff's motion and that he would take his off floor.</p> <p>Dr. John Cunha mentioned that Ben Bellucci, American Red Cross, could not be here because he's out working in the community. Dr. J. Cunha thought the American Red Cross should have a seat at this Council, especially, with what we've gone through the last several months.</p> <p>A. Katzman said have Dr. F. Keroff's motion to keep "as is", and later have Dr. W. Lee's motion on whether EMS Council could add or subtract—fine tune. There wouldn't be a rush to get the process done. EMS could make any recommendations anytime and it doesn't have to be part of the Sunset Review.</p> <p>R. Marrinson thought we should request that any action by the County Commission be deferred until our committee can meet to address the issue. Also, anyone who wants can serve on that committee, in addition to the Executive Committee. He suggested meeting and going through the entire membership, so we can determine what we want the EMS Council to look like.</p>	

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<p>➤ New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you, First Responder, 	<p>Commissioner LaMarca asked about deferring the process. A. Katzman said he thought the ordinance would go on agenda and have a public hearing, anyway. In addition, there would be a motion on the agenda not to pass that section; the rest of it would go forward and that section wouldn't go forward.</p> <p>J. Richter asked if it could go on a consent agenda. A. Katzman said that it's an ordinance and it must go to a public hearing. He added it would be like an amendment, not to pass that section, while the rest of ordinance is passed. It would take a majority vote of the Commission to do that.</p> <p>Dr. W. Lee said that sounded good but there's always a possibility that it wouldn't go through. We would then have no say. Dr. W. Lee felt we needed to make a recommendation to them prior to that meeting.</p> <p>R. Marrinson wanted a consensus on everything that was said rather than putting it in a motion. R. Marrinson felt we should defer the issue to Commission to give time to consider the changes. Dr. W. Lee withdrew his motion. R. Marrinson asked all in favor of consensus.</p> <p>R. Marrinson said they were going to meet with County Administration and put the action that Commissioner LaMarca was talking about into place. In the meantime, the Executive Committee, and anyone who wanted to be a part of it, will meet to go over the list. The Sunset Review recommendations didn't come from Council it came from former staff.</p> <hr/> <p>Commissioner LaMarca, co-volunteer host, had an event announcement. The organization:</p> <p>'Thank you, First Responder,' is having a fundraiser Monday, November 13, (Dolphins also playing that night) at Bokampers in Ft. Lauderdale</p> <p>Thank You First Responder, a national 501 organization, is going to recognize the efforts of these responders (includes all EMS providers); this was started in Washington from N. Carolina Congressperson.</p>	<p>Consensus passed unanimously.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparing Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks 	<p>They are going to meet quarterly and there are 1000s of cases. It's amazing how they pull this data out and link to dispatch, pre-hospital care. B. Caruso said that one day we may have statistical analysis from 911 call through discharge from hospital.</p> <p>Dr. Roach said that Chief DiBernardo has been great with dispatch with his influence and educating the new team at BSO. Our thought process is really improving ROSC for the Broward County, so we went to dispatch and asked the question:</p> <p><i>“What is the timeframe from when the call is placed and hands on the chest?”</i></p> <p>That data wasn't being looked at; Dr. Roach spent hours going through calls, quality checking to find out where this is. He added that it's been a tough process, but they are getting good data and it will get better in the future. Their hope is, in Broward County, to get caller compression turnaround down to 60 seconds. The county ROSC rates would improve. Now they are around 3 minutes; when we started we were at about 5 minutes.</p> <p>We would educate dispatch because there are some specifics about doing respirations; we trained BSO police with hands on CPR.</p> <p>The representative of the grant award reported that they were fortunate to receive a regional grant through FEMA's Department of Homeland Security's Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks; preparing communities for complex coordinated terrorist attacks. They received \$750,000 of the \$1.8 million they requested. We are the only region in Florida to receive the CCTA grant.</p> <p>The priorities for funding include: additional funding for 'Stop The Bleed' initiatives; series of exercises – both table top within the region culminating in a full-scale complex coordinated terrorist attack—basically a multi-county, multi-jurisdiction full-scale exercise. This is in preparation for the national Superbowl (LII) event.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next Meeting Dates 	<p>January 11, 2018</p> <p>March 1, 2018</p>	<p>Mark your calendars</p>

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➤ Adjournment		