

Broward Regional EMS Council
Thursday, June 1, 2017
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Subject	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Call to Order	Ralph Marrinson, Committee Chair, called meeting to order at 1:40pm	
Announcement	No Announcements	
Roll Call	Staff called the roll and established quorum.	
Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2017	<u>MOTION TO</u> accept by David Starnes and seconded by Chief Thomas DiBernardo.	MOTION passed unanimously
➤ Council Vacancies in need of recommendations	Staff, Alison Zerbe, stated the committee has two openings, Commissioners Bogen and Holness. Forward any recommendations to her. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Bogen, District 2 ▪ Commissioner Holness, District 9 	
➤ Recent Appointments/Reappointments:	Staff, A. Zerbe, announced the new EMS Committee Appointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daniel J. Cuoco-Commissioner Steve Geller, District 5, ▪ Joseph Fernandez-ALS County Administration ▪ Harris Bouchillon-Transport County Fire. Reappointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. John Halpern-Commissioner Nan Rich, District 1 ▪ Leon Solomon-Commissioner Michael Udine, District 3 ▪ Dr. David Kenigsberg-Physicians Internist ▪ Edwina Kessler-Broward County Bar Association ▪ Dr. Niqui Kiffin-Physicians Surgeon ▪ Tor Skroder-Transport Fixed Wing Air 	
➤ Recommendations for Appointments/Reappointments:	Staff, A. Zerbe, announced recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. David Kimpel- Physicians Representing Emergency Department Director from Broward Health ▪ Merlin Underwood-Transport Private Ambulance <u>MOTION TO</u> recommendation both by Dr. Frederick Keroff and seconded by T. DiBernardo.	MOTION passed unanimously
➤ New member	Chair Marrinson said that since a number of new members; members present introduced themselves. T. Bernardo had several of his EMS leadership students attending for extra credit.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Committee ❖ EMS Grants ☆ Public Information, Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ EMS Conference ● Legislative Issues 	<p>No Executive Committee</p> <p>Staff, A. Zerbe announced EMS Grants because presenter, Zeff Ross was not in attendance. She stated the grant agreements already signed are being processed/approved/signed at Risk Management, then to Attorney, and last to Records, Taxes and Treasury Department.</p> <p>R. Marrinson stated grants very important because we are responsible for who gets grants and administering the money. He encouraged others to apply for these grants.</p> <p>Public Information presenters Joel Gordon and Rodney Turpel not in attendance. T. DiBernardo announced about EMS conference at Bonaventure Resort next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Tuesday is the preliminary session of the ALS completion-open to public (26 EMS teams and 5 nursing teams), ☆ Wednesday is the final day of ALS competition and the start of our pre-conferences all day, ☆ Thursday is the main event--open session and conferences all day with award ceremony in middle. <p>He stated that he would like to see the Executive Board for awards; all EMS members welcome.</p> <p>R. Marrinson said, for new members, it was really worthwhile and one of the best recognized conferences in the county.</p> <p>Legislative - T. DiBernardo mentioned the Senate and House were in a deadlock for passing the bill that pertains to P&T funding (low income pool) now being stretched to EMS providers – bill was resolved – Governor signed it yesterday. He put added \$10 million retroactive for last year and fully-funded for this year.</p>	

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<p>* Medical Issues</p> <p> Infectious Exposure</p> <p>EMS Review</p>	<p>Federal legislation—T. DiBernardo—this morning spoke to Congressman Ted Deutch and Fire Chiefs-- to change the Medicare rules and how EMS is viewed. Unfortunately, fire industry as a nation likes half the bill, but, not the other half. They spoke to Deutch to see if they can find a middle ground.</p> <p>Medical Issues--Dr. Frederick Keroff stated nothing to report.</p> <p>Captain Massa, Fire, worked on the infectious disease posters. Professional guidelines for the infectious disease poster were revised for any healthcare workers—police officers included--within Broward County. The poster is out there and Captain Massa sending it out electronically. Memorial has done some great things and EDs are putting it up.</p> <p>Bruce Caruso announced he didn't have anything to report and not able to get EMS Review Committee together this afternoon—didn't have quorum. Reconvening as soon as possible for those outstanding certificates.</p>	
<p>➤ Old Business</p> <p>➤ New Business</p>	<p>T. DiBernardo asked about the Medical Examiner's data collection services. Staff A. Zerbe has posted for this position and it closes today at 5PM. Dr. Craig Mallak stated that Commissioners put a cap on number of County employees hired and had to get an exception for this position. T. DiBernardo said they could help with the interview board.</p> <p>Staff, A. Zerbe announced she was working with the Trauma Centers to develop a simple wound-packing protocol for pre-hospital. It in the beginning stages and reviewing at the next Trauma Quality (TSQIC) meeting. Dr. Keroff asked for notice of meeting, when and where. A. Zerbe is working on it with Drs. Puente and Rosenthal. When completed it will be sent out.</p> <p>Joanne Richter said they were finalizing the new Trauma five-year plan. She was working on the new Trauma Plan with Staff A. Zerbe and M. Bachmann. A. Zerbe said once we have the rough draft—Trauma Advisory Committee will meet to review.</p>	

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<p>➤ Good of the Order</p>	<p>Ben Bellucci, American Red Cross Program Manager, spoke on the October 14, 2017 Initiative. American Red Cross partners with Fire Chiefs' Association and Broward fire departments to team up with Nationwide to install smoke detectors in homes. This is an outreach initiative to reduce home fire deaths 25% by the year 2020.</p> <p>The goal is to have each municipality get 200 smoke detectors and identify 100 high risk homes and pre-register those homes. On October 14, (for fire prevention month), fire department will distribute them. This program has already saved lives.</p> <p>B. Bellucci also answered several American Red Cross rumors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ They are not pulling out of Broward County. ➤ They are not getting out of the emergency shelter business. ➤ Red Cross resources support Broward County, who is ultimately responsible for sheltering. <p>In a disaster/emergency management situation, American Red Cross only has two paid employees. Nine-five percent of their workforce is volunteers (volunteerism has been down).</p> <p>B. Bellucci indicated there is currently a written, but not yet signed, agreement between the American Red Cross and Emergency Management to support 7 shelters in Broward County. There is a total of 43 shelters. After the first 72-hours, storm passes, and consolidation, then Red Cross takes over shelters. He added that any questions about shelters or related, direct to him.</p>	
<p>➤ Next Meeting Dates</p>	<p>September 7, 2017</p> <p>December 7, 2017</p> <p>March 1, 2018</p> <p>June 7, 2018</p>	<p>Mark your calendars</p>
<p>➤ Adjournment</p>		