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

Call to Order

Dr. Frederick Keroff, Chair, called regular meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023

MOTION TO ACCEPT the minutes of February 9, 2023.

Motion made by: Chief Julie Downey

Seconded: Dr. John Halpern

MOTION passed unanimously

Presentation: Mechanical CPR Injuries, by Erin E. Ely, M.D.

Research studies on mechanical CPR Injuries vs. Manual CPR Injuries and Medical Examiner Cases.

Discussion Included: Mechanical CPR is being used for prolonged transport.

Is prehospital starting with manual CPR before they use the Lucas Device?

Assume that the Lucas Device/mechanical device is on for a much more extended period especially with long transports.

In cases with i.e., liver laceration or certain hematoma injuries was the mechanical device placed in right position, or movement of the patient from one site to another site, or if they are putting the compressor too deep, or other factors.

Statement that nobody can do effective manual CPR more than two minutes or in the back of a moving vehicle.

Appears there is an increase in injuries due to use of mechanical devices.

Are other county medical examiners seeing an increase? Dr. Ely said they can reach out to Miami-Dade and Palm Beach.

The complete presentation is available upon request.

Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:

MOTION TO RECOMMEND:

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.

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Motion made by Chief Bruce Caruso
Seconded: Dr. Evan Boyar
MOTION passed unanimously

Recently Appointment/Reappointment:

Vacancies:

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

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

- The legislative session ended in May.
- HB 1387 – Marijuana lab requirement, EMT/Paramedic certification revisions, and language regarding Medical Directors EMS Community Health Care. (*Alison will send out a summary of this bill.*)

Executive Committee – Dr. Frederick Keroff announced

- No report.

Public Information, Education – Chief Joel Gordon

- Chief Gordon not present.

EMS Conference – Chief Caruso

- June 12-16, 2023, Hard Rock. They have been successful with the EMS Grant they received due to the increase in funding. Scholarships still available to Broward County agencies, hospitals, and private providers. Register on the website: www.firsttherefirstcare.com. They have meetings, competitions, and educational lectures and speeches.

Medical Issues – Dr. Wayne Lee reported

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BHAP/Behavior Health Assistance Program – Alison Zerbe reported

- The BHAP position is vacant, but they recommended Barnabas Johnson. It will be going to Commission for approval in August.

EMS Review – Chief Bruce Caruso reported

- No report. This committee reviews COPCNs for Broward County.

Grants – Alison Zerbe

- When Alison receives State matching grant fund results, she will send them out.
- The three 2023 Grant projects are underway (26th Annual First There First Care Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Conference: EMS Education, Continuing Education for Prehospital Providers, and Pediatric Transport Harness).
- The State will announce the 2024 Grant funds during the summer around July.

Old Business – Alison Zerbe

- EMS Council requires required one third of the membership to be physically present for a quorum. If they do not have one third present, members are counted as absent if they call in. Members are then taken off the EMS Council if they have two absences and must be reappointed.
- A quorum is especially important when approving grants, and the trauma plan, etc.
- Alison sent out to all hospitals that there are four private ambulance providers. Alison will send this out to the EMS Council.

New Business – Alison Zerbe

- Who gets billed if a patient can not pay for transport? Private providers will bill hospital if the patient cannot pay.
- Paramedics can make the decision to stop CPR, if applicable. They are not required to shock the patient.

Good of the Order

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting Dates

September 7, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.

December 7, 2023

Adjourned

2:38 p.m.