

Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
September 7, 2023
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Call to Order

Dr. Frederick Keroff, Chair, called regular meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Announcements:

EMS Council needs 1/3rd active members present to establish a quorum. Being on the phone does not count.

Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2023

MOTION TO ACCEPT the minutes of June 1, 2023.

Motion made by: Dr. John Halpern

Seconded: Chief Matthew Whitton

MOTION passed unanimously

Presentation: Project Opioid South Florida (POSF)– Jan Thoman

Jan Thoman, Tri-County Manager, displayed the opioid reversal kit. They are putting them in bars, hotels, restaurants, and other establishments, and working with the police departments, fire departments, and BSO. They work with HIDA and the DEA, daily. Dr MacDougall is in zoom meetings with them and the Florida Department of Health every week.

During COVID there was a big rise in overdoses with teens getting pills through social media platforms such as Instagram, emojis, and snapchat. They partner with Miami-Dade Public Schools. They did over 50 assemblies already. They are working on Broward and Palm Beach. POSF does trainings at churches, libraries, schools, and anywhere they need a training. They are distributing Opioid Reversal Emergency kits that contain Naloxone spray. There is a shot one time up the nostril to get oxygen to the brain, so they don't get brain damage. The person should start gasping for air and if not in two minutes, spray the second injection into the other nostril. If it's not opioid or it's something different the spray will not cause any problems.

Discussion Included:

Dr. Keroff asked if it was available for distribution? Walmart has it for \$45.00/box. POSF, non-profit, has it free through a grant. Ms. Thoman said if they need any to send her an email or call (jthoman@gfalliance.org or 954-830-5262). She will try to deliver it to them. If it's not in stock, she will try to get it. Some first responders have their own grant. Ms. Thoman said there is another one coming out in a couple of months, and one that just came out.

The complete presentation is available upon request.

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Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:

MOTION TO RECOMMEND: Michael Garcia to Transport: Private Ambulance
Motion made by Dr. John Halpern
Seconded: Dr. Randy Katz
MOTION passed unanimously

Recently Appointment/Reappointment by Commission on 8/22/2023

Dr. Wayne Lee to Physicians: Medical Director,
Ryan Logan to American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter (he resigned),
Summer O'Bier to Broward Emergency Medical Services Education,
Chaplain Barnabas Johnson to BHAP/Behavior Health Assistance Program,
Jenna DiPlacido to EMS Dispatch, County or Municipal

Vacancies:

Advanced Life Support (ALS): County Provider
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Municipal Provider
Advanced Life Support (ALS): Private Provider
American Heart Association, Broward County Chapter
American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter
Appointee of Commissioner: Mark D. Bogen – Dist. 2
Appointee of Commissioner: Tim Ryan – Dist. 7
Appointee of Commissioner: Robert McKinzie – Dist. 8
Fire and Paramedic: Union Representative
Law Enforcement, Union Representative

APPLICATION FORM FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

<https://www.broward.org/Intergovernmental/Pages/BoardsCommittees.aspx>

Contact/email Alison Zerbe with nomination/recommendations for the vacant positions.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Session – Alison Zerbe reported

- Center for Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) announced this week that they launched a new state-based total cost of care reimbursement model. They will begin in eight states starting July 2024. This will potentially support community health projects which has had funding challenges, in the past. After the meeting, Alison will send out an article referencing this.
- Florida's regular legislative session will convene January 9, 2024, and the last day is March 8, 2024. May be more EMS-related legislation.
- Florida EMS Advisory Council's next meeting is the week of October 4, in Destin, FL.

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Executive Committee – Dr. Frederick Keroff

- No report.

Public Information, Education – Chief Joel Gordon

- Chief Gordon is retiring November 2023. This is his last EMS Council meeting.
- They deployed many PIOs to the Big Bend Area to support Hurricane Idalia. Currently, they are in four counties. It appears things are ramping down, but the PIOs will be there for a while. Contact Chief Gordon if any PIOs want to go to cleanup in a few weeks.
- Hopefully, in the next period they can get funding for the mobile jib.
- Annual symposium is in January in Orlando tied with the Florida Fire Chiefs' program. They will have the L105 3-day basic class and their advanced skill program.

EMS Conference – Chief Caruso

- The 27th Annual First There First Care conference will be held June 10-14, 2024, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino – *Save the Date*. The theme is '*EMS - A Global Community*'.
- The 2023 conference was a huge success with 1700 attendees, a 21% increase. This has become a local, national, and world-wide conference.
- The next full committee meeting is September 13 at 9AM at the Office of the Medical Examiner and Trauma Services.

Medical Issues – Dr. Wayne Lee

- No report.

BHAP/Behavior Health Assistance Program – Chaplain Barnabas Johnson

- No report.

EMS Review – Alison Zerbe

- Century Ambulance which is a current COPCN holder in Broward County is changing ownership. This requires them to go through the COPCN process once the application is completed through Consumer Protection. Per ordinance, an EMS Review Committee meeting will be held to review the application and request for COPCN. At the Broward County Commission meeting this morning they gave them a temporary COPCN so they can continue their emergency backup services.

Grants – Alison Zerbe

- No Grant meeting yet because the Florida Department of Health has not announced the 2024 county government grant funds.
- **A summary of the 2023 projects is attached.** Alison needs all of this before December.

Old Business – Alison Zerbe

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New Business – Alison Zerbe

- For new members: The commission makes decision based off the recommendations EMS Council makes. EMS Council must have a minimum of four meetings a year.
- EMS Council may need to have an extra meeting for the grants.

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Good of the Order

Battalion Chief Terry Jackson's memorial is Friday, September 8, 2023, at 10:00AM at The Faith Center Ministries in Sunrise.

Next Meeting Dates.

December 7, 2023

March 7, 2024

June 6, 2024

September 5, 2024

December 5, 2024

Adjourned

1:36 p.m.

FY2023 EMS Grant Project Summaries

Fire Chiefs' Association of Broward County-

26th Annual First There First Care Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Conference

Funding Requested - \$65,000

Funding Recommended - \$59,500

The Fire Chiefs' Association's 26th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference provides innovative EMS education to more than 500 EMS and nursing professionals working in prehospital and Emergency Department settings. It allows the opportunity for networking, trend and treatment tracking, technology advancements, and provides EMS and Nursing professionals continuing education credits to ensure that Broward County residents and visitors are receiving the best care possible.

City of Hollywood-

Continuing Education for Prehospital Provider

Funding Requested - \$36,951

Funding Recommended - \$26,863

The City of Hollywood-Fire Rescue's Continuing Education for Prehospital Providers project offers instruction on prehospital interventions (PHI), including but not limited to, intubation, tourniquet use, cricothyrotomy and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) to all Broward County prehospital providers. The training equipment purchased for this project and the training sessions provided through this project will have a countywide benefit to all Broward County EMS agencies and organizations that would like to participate.

City of Hollywood-

Pediatric Transport Harness

Funding Requested - \$7,970

Funding Recommended - \$797.00

The City of Hollywood-Fire Rescue's Pediatric Transport Harness project will provide Hollywood Fire Rescue pediatric transport harnesses that accommodate pediatric patients outside of the weight range they are currently equipped for. Their ALS units are currently able to securely transport pediatric patients between 10 lbs. to 40 lbs. This will broaden that range to provide safer transport for pediatric patients. Hollywood Fire Rescue will provide data on usage as a pilot program for the potential to roll this project out countywide in the future.