

Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
September 2, 2021 - SKYPE
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Call to Order

Alison Zerbe, Staff, called Skype meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Dr. Frederick Keroff, Interim Chair. *(Ralph Marrinson, chair, retired effective end of last meeting)*

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Announcements: N/A

Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2021:

MOTION to Accept the minutes of June 3, 2021.

Motion made by: Dr. John Halpern

Seconded: Candace Pineda

MOTION passed unanimously

Presentation: Opioid Grant Brief Update

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

- They have started with their Case Review Subcommittee and have had three meetings. They have reviewed six fatal overdoses last year in Broward County.
- They are having their first full committee on September 30, at 11:00 AM. It is a public meeting. Sending the calendar meeting to A. Zerbe to forward to committee.
- Full committee goal is to come up with program and policy recommendations on how they can prevent future fatal overdoses. They will provide a summary of the cases of the Case Review Subcommittee as reviewed and discuss ways they can improve in the future and where they could have intervened.
- They have EMS mini-grants available as part of this grant: \$10,000 to use for overdose prevention and the main requirement is to provide access to your data; gather information on overdoses across the county.

Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:

Merlin Underwood, representing Transport: Private Ambulance

Terrence Davis, representing Transport: Aircraft

Dr. Wayne Lee, representing Physicians: Emergency Medicine

Dr. Evan Boyar, representing Physicians: Emergency Department Director from Broward Health

MOTION to Accept the Recommendations for All

Motion made by: Chief Joel Gordon

Seconded: Chief Julie Downey

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New Appointments/Reappointments approved on Tuesday, 8/24/2021 by Commission
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

Vacancies:

Advanced Life Support (ALS): County Provider
Advanced Life Support (ALS): Private Provider
American Heart Association, Broward County Chapter
American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter
Appointee of Commissioner Beam Furr
Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen
Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc.
Law Enforcement Representative, Union Representative

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

2022 Session Dates are January 11, 2022 – March 11, 2022. Deadline for filing claims has passed. Deadline for submitting request for draft or general vote and joint legislation, including companion bills is December 3, 2021.

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

- Last legislative session they were watching a film that would allow a religious group, Hatzalah, to run EMS in Broward County without going through the COPCN process. That passed. You may see them in the county.

Executive Committee – No Report

- EMS Council needs to update a lot of the committees. A. Zerbe has been reaching out to individuals and also asking for volunteers. She cannot make decisions without the committee recommendations; she is asking for participation to move forward with their projects.

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Nominating Committee – A. Zerbe reported

- EMS is reaching out to elect a Nominating Committee so we can elect chairs for these committees and elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the actual EMS Council, since Ralph Marrinson retired.

Public Information, Education – Chief Joel Gordon reported

- They sent a couple of PIOs down to Surfside to assist the Town of Surfside. That will be addressed in a PIA.
- They are in the process of rebuilding or redesigning the Mobile JIC which currently is not usable. Through the RDSTF they were specifically assigned funding for them to build a new Mobile JIC. Just had a meeting to start designing it and completion in about a year. They anticipate the Mobile JIC will be used more in the future.
- They had several PIOs from across Broward County attend the National Information Officers Association conference this week. Very good representation from Broward County.
- Training: the Florida Association of PIOs will be offering the new L105, three-day basic PIO course, at Fire Rescue East, Daytona, in January. That will be joined with their annual PIO symposium.

EMS Conference – A. Zerbe had update report

- First There First Care and Gathering of Eagles conference is schedule for June 13-17, 2022 at the Hard Rock. This will be the 25th anniversary of the conference and the second year that Gathering of Eagles will be joining the conference.
- Eagles are a coalition of physicians involved in EMS; mostly EMS Medical Directors from all around the world.
- The committee has already started to have monthly meetings for conference 2022 and Fire Chiefs' Association has placed a deposit on the Hard Rock to hold dates.

Medical Issues – Dr. Frederick Keroff – No Report.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)– Andrew Masters Reported.

- Response down in Surfside. Broward County had a large response with the task force, and they provided mental health (24-hour peer support) for all members and task force at the scene. They provided therapy dogs and any type of resources needed; deemed the “store” they had items donated that covered the resources for the task force. They walked around on the search area and helped out as much as possible. A. Masters was at the site for about a week.

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- A lot of sights and smells were not what they were used to and very gruesome. They are continuing to provide resources for any responders that were down there.
- If interested, A. Masters can provide information on the resources that were down there; he thanked all those that provided resources for the first responders.

EMS Review – Alison Zerbe

- Zerbe indicated they were having an EMS Review meeting today at 2:30 PM via SKYPE. They will be reviewing an ALS and BLS application by Coastal Care Corporation d/b/a Cleveland Clinic Advanced Medical Transport.
- They have one vacancy on this committee which is by ordinance. If interested submit your letter to A. Zerbe.
- EMS Review Committee also needs a new chair since the retirement of Bruce Caruso.

Grant Committee – Alison Zerbe reported

- The Florida Department of Health has announced the 2022 EMS grant fund. Broward County has been allocated \$75,495.00 to improve or expand prehospital EMS in Broward County.
- A. Zerbe sent out emails recently with how to apply; it is also on the Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services website. If you need guidance contact A. Zerbe.
- Project approval done through recommendation of Grant Committee of the EMS Council, to Commission for approval, then to Florida Department of Health for final approval. Keep in mind that county-wide projects receive more points.
- Deadline for submission is Wednesday, September 15 at 3:00 PM. Submission must be brought to the Medical Examiner and Trauma Services front lobby, signed in, and time stamped. Submission after the deadline will not be considered.
- Grant committee will receive an invitation to the Grant Ranking Committee scheduled for Thursday, October 7 at 1:30 PM, probably SKYPE meeting.
- They need more members to join the Grant Committee. Contact A. Zerbe if interested.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business – Alison Zerbe

- Dr. Rebecca MacDougall is the new Chief Medical Examiner of Broward County and ex officio of the EMS Council.

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- The State EMS Advisory Council meeting resumes in person from September 27-October 2, 2022 in Orlando Clincon.

Good of the Order

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting Dates

- Special meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 1:30 PM
- Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 1:30 PM

Adjourned

1:57 PM