

**DRAFT**  
**Broward Regional EMS Council**  
**September 3, 2020**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Ralph Marrinson, Chair, called meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**Roll Call**

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

**Announcements:**

Ralph Marrinson announced that both March 19, and June 4, EMS Council meetings were canceled (*due to COVID-19*).

**Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2019:**

**MOTION** to Accept the minutes of October 30, 2019.

**Motion made by:** John Halpern

**Seconded:** Wayne Lee

**MOTION passed unanimously**

**Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:**

Dr. Deborah Mulligan, Physicians: Pediatrician

Dr. Niqui Kiffin, Physicians: Surgeon

Judy Frum, Hospitals: Memorial Healthcare Systems, Administration

**MOTION** to Recommend Dr. Deborah Mulligan and Dr. Niqui Kiffin for Reappointment to Physicians: Pediatrician and Physicians: Surgeon

**Motion made by:** Frederick Keroff

**Seconded:** John Halpern

**Motion passed unanimously**

**MOTION** to Recommend Judy Frum for Appointment to Hospitals: Memorial Healthcare Systems, Administration

**Motion made by:** Frederick Keroff

**Seconded:** John Halpern

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Vacancies:**

Advanced Life Support (ALS):

American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter

Appointee of Commissioner Beam Furr

Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen

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Appointee of Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness  
Appointee of Commissioner Tim Ryan  
Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative  
Law Enforcement Representative, Union Representative  
Transport: Aircraft

### Committee Reports:

Legislative Update – Alison Zerbe

Nothing to report.

Executive Committee – Ralph Marrinson

Nothing to report.

EMS Grant – Alison Zerbe

Alison Zerbe reported that the Florida Department of Health announced the County EMS Grants for FY2020/2021. Broward was allocated \$94,010. The information packet and application was sent out on Friday, August 7. Any organization can apply as long as it is to expand and improve EMS in Broward County. Countywide or multi-agency projects are given priority. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, September 15 at 2 p.m. Any application submitted after deadline will not be considered.

Along with EMS Council's previous Grant Committee members, Mr. Marrinson has appointed several others to the Grant Committee: Candace Pineda and Chief Julie Downey. Dr. Antonio Gandia has been appointed the new chair of the committee. The Grant Committee will need to meet in October to rank the projects and A. Zerbe will be in contact with the Grant Committee after this meeting.

Public Information, Education – Deputy Chief Joel Gordon

Chief Joel Gordon reported public information has been very active with COVID-19. A couple of months ago they had a chat with PIO throughout the county about COVID. There is a statewide conference call for the PIO deployment team every Monday. They have PIO's deployed at all the testing sites.

EMI is modifying how they are doing training on PIOs. They are bringing it virtual and combining the 290 and 291 classes. They are allowing the states to continue to do the programs they were doing. Through the Florida Association of PIOs they are continuing to do their hybrid 290 and 291 classes. The next one is tentatively scheduled for Fire Rescues in January. Their symposium is scheduled for Friday, January 22.

EMS Conference – Chief Bruce Caruso

Alison Zerbe reported for Chief Caruso (who had an accident riding his bike and couldn't be here). The First There First Care conference committee has been meeting virtually to plan the conference for 2021. They haven't decided if the conference will be

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in person, virtual or a hybrid of the two. The next meeting if Wednesday, September 16, at 1:30 via Zoom.

Medical Issues/Infectious Exposure – Dr. Frederick Keroff  
Nothing to report.

EMS Review – Chief Bruce Caruso

Alison Zerbe report that American Ambulance, owned by Falck, sold their assets to MCT Express a few months ago during COVID. There are now four ambulance providers in Broward County. The current provider contracts are up at end of 2021. The EMS Review Committee needs to meet within the next couple of months to discuss how they are going to move forward. They put out a simple survey of the needs of county regarding ambulance providers and some surveys have been returned. They are going to put it in a report for EMS Review Committee and discuss how they will proceed next year.

Nominating Committee – Dr. David Kimpel  
Nothing to report.

Old Business  
Nothing to report.

New Business

Alison Zerbe said that they will have an EMS meeting in October or early November to approve the recommendations of the Grant Committee. Alison will be in touch with Mr. Marrinson soon. It will be a quick meeting then they will have the December 3 meeting.

Good of the Order

Next Meeting Dates

December 3, 2020

Adjourned

1:45 p.m.