

Broward Regional EMS Council
June 3, 2021
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Call to Order

Ralph Marrinson, Chair, called Skype meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Announcements:

Mr. Ralph Marrinson announced he was leaving the EMS Council because he was moving to Ocean Reef. Members must be a resident to be on any county board. He thanked everyone. He has been on EMS Council since 1987. September meeting to elect new officers.

Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2021:

MOTION to Accept the minutes of March 4, 2021.

Motion made by: Dr. Frederick Keroff

Seconded: Dr. Randy Katz

MOTION passed unanimously

Presentation: Opioid Grant Update

Presented by Lauren Whiteman, Opioid Program Manager, Florida Department of Health

- *Today Alison Zerbe is emailing EMS members the PowerPoint presentation and OFRC Affiliation Agreement.*

Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:

Jenna DiPlacido, representing EMS Dispatch, County or Municipal

Joanne Richter, representing Broward County Trauma Advisory Panel

Gregory Holness, representing Transport: County Fire

Judy Frum, representing Hospitals: Memorial Healthcare System, Administration

MOTION to Accept the Recommendations

Motion made by: Dr. Frederick Keroff

Seconded: Vanessa Quiles

MOTION passed unanimously

New Appointments/Reappointments

Vanessa Quiles, representing Nurses: Emergency Room

Jason Smith, representing Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative

Andrew Masters, representing Critical Incident Stress Management

Bill Harris, representing Appointee of Commissioner: Tim Ryan

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Vacancies:

Advanced Life Support (ALS): County Provider
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American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter
Appointee of Commissioner Beam Furr
Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen
Appointee of Commissioner Tim Ryan
Law Enforcement Representative, Union Representative
Physicians: Emergency Department Director of Broward Health

Send letters of recommendations/interest to Alison Zerbe (azerbe@broward.org) regarding vacancies. A. Zerbe provided a link that must be filled out if you want to be appointed by commissioner.

[BoardAppointmentRequest - county commissioner](#)

Committee Reports:

Legislative Update – Alison Zerbe reported

This year's session ended April 30.

<https://legiscan.com/FL/pending/senate-health-policy-committee/id/2689?page=1>

SB1084/HB805- Volunteer Ambulance Services (*PASSED*)

- Authorize use of lights and sirens to volunteer ambulances
- Exempting volunteer first responder agencies from COPCN process and requirements

SB766/HB397- Cardiovascular Emergency Protocols and Training (*DID NOT PASS*)

- DOH provides medical directors of EMS with providers of adult cardiovascular services requiring the department to develop a sample heart attack triage assessment tool
- Medical Directors must implement certain protocols for heart attack patients
- Dispatchers receive telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training

SB348/HB461- Medicaid (*PASSED*)

- Revising the types of emergency transportation vehicle services provided to Medicare-eligible persons for which Medicaid shall pay deductibles and coinsurance

COVID-related bills:

SB74/HB7005 – Providing preliminary procedures for civil action based on COVID-19 claims. (*DID NOT PASS*)

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SB122/HB133 deals with the introduction of baby boxes under the safe haven law.
(BILL WITHDRAWN)

Authorizing the Department of Health to approve, and certain hospitals, emergency medical services stations, and fire stations to use, newborn infant safety devices to accept surrendered newborn infants under certain circumstances; requiring such hospitals, emergency medical services stations, or fire stations to physically check and test the devices at specified intervals; providing additional locations to which the prohibition on the initiation of criminal investigations based solely on the surrendering of a newborn infant applies, etc.

Executive Committee – Ralph Marrinson – No Report

Public Information, Education – Chief Joel Gordon reported

- Mobile JIC moving forward
- RDSTF Joint media force: Broward County Fire Chiefs PIO Subcommittee and South Florida Media Coalition are working together. Funding has been secured. They are taking time to ensure this is planned out realistically and properly.
- G290, Basic PIO is being offered at FFCA Summer Conference. Last time for this course. They will be offering the new L105 (3-day class) probably in early Spring.
- COVID JIC conference calls still ongoing.
- Broward Fire Chiefs PIO Subcommittee open to all PIOs. Contact Mike Moser or Joel Gordon.
- Large influx of new residents to South Florida. All agencies need to ramp up their hurricane preparedness messaging.
- Baby Box bill update provided in previous report. Group looking to bypass state statute by using “Home rule.”
- Looking for best “Firehouse Chefs” for Cookin’ With Fire TV show. Can be fire departments, law enforcement, healthcare personnel. Contact Joel Gordon. Great way to highlight your organization.

EMS Conference – Bruce Caruso reported

- First There First Care Gathering of Eagles Conference is to take place at Hard Rock Casino, June 14 – 18, 2021. Support for this conference has been tremendous.
- Sold out main hotel and have an overflow hotel La Meridian at Griffin and I95; have complementary shuttle service.
- 57 Vendors and Exhibitors and a number of Sponsors
- The conference this year will be in person and hybrid Thursday and Friday for the Eagles.

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- Wednesday is the big day for First There First Care.
- Have tickets available for the mini-sessions and conference days Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and www.firsttherefirstcare.com
- Thanked the EMS Regional Council, Broward Fire Chiefs Association, and many members servicing on committee, subcommittee, and E-Board.

Medical Issues – Dr. Frederick Keroff – No Report

EMS Review – Alison Zerbe - No Report

A. Zerbe indicated they are trying to get retired Bruce Caruso, chair of EMS Review, back on EMS Council. They need a new chair for committee.

Grant Committee – Alison Zerbe reported

- The new 2022 EMS Grants will probably be announced around July 2021.

Old Business

- Chapter 3½ changes passed by Commissioners; they were proposed by Consumer Protection. They included ADA compliant requirements for lifts and ramps for wheelchair vehicles. Also, structures must have adequate secure factors and use manufacturer's specifications.
- Mayor Geller has added to the proposal. It gives the private ambulance companies the ability to use drivers-only on their basic life support vehicles to assist with their staffing shortages. The ordinance stated before that you can have drivers-only but they were to be in school or finishing school within six months. They took this out but added that they are required to have a hack license; this was not required before. PASSED.

New Business – Alison Zerbe

Announced and thanked Dr. Craig Mallak, Medical Examiner, who was not present, will retire on June 12, 2021.

EMS Council's Nomination Committee has lost most members; therefore, A. Zerbe is reaching out to members who would be interested in serving. She hopes to have a meeting before the September 2nd EMS Council meeting.

Good of the Order

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting Dates

September 2, 2021

Adjourned

1:59 p.m.