

Broward Regional EMS Council
September 5, 2019
1:30 p.m.
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Call to Order

Ralph Marrinson, Chair, called meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

Announcements

Ralph Marrinson remembers the victims of Hurricane Dorian and for all those who worked at the EOC. He thanked those performing EMS and how far it's progressed.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2019

MOTION TO ACCEPT the minutes made by Zeff Ross and SECONDED by Dr. Craig Mallak.

MOTION passed unanimously.

New Appointments as of 8-20-2019

Anna Molony, American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter
Summer O'Bier, Broward Emergency Medical Services Education
Dr. Randy Katz, Physicians: Prehospital Medical Director
Chief Joseph Fernandez, Transport: County Fire

Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment

Roger Krege, Reappointment – Law Enforcement, Union Representative

MOTION TO RECOMMEND made by Dr. Frederick Keroff and SECONDED by Chief Julie Downey .

MOTION passed unanimously.

Vacancies

Appointee of Commissioner Beam Furr
Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen
Appointee of Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness
Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative

Alison Zerbe sent reminder letters out to the vacancies. Also, send recommendations to A. Zerbe (recommendations need to be Broward County residents with a resume).

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Committee Reports

Legislative Update – Alison Zerbe

R. Marrinson reported that the legislative session is gearing up, but he is not aware of any bills currently.

Executive Committee – Ralph Marrinson

Nothing to report.

EMS Grant – Zeff Ross

Z. Ross reported that grant application information has gone out. The grant amount is \$116,412.00. Applications are due Tuesday, September 24. October 17, 12:30 p.m., the Grant Ranking Committee is scheduled. Wednesday, October 30, 1:30 p.m., recommendations will be brought to EMS Council for approval.

R. Marrinson asked, “What the status of prior year’s grants was?” A. Zerbe reported that invoices were sent to Accounting and they are pending. Approximately, \$8,000+ dollars were requested to be moved to 2019 grant year, but still pending.

Public Information, Education – Deputy Chief Joel Gordon

Chief Joel Gordon not present.

EMS Conference – Chief Bruce Caruso

Chief Bruce Caruso was congratulated on the great for the 23rd Annual First There First Care Conference. Chief B. Caruso reported they had the first meeting on August 28, 2019 for the 24th FTFC conference. All subcommittees are starting to work on next year’s program; about 40 people. The 24th FTFC general conference day will be Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Conference dates are June 8 through Friday, June 12, at the Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Working out the details with the Fire Chiefs’ Association along with the Eagles.

Eagles are comprised of medical directors in large metropolitan facilities throughout the world. Eagles have been holding conferences for about 20 years. Most recently, the Eagles have been located in Texas, but they are looking to relocate to Florida. The 24th FTFC conference is now looking to partner with the Eagles (Thursday and Friday portion of 24th FTFC).

Medical Issues/Infectious Exposure – Dr. Frederick Keroff

Dr. F. Keroff has had a meeting in the last several months discussing stroke patients. Subsequently the state has come out with a form for data retrieval for stroke patients. Also, looked at sepsis alerts and trying to standardize some of the language. They talked about Resuscitation Centers of excellence.

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Dr. Randy Katz gave a brief presentation on resuscitation center to the Fire Chiefs' last month. Dr. R. Katz wants to draft a letter from the Fire Chiefs' from the EMS Council to distribute to the Broward County hospitals to look at standardizing care from a prehospital through hospital care (to up the bar on cardiac arrest and resuscitation care outcomes). He wants to get everyone to standardize treatment.

Dr. R. Katz said that it seems like everyone is onboard with data collection. This allows them to track and look at outcomes. Broward County is around medium when it comes to survival outcomes; need to work on bystander and community CPR care. Their goal is to standardize what they do across the board with the Broward County healthcare systems. They want to identify certain resuscitation patients in a timely manner to get them to the facilities that provides those specific services. Basically, they want to standardize treatment, hold hospitals accountable with the services they provide by reporting outcomes to CARES network, elevate the level of care in Broward County and, therefore, improving outcomes.

Dr. F. Keroff will discuss with A. Zerbe to schedule the next meeting.

EMS Review – Chief Bruce Caruso

After this meeting they are reviewing six Class 5 applications.

Nominating Committee – Dr. David Kimpel

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Adam Katzman, Broward County Attorney, presented the proposed changes to Chapter 3½ (Emergency Medical Services and Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services). View the attached PowerPoint presentation “EMS Council Changes to Chapter 3.5, 9-5-2019”.

If anyone has any comments or questions email Adam Katzman at akatzman@broward.org, individually, to avoid a sunshine violation.

Read the attached proposed ordinance “Chapter 3 Emergency Medical Services Ordinance 8-28-19”.

Proposed Ordinance, page 21, Insurance. R. Marrinson questioned the line, “Each EMS provider that employs medical personnel must maintain malpractice insurance in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per person.” He said it sounded as if, for example, you had 100 employees you must carry \$100,000,000 worth of insurance coverage. A. Katzman said that meant per occurrence/per injury to one person. R. Marrinson and Dr. F. Keroff thought that sentence was confusing. R. Marrinson asked if the

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providers were aware of that meaning. A. Katzman said that they would look at this and other issues that may need changing to the proposed ordinance.

Dr. F. Keroff also thought that having a specific insurance amount in the proposed ordinance would be a problem future limit amounts changed. He thought it should be a more general statement. R. Marrinson said that he had concerns about the entire insurance paragraph on page 21.

A. Katzman stated that it will go through the process: go through the agenda to the county commission, may be amendments proposed, and a public hearing. A. Katzman said it goes first on October 15, and then, November 5. No changes will be made until November 5.

For the EMS Review Council, it is proposed they will look at new applications and applications that have complaints.

If anyone has any comments or questions to the proposed ordinance email Adam Katzman, individually, at akatzman@broward.org.

New Business

Dr. F. Keroff mentioned that the Palm Beach Medical Society is sending a ship over, for the Bahamian relief effort, tonight. They are looking for physicians to participate; they will be back this Saturday.

Good of the Order

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 12:30 p.m., Grant Ranking Committee Meeting. Reach out to A. Zerbe if you want to be on the Grant Ranking Committee.

Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 1:30 p.m., EMS Council meeting for the Grant Ranking recommendations.

December 5, 2019 (could be changed)

Adjourned

2:25 p.m.