

Broward Regional EMS Council
October 30, 2019
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

[Call to Order](#)

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

[Announcements](#)

Ralph Marrinson

[Roll Call](#)

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

[Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2019](#)

MOTION TO Accept the minutes of September 5, 2019.

Motion made by: Dr. Craig Mallak

Seconded: Zeff Ross.

MOTION passed unanimously

[Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment](#)

Dr. Deborah Mulligan, Physicians:Pediatrician

MOTION to Recommend Dr. Deborah Mulligan for Appointment to Physicians:Pediatrician position.

Motion made by: Chief Joel Gordon

Seconded: Dr. Craig Mallak

Motion passed unanimously

[Vacancies](#)

American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter

Appointee of Commissioner Beam Furr

Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen

Appointee of Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness

Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative

Law Enforcement Representative, Union Representative

Physicians: Pediatrician (could be filled by Dr. Deborah Mulligan)

Alison Zerbe said that Appointee received letters. Ralph Marrinson asked if anyone has recommendations for appointment, please contact staff.

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Committee Reports

Legislative Update – Alison Zerbe

Legislation begins January 14, 2020 only for 60 days.

HB 528 - Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services authorizing certain transportation brokers or BLS/ALS life support ambulances to provide non-emergency Medicaid transportation that have eligible plans, without obtaining COPCN or a certain certificate.

A. Zerbe has emailed this to Intergovernmental Affairs to keep their eye on it. She will keep EMS Council updated. Also, emailing it to the EMS Council following today's meeting.

SB 230 – Amendment in SB 230 that has some of the thing from Florida Statute 401 regarding vehicle standard for ALS/BLS life support vehicles that did not move forward; some of those specifications in SB 230.

HB 275 - First Aid for severe bleeding. This required bleeding control kits in state buildings and schools. It requires that schools instruct all students in first aid severe bleeding and instructional programs for certain instructional personnel.

HB 297 – Emergency allergy treatment. Provides training programs for administrative personnel for epinephrine auto injectors; training may be offered online. Requires state universities to pay for training of certain personnel.

SB 432 – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training in certain schools. Requires students at high school level receive CPR training.

HB 145 – Public records of emergency room healthcare practitioners. Protects public records of emergency healthcare workers as it does for firefighters and paramedics. *SB*

150 – Peer-to-peer support for first responders. Prohibits a person who is not a healthcare practitioner and provides peer-to-peer support to first responders from testifying or divulging specific information under certain circumstances.

SB 204 – Delivery of nursing services. Requires each healthcare facility implements a staffing plan that provides minimum direct care registered nurse and staffing levels in certain areas of the hospital.

HB 249 – Use of wireless communications devices while driving. This will be an offense all the time. (Money from this goes into the EMS trust fund use for grants.)

SB 484 – First responder property tax exemption. Revising the term of first responders for purposes of eligibility for the tax exemption to include a law enforcement or firefighter who before becoming a resident of a state sustained a permanent disability in the line of duty.

SB 320 – Emergency Medical Air Transportation Services. Creating an Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act directing the Department of Health to establish the emergency medical air transportation account within the EMS Trust Fund.

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A. Zerbe will be keeping an eye on all these bills. If there is a motion made at the EMS Council, the EMS Council could write a letter. Individuals can do it on their own but must not talk to other EMS Members outside of the EMS Council.

Executive Committee – Ralph Marrinson

No report.

EMS Grant – Zeff Ross

Thanked members of Grant Committee and attendees.

The Ranking Committee review seven applications for the grant funds of \$116,412.00. Three were chosen:

1. 20-02 24th Annual FTFC EMS Conference
Funds requested: \$60,000.00; recommended: \$56,412.00
2. 20-07 Broward Pre-hospital Training and Education Project
Funds requested: \$80,000.00; recommend: \$40,000.00
3. 20-06 iSTOP- Improving Survival with Targeted Community Outreach and Pre-hospital Care with \$20,000.00
Funds requested: \$25,000.00; recommended: \$20,000.00

These three applicants were chosen because they helped the most people throughout the county.

