

**Broward Regional EMS Council**  
**September 1, 2016**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Subject	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Call to Order	Vice-Chair Dr. Keroff called the meeting to order.	1:40 PM
Roll Call	Staff called the names of the members for the roll, and validated sufficient members present to constitute a quorum. Members on the phone were noted as present.	Validation of Quorum
Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2016	<b>Motion:</b> Commissioner LaMarca to approve the minutes as submitted, Thomas DiBernardo seconded. No discussion	Motion passes unanimously.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Coral Springs Fire Rescue – EMS Grant update: Critical Skills Training Lab</li> </ul> </li>   <li>➤ Sunset Review</li> </ul>	<p>Department Chief Juan Cardona spoke about the Critical Skills Training Lab, an EMS County Grant funded through the EMS Council, which trained 535 EMS personnel using cadavers. Three (3) days of training took place at the Marriott Hotel. Paragon Medical Education Group provided everything for the training: cadavers, supplies, and instructors. Local EMTs received training in three (3) instructive stations: advanced airway, hemorrhage control, and gross anatomy. The greatest feedback received was for the gross anatomy station; as this is frequently not part of the education of medics and nurses. There were 1.5 CEUs issued by each agency's medical director. The initial pre-test knowledge was 74%; even though the pre-test scores were already high, it was improved to 82% in the post-test. Participant feedback was 93.7% positive overall, with excellent feedback.</p> <p>Board of County Commissioners Boards Coordinator, Daphnee Sainvil, presented the Sunset Review recommendations. There will be a special meeting to review the items individually and collectively. The initial information will be sent out today; and member comments reviewed with the Executive Committee, through staff. The final recommendations of the Executive Committee will then be reviewed in a special meeting of the EMS Council. Daphnee reviewed the recommendations and responded to questions. A panel met in June and reviewed the EMS Council Ordinance in accordance with Article 15, Section 15. This process is repeated every four years. There are several positions that are not required for the board to continue to fulfill its purpose. Affected positions will be more restructured, than eliminated. These are the initial draft recommendations.</p>	This is something they would like to pursue again.

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	<p>Discussion: Walter Dix asks about the time for input from the members. The recommendations came from the panel meeting with staff. This is the time for feedback from the members of the EMS Council. The Executive Committee will meet, and comments can be filtered through Ms. Rashkin's office; she will bring that feedback to the Executive Committee. Mr. Dix would like to see the impact on all of the positions. He has concerns with the new structure, including the flattening of the Municipal and County Fire representatives. The Fire and Police Union positions were just added, and now they are being eliminated. Staff is noting member concerns. Comm. LaMarca comments that the best practices that come from the board are reflected from the robust diversity of the representation on the Council. David Dweck, addressed the board to announce his resignation from the board; and recommends that adopted language be generic about representing bodies. Dr. Lee comments that the EMS Council may have a large membership, but the overall burden to benefit ratio seems low. He questions a reduction in number. Staff clarifies that by reallocating some of the present members into the commission appointee seats they also qualify for, you improve the activity of the Council. The positions to be deleted are the ones traditionally difficult to fill.</p>	<p>Comments should be sent to Cheryl by email. Executive and special meeting dates TBD. A copy of the recommendations will be sent to members.</p>
<p>➤ Council Vacancies in need of recommendations</p>	<p>Staff read the current list of vacancies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissioner Bogen, Dist. 2</li> <li>▪ Commissioner Wexler, Dist. 5</li> <li>▪ Commissioner Furr, Dist. 6</li> <li>▪ Transport – County Fire</li> <li>▪ Transport – Nonemergency Medical Transportation</li> <li>▪ Advanced Life Support (ALS) – County Administration</li> <li>▪ Emergency Department Director from Broward Health</li> </ul>	<p>Staff urges anyone with recommendations to contact the representing bodies so that they can be brought to the EMS Council, and then to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recent Appointments/reappointments</li> </ul>	<p>Staff read the appointments since the last meeting. On June 14, 2016 the following positions were filled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Physicians – Surgeon               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Niqui Kiffin</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Broward County Emergency Management Division               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Miguel Ascarrunz</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Broward County Bar Association               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Edwina V. Kessler</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recommendations for Appointment/Reappointment:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissioner Ryan, Dist 7</li> <li>▪ Transport – Nonemergency Medical Transportation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Staff reviewed the recent recommendations for appointment.</p> <p>David Starnes</p> <p>Stacey Patasnik</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Zeff Ross to approve the appointments as submitted, seconded Comm. LaMarca. Walter Dix would like to add to the recommendations. Walter Dix would like to recommend the new BSO Fire Chief, Joseph Fernandez, to fill the vacancy of Advanced Life Support (ALS) - County Administration. No further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>BSODFR to submit nomination to Ms. Rashkin.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Committee Reports           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Executive Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Keroff read into the record the letter from the American Red Cross regarding David Dweck’s retirement from the Council – would like to recommend Ben Bellucci to replace him.           <p><b>Motion:</b> to appoint Mr. Bellucci to replace Mr. Dweck, Comm. LaMarca, seconded Zeff Ross. No discussion.</p> </li> <li>○ Staff introduced the new members of the EMS Review committee.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bruce Caruso - chair</li> <li>Anthony Gandia – physician</li> <li>Jerry Graziose – at large</li> <li>Tor Skroder - consumer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>

