

**Broward Regional EMS Council**  
**June 4, 2019**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

### Call to Order

Ralph Marrinson, Chair, called meeting to order at 1:36 pm. (Held at the Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Weston).

### Announcements

Ralph Marrinson thanked Chief Bruce Caruso for the refreshments and for putting on a phenomenal conference.

### Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

### Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2019

MOTION TO ACCEPT the minutes made by Charles Wohlitka and SECONDED by Dr. Frederick Keroff.

MOTION passed unanimously.

### Presentation

Thomas DiBernardo presented an update (to Dr. Katz's CARES presentation last year) to the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) in Florida as of last year.

- Pilot study done in the nation.
- EMS needed to understand the outcome of the patient, through discharge, to understand the improvements.
- A worldwide template was developed but still challenges in the United States.
- CDC contracted Emory University to create the CARES Registry.
- In Florida, as of last year, Thomas DiBernardo became CARES Manager (not regulatory).
- Partnered EMS agencies to hospitals where the data comes out of their system and goes into the hospital dashboard; the outcome measures and analysis occurs.
- The 2018 national raw data CARES Summary Report was distributed.
- Last year there were 2 agencies and 4 hospitals in the State of Florida; less than year later there are 46 agencies and 150 hospitals.
- All 100% of Broward agencies are on board; one hospital system currently going through a compliance issue.
- Half of Miami-Dade and half of Palm Beach are on the registry.

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- On west coast, as of Friday, going from Carter County to Sarasota/Pinellas County; in five days will have everyone on it.
- Can be tailored to a hospital compared to national, or an agency compared to national.
- Goal in a couple of months is to have a Broward column in the report; by end year hope to see a Broward column, Florida column and National column in the report.

Dr. Keroff asked who will be able to access the reports from the CARES database? T. DiBernardo said that each agency will give data provider contact and that person can run these reports. Hospitals can run their reports.

No hospitals have said they wouldn't participate but there have been some compliance challenges for some. T. DiBernardo is getting hospital system-wide compliance for each corporation throughout Florida as opposed to each hospital separately.

#### [New Appointments as of 6-4-2019](#)

Candace Pineda, Appointee of Steve Geller

#### [Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment](#)

American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter – Anna Molony

Broward Emergency Medical Services Education – Summer O'Bier

Physicians: Prehospital Medical Director – Dr. Randy Katz

Transport: County Fire – Chief Joseph Fernandez

MOTION TO RECOMMEND made by Joanne Richter and SECONDED by C. Wohlitka.

MOTION passed unanimously.

#### [Vacancies](#)

Appointee of Commissioner Beam Furr

Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen

Appointee of Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness

Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative

Send recommendations to Alison Zerbe (resident of Broward County and need resume).

#### [Committee Reports](#)

[Legislative Update – Alison Zerbe](#)

HB 411 – Non emergency medical transportation services.

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HB 487 – Carrying of firearms by tactical medical professionals.

HB 947 – Telehealth: establish standard of care for telehealth providers.

HB 23 – Telehealth: establishing standards of practice for telehealth providers.

HB 21 – Hospital licensure.

HB 441 – E911 Systems.

HB 451 – Nonopioid alternatives.

SB 732 – Office surgery.

HB 831 – Electronic prescribing.

SB 1460 – Stroke centers.

A. Zerbe will email legislative information to everyone.

Paul Schweinler expressed concern about SB 376, passed last year, stating that he was concerned that they may treat the PTSD patients like regular workers' comp patients.

SB 376 (2018) - Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders; Providing that, under certain circumstances, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) suffered by a first responder is an occupational disease compensable by workers' compensation benefits; specifying that benefits do not require a physical injury and are not subject to certain apportionment or limitations, etc.

Ralph Marrinson said that in healthcare 57 bills were filed: 37 failed and 20 passed. Due to their complexity, the 20 bills will either be eliminated or modified and a long way from being enacted.

One of the biggest bills was the Certificate of Need. For a long time, hospitals and other facilities were protected from major expansion in the industry. Now this has opened up. He feels it won't be a rapid growth for large entities, but he believes small facilities will "pop up all over the place." He said that they must study and monitor what happens to these bills.

Mr. Marrinson said that the commission has sent out a 2020 State Legislative Program (*copy was emailed to EMS Council 6-3-2019*): The report includes value admission, commission priorities, county appropriation requests, statewide appropriation requests, etc. He encourages council to look at the report and if they have any comments bring them forward by August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be presented at the September 5<sup>th</sup> EMS meeting.

Dr. Keroff asked if the removal of the CON process has any impacted on Trauma Centers? Candice Pineda said that as far as she knows the trauma has not been part

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of the CON process. Mr. Marrinson said that nursing home are still under CON process.

Executive Committee – Ralph Marrinson

Nothing to report.

EMS Grant – Zeff Ross

Nothing to report.

Public Information, Education – Deputy Chief Joel Gordon

Training opportunities for PIOs: Hosting G290 and G291, basic PIO's, 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> at Plantation. Those are prerequisites for advance PIOs. Advanced Class in Boca Raton at the end of July.

South Florida Media Coalition will be holding monthly meeting at EOC. This is the annual pre-storm season joint information training.

Deputy Chief Gordon remembered Todd Tongen, reporter for Channel 10; the loss of a good friend to Fire Rescue.

EMS Conference – Chief Bruce Caruso

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual First There First Care conference.
- Third year the conference is at Bonaventure Resort & Spa.
- Hardworking committee of 35 people that will start meeting again for next year's conference, next month; year-round process.
- CME for doctors was put on front page; they have been trying for five years to make sure physicians get there CME contact hours; CME-approved agenda; thanked Memorial Healthcare for taking the lead.
- Started yesterday with all team disciplines: physicians, nurses, dispatchers, emergency managers, fire rescue and paramedics.
- Yesterday had six nursing teams competition and resuscitation academy; over 70 people took the resuscitation academy; thanked Healthcare Coalition for sponsoring many seats.
- Today have 23 advanced life support paramedic teams participating, including from Tennessee.

Medical Issues/Infectious Exposure – Dr. Frederick Keroff

- A meeting was held recently (April 29, 2019); planning another meeting in the next month.

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- Resuscitation centers: Discussion on creating resuscitation centers in Broward County and what constitutes a resuscitation center.
- Standardizing sepsis language and definition of sepsis alert; what is the expectation of EMS from hospitals when they bring in a sepsis alert patient.
- Briefly talked about strokes; still in the process of collecting data from the hospitals (CARES side still having the same issue as with strokes).

Mr. Marrinson asked A. Zerbe about the status of the data. Put together a data research committee; sent out an email and received only two responses. Since only two responses, they can either put together a committee (perhaps Candace Pineda would be interested in chairing) or we could piggyback it onto Medical Issues Committee. Mr. Marrinson said that if interested, let them know.

EMS Review – Chief Bruce Caruso

Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee – Dr. David Kimpel

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Good of the Order

Next Meeting Dates

September 5, 2019, December 5, 2019

Adjourned

2:15 pm