

Broward Regional EMS Council
January 10, 2019
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Call to Order

Ralph Marrinson, Chair, called meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Announcements

No announcements.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2018

MOTION TO ACCEPT the minutes made by Chief Bruce Caruso and SECONDED by Dr. Craig Mallak.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Presentation

Jeff Halsey, Director, Environmental/Consumer Protection Department (ECPD) presented proposed changes to Chapter 3½ ordinance to accommodate relocation of Medical Transport Services to ECPD.

ECPD functions include licensing, inspecting, and enforcing regulations. ECPD in the long term wants a process of creating one enforcement strategy to deal with problems.

Recommendations include:

- Eliminate EMS Council recommendations for new Class 5.
- Instead of EMS Council recommending, have interaction at meetings between Rick Sluman, ECPD, and the EMS Council
- Not going to the Board for certificate approval
- New certificates approved by ECPD
- All renewals by ECPD
- Enforcement to go through hearing officer for consistency across board
- Hearing officer can give warnings and citations/fines
- Enforcement is for all class applications
- Enforcement is whatever falls under ECPD's regulatory authority
- Administrative review by public. If public has issues go through hearing officer to make case on ECPD actions/decisions
- Instead of EMS Council, ECPD hearing officer can suspend, revoke or modify application

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- Enforcement program is in place to verify compliance
- Having regulations at a local level

Discussion by the EMS Council and ECPD. Concerns and issues by EMS Council were expressed.

Dr. C. Mallak said he believes the application should come back to the EMS Council, with its experts, to address issues and risks to the public. Mr. J. Halsey said they could do it like that for a time and see. Currently, EMS Council is actively involved in recommendations mainly in new and renewal of Class 5 applications.

As a result of the feedback from the EMS Council, ECPD will consider their next steps to the proposed changes to the ordinance.

ECPD still has to meet with the fire chiefs, February 7, on this ordinance proposal.

[Recommendations for Appointments/Reappointments](#)

Appointments recommended by the EMS Council Executive Committee include:

Dr. John Cunha, Hospital: Nonprofit/Proprietary
Chief Julie Downey, Transport: Municipal Fire
Initially Chief Michael Kane amended to Danielle Fuller, Transport: Aircraft
Chief Joel Gordon, ALS: Municipal Provider
Chief Bruce Caruso, ALS: County Provider
Stephen Parr, ALS: Private Provider
David Wirth, Broward EMS Education
J. Scott Bayne, Fire and Paramedic, Union Rep

MOTION TO RECOMMEND by Chief B. Caruso and SECONDED by Joanne Richter.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Discussion on Motion. American Red Cross and several Commissioner Appointees positions are vacant and need recommendations

Chief B. Caruso requested that BSO chief pilot, Danielle Fuller, represent Transport: Aircraft.

Chief B. Caruso amended the above MOTION TO RECOMMEND; to have Danielle Fuller represent Transport: Aircraft and SECONDED by Dr. Frederick Keroff.

MOTION passed unanimously.

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David Starnes' second absence (resulting in position vacancy) was due to the death of his father.

MOTION to write a letter to Commissioner Ryan to recommend appointing David Starnes to represent Commissioner Ryan by Zeff Ross and SECONDED by Dr. Frederick Keroff.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Ralph Marrinson

Nothing to report

EMS Grant – Zeff Ross

Zeff Ross reported that EMS Council received a letter from the State approving the \$119,816 grant. Grant is effective from December 14, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

Public Information, Education – Chief Joel Gordon

Chief Joel Gordon reported that Fire Rescue East training is the week of the 22nd with three PIO-related programs; symposium with speakers on that Friday. Prior to this they are offering the G290 basic PIO two-day class and second advanced skills class. There is a G290 class being held in Brevard County in April.

EMS Conference – Chief Bruce Caruso

Chief B. Caruso reported the First There First Care Conference Committee met yesterday. They received a check for \$10,000 from Tenet Hospitals and they are aggressively seeking more sponsors. They received approval of grant for \$50,000. They are in the process of making *Save the Date* cards. Also, the committee voted to keep all the fees the same as last year. Next meeting January 30, 2019 at ME office. Conference is June 3-6, 2019 at Bonaventure Spa and Resort.

Medical Issues/Infectious Exposure – Dr. Frederick Keroff

Nothing to report.

EMS Review – Chief Bruce Caruso

Nothing to report

Nominating Committee – Dr. David Kimpel

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

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New Business

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Next Meeting Dates

March 7, 2019, June 6, 2019 and September 5, 2019 (Ralph Marrinson said they will probably have to move the June and December meeting dates).

Adjourned

2:40 pm