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❖ EMS Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Zeff Ross spoke about the grants committee and the outcomes of the ranking. The funding recommendations were presented to the Council. All of the projects were at least partially funded. Sunrise Fire reduced the scope of their project to allow for funding of other projects.</li> <li>❖ <b>Motion:</b> to approve the funding as recommended by the Grant Ranking Committee, Zeff Ross seconded David Donzella. No further discussion.</li> </ul>	Motion passes unanimously.
☆ Public Information, Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Joel Gordon thanked everyone for their kindness during his recent illness. He spoke about Davie Fire Rescue's Stop the Bleed program.</li> <li>☆ Public Information – the advanced PIO class is again complete. This is the second time. This is run through the Emergency Management Institute. About 80 PIOs have taken this training each time. There is another upcoming in Sanford, FL in January – it does have pre-requisites, so begin looking at those now to participate.</li> <li>☆ EMI – Emergency Management Institute has also come out with a masters' level course beginning this year – and the course runs a year. 50 PIOs applied, 25 were selected, and 2 from South Florida – Joel Gordon is one of those two. Chief Gordon introduced Chief Rodney Turpel as the new chair of the EMS Conference Committee.</li> </ul>	This information is on the EMS council website.
☆ EMS Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Rodney Turpel spoke about the EMS Conference committee. It is scheduled for May as usual, but a new venue is being sought as the Hard Rock is entering some construction. Chief Gordon mentions that the conference was featured in EMS publication.</li> </ul>	Congratulations, Joel.  This is still TBD, but more information is coming.
• Legislative Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff reviews the legislative issues – Trauma has until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September for the trauma service areas. This changes the language for the applications for a trauma center – is the too short of a time frame – less than 7 days to review. So this is the main concern with the changes in the language. State meetings will be coming up.</li> </ul>	This information will be sent out.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Medical Issues</li> <li>* Infectious Exposure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Dr. Fred Keroff has nothing to report for medical issues or infectious exposures.</li> </ul>	
◆ EMS Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Staff will review two new NEMTS applications today.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New Business</li> <li>➤ Good of the Order</li> </ul>	<p>Commissioner LaMarca spoke about the Sheridan House. An event October 1<sup>st</sup> called the Goliath Gauntlet supports this charity – he passed out information. He also welcomes the new BSO chief. Staff mentions the new project – LOVE (Leave Our Vehicles Empty) in partnership with city of Sunrise.</p> <p>Dr. Mallak speaks about a new street drug. It can be dangerous to responders through skin absorption. U47700 is legal and carphentanyl is illegal and extremely dangerous. The DOH put out a warning referencing this.</p> <p>Miguel Ascarrunz – May14-19 is the governors' conference. The EMS Conference may be a conflict with the hurricane exercise.</p>	<p>This will be up on the EMS Council website.</p> <p>We will post this on the EMS Council website.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Dates</p> <p>Back at the Office of Medical Examiner &amp; Trauma Service's Bldg.</p>	<p>December 1, 2016</p> <p>March 2, 2017</p>	<p>Please mark your calendars</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>2:38 PM</p>