

**Broward Regional EMS Council
September 4, 2014
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

Subject	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Call to Order	Chair	1:30 p.m.
Roll Call	Staff called the roll and verified the members present.	Validation of Quorum
Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2014	<p>Motion: C. Neilson to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded Dr. El Sanadi.</p> <p>There was no discussion.</p>	Motion passes unanimously.
Chair Report	Chair had no business to report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Old Business (presented out of order) ➤ Ordinance and Attendance 	<p>County Attorney, P. Eichen reviewed the changes to the EMS Council with regards to the categories of representation and the amended Administrative code.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It governs the term of the appointee: the term is four years (if representing a category), or at the will of the Commissioner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner appointees need to be reappointed in the event of commissioner change. • The ordinance also governs the attendance requirements: two absences in a year, or two consecutive absences are sufficient for removal. • The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs' board coordinator handles the Commission appointees. • The change to the absence also governs excused versus unexcused absences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification is required 48 hours in advance, unless impracticable as provided for in 1-233 e. (3) b-f. • Failure to notify will be considered an absence. • A physical quorum is necessary to conduct the business of the board. 	<p>Chair has ultimate decision whether an absence is excused within the criteria provided for in the code.</p> <p>If quorum is not met, all members not present are considered absent, whether notification was received or not.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council Vacancies in need of recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ American Heart Association, Broward County Chapter ▪ Law Enforcement, Union Representative 	<p>Staff reports a new potential candidate may be moving into the area for the American Heart Association.</p> <p>The law enforcement representative still hasn't received a response from the local PBA. Walter Dix will work to facilitate, and will also reach out to the FOP as well.</p>	<p>W. Dix/D. Donzella will forward a FOP contact and staff will reach out again to both the PBA and FOP with W. Dix also on board.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recent Appointments/reappointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broward College, Emergency Medical Services Dept. ▪ Hospitals – Broward Health, Administration ▪ Fire/Paramedic, Union Representative ▪ Advanced Life Support (ALS) - Private Provider, Administration ▪ Broward County Trauma Advisory Panel ▪ Transport – Private Ambulance ▪ Transport – County Fire 	<p>Staff reviewed the positions recently appointed at Commission meeting: June 24, 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philip Bachers ▪ Patricia Anne Rowe-King ▪ Walter Dix ▪ MaryEllen House ▪ Joanne Richter ▪ Alison Zerbe ▪ Michael Cassano 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendations for Appointment/Reappointment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physicians - Emergency Department Director from Memorial Healthcare System ▪ Hospitals – Nonprofit ▪ Organizations – American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter 	<p>Staff reviewed the recommendations for vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Frederick M. Keroff ▪ Dr. Mark Caputo ▪ David Dweck <p>Motion: to approve as submitted B. Caruso, seconded by T. DiBernardo. There was no discussion.</p>	<p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ EMS Grants ☆ Public Information, Education, Legislation ☆ Take 5 ☆ EMS Conference ☆ Legislative Issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Z. Ross reported on the activities of the EMS Grant Committee. ❖ The Funding recommendations were reviewed for the EMS Council. <p>Motion: to put forward the recommendations of the committee to the Board of County Commissioners to fund the applications as recommended by the Committee: Dr. Caputo, seconded by A. Stravino.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Question: regarding the partial funding. ❖ Question: regarding outstanding funding that may become available. This is still unresolved and the amount is approximately 15,000.00; when it is resolved it will go to the next funding cycle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ J. Gordon spoke briefly followed by the individual subcommittee chairs. ☆ M. House presented the activities for drivers' education in coordination with the local trauma hospitals. Another video competition is underway, and a subcommittee is being formed. ☆ D. Donzella reported on the progress for the EMS Conference and the first meeting was already held. There is discussion regarding the size and scope of the conference moving forward, and even maintaining a larger local presence, we are already reaching over 500 attendees. ☆ Question: regarding the conference and teleconferencing potential from Dr. Mulligan. ☆ W. Dix reports that it is still early to report on pending legislative issues. 	<p>Motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Anticipated to be available for FY 2015.</p> <p>First Meeting was held 9/3/14.</p> <p>Staff will set up a discussion for teleconference potential.</p> <p>W. Dix requested members put any legislation of interest on a list to track.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Mr. Dix asks about a recent meeting with Dr. El Sanadi and an issue with high school kids coming to fire stations for an EKG to play sports. ☆ Dr. Kenigsberg spoke on the issue and the unmet community need. All EKGs must include a qualified clinician available for interpretation. Prior grant funding attempts have been unsuccessful. ☆ The EKG devices used by EMS give interpretations as part of the algorithm of the machine. There is some basic interpretation, therefore: liability. ☆ Dr. Caputo speaks also on the clinical management of potential false positives. ☆ The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends an EKG before contact sports. ☆ Dr. Antevy spoke on JDCH offering free EKGs with a prescription prior to sports. The EMS providers could triage through their pediatricians. ☆ Dr. Rowe-King spoke on the machine generated interpretations and the inaccuracy inherent with pediatric patients. ☆ Commissioner LaMarca spoke on the Western EMS Station and the funding for it. ☆ Staff spoke about a change that went forward on July 29th that changed the trauma center allocation from three to two. There was a letter submitted to the state requesting clarification and a grandfather clause allowing entities presently above the prescribed service level to maintain the present levels unless a request to reduce is submitted by those areas. 	<p>Referred to the Medical Issues committee for further review and recommendation for follow up.</p> <p>W. Dix will research any legislative issues.</p> <p>An invitation will be extended for participation on this particular issue.</p> <p>Please watch for legislative changes, public meetings are not automatic. Please sign up for notifications.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Medical Issues * Transport Guideline * Infectious Exposures * Stroke Tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * F. Keroff spoke on the Interfacility Transfer Guide that is now finalized and posters will be disseminated. This is a guide to facilitate the community's needs regarding interfacility transfers. * T. Dibernardo spoke on the letter for pandemics and emerging infectious diseases. * Chief DiBernardo is working on a uniform approach for exposure testing with the medical examiner. * EBOLA is an emerging ID issue. * P. Antevy spoke on the now final and printed stroke form. The next step is the collection of the data. * Dr. El Sanadi asked for clarification about the voluntary aspects of the reporting tool and the potential HIPAA issues of patient identification. * Broward Health Risk Management is still evaluating the future disposition of the data that is being collected. * Dr. Keroff spoke on the voluntary aspect of the tool. We endorse the participation, but have no authority to force participation. * Staff spoke on the QI process and HIPAA identification redacted. Information will be entered and analyzed through the Broward Regional Health Planning Council. * M. Steele asks about a BAA. * Dr. Keroff requests that we contact a specialist from Miami-Dade to address how they manage similar data collection. 	<p>This will be put on the EMS Council website and forwarded to individual hospitals and the liaisons at those facilities most responsible for the coordination of these activities.</p> <p>Want a uniform tool instead of a new notice for every new emerging issue.</p> <p>This item to return to the Medical Issues committee to determine who owns the data collected.</p>

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➤ New Business		
Good of the Order Communications Ethics and Sunshine Law FS 286.11	Commissioner LaMarca spoke on communications issues throughout the county. A. Stravino spoke on County Administration's actions to address the issue. Staff addressed the need to not discuss Council business outside the Council meetings.	
Next Meeting Dates	December 4, 2014 March 5, 2015 June 4, 2015 September 3, 2015 December 3, 2015	Please mark your calendars
Adjournment		2:34 pm.