MOTION for the recommendation to go forward in the categories we listed: 24th Annual First There First Care EMS Conference in the amount of \$56,412.00, Broward Pre-hospital training and Education Project in the amount of \$40,000.00, and iSTOP in the amount of \$20,000.00. For the total grant funds of \$116,412.00.

Motion made by: Zeff Ross

Second: Chief Bruce Caruso

MOTION passed unanimously

Discussion:

Dr. Wayne Lee brought up the question of about the applicants only getting partial funding for their projects. Zeff Ross said that they determined that each applicant could effectively utilize the partially-recommended money.

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[Public Information, Education – Deputy Chief Joel Gordon](#)

Chief Joel Gordon reported on the rebuilding of the joint mobile information center. They reached out for funding to reconstruct the entire center, in preparation for the Superbowl. Missed the deadline but was able to get a lot of funding; able to secure the necessary components to rebuild the existing joint mobile information center, as is. Waiting for that to come in, and the target is to have it before the Superbowl.

They have completed their post-incident analysis of the explosion they had in July. He thanked all the mutual aid agencies that participated. They had presentation with mutual aid agencies that responded and got a lot of good input. He is finalizing the report now and as soon as ready will make it available for everyone.

[EMS Conference – Chief Bruce Caruso](#)

Chief Bruce Caruso reported they have a meeting this Friday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m. here. If anyone interested to be on the committee come to the meeting.

Close to an MOU with the Eagles. They sent the draft to Eagles and the Eagles had a couple of comments and sent it back to the Fire Chiefs. Hope to get it signed within the next week or two. When signed they can start moving forward with signing contracts with Hard Rock.

[Medical Issues/Infectious Exposure – Dr. Frederick Keroff](#)

Dr. F. Keroff not present. A. Zerbe said that they were updating the flu letter with Dr. F. Keroff. Everything else they spoke about at the September meeting.

[EMS Review – Chief Bruce Caruso](#)

Nothing to report.

[Nominating Committee – Dr. David Kimpel](#)

Nothing to report.

[Old Business](#)

Nothing to report.

[New Business](#)

Nothing to report.

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Good of the Order

- A. Zerbe said that they need to work together to make a December or early January meeting. R. Marrinson said he will do that this week.
- Chief J. Gordon reported on the Hard Rock hotel construction disaster in New Orleans. Several issues in construction of building that they knew about that was going to cause a problem. Have to be concerned with construction safety issues.
- R. Marrinson reported from a small newspaper in northern Wisconsin. Almost all the agencies up there are volunteer fire departments. It highlights the community heroes. It is well-supported by the business community with ads. He is going to meet with the Sun-Sentinel and hope he can convince them to do something similar here.
- Chief Joseph Fernandez update from BSO Fire. Federal pilot program called ET3 (Emergency Triage, Treatment, Transport). It's a pilot model; a five-year payment model. Sets up a payment model to try to focus transports to the most appropriate-level-facility; possibly urgent cares. It then pays for treatment on the scene or to the urgent care from Medicaid or Medicare. The goal is to lower costs and go to the appropriate facility. It will be complicated. Depending on who gets into the pilot, nationally, then they will have to make decisions about telemedicine, advanced practitioners, treating on the scene or take to an urgent care.
- R. Marrinson was at a conference where they had presentations on telemedicine. They discussed if the telemedicine system could be used in the Bahamas where you don't have hospital on every island. With a system of telemedicine centers on islands, can they bring healthcare to people who now don't have healthcare?
- Dr. Wayne Lee reported he was in the Bahamas Islands after the hurricane disaster. A lot of people not insured. Not a lot of resources. It is overwhelming and they need a lot of assistance; economy is suffering.

Next Meeting Dates

December 5, 2019

Adjourned

2:00 p.m.