

Broward Regional EMS Council
March 5, 2015
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Subject	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Call to Order	Chair Ralph Marrinson called the meeting	1:31 pm.
Roll Call	Staff	Validation of Quorum
Approval of Minutes from Dec. 4, 2014	Motion: to approve the minutes as submitted Dr. Fred Keroff, seconded Bruce Caruso.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair Report ➤ Take 5 Chairperson 	Chair Marcus Exposito is the new chair.	Effective immediately.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Old Business – Grant Presentation 	<p>Town of Davie Chief Julie Downey delivered a presentation regarding the completed FY 2013 Handtevy – Pediatric system EMS Grant. She outlined the successes and challenges of the grant. She presented information in national media highlighting the system and covering new information on pediatric dose mentality and survival rate.</p> <p>The greatest area of opportunity for pediatric EMS was in the conversions from traditional weight based calculations and increased the time of response.</p> <p>Questions included the number of boxes – 105. Chief Downey passed out a few of the ‘badge buddies’ that accompany the kits.</p> <p>Dr. Rouhani recognized Dr. Antevy as a leader and innovator.</p>	
Chair Remarks	<p>Chair Mr. Ralph Marrinson introduced Adam Katzman as Patrice Eichen’s replacement as County Attorney for the Council.</p> <p>He also congratulated Dr. Nabil El Sanadi on his position as CEO of Broward Health.</p>	

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<p>➤ Regional Communications Update</p>	<p>David Scott Whitworth spoke on the regional communication center. A subcommittee was created to determine standards. The County voted to fund regional communications. In October the funding began.</p> <p>He outlined the new consolidated centers and the moves involved to restructure the new regional communications system. 443 people were brought over from BSO.</p> <p>Cross-training is now ongoing. Experienced operators need to be re-trained to dispatch to new municipalities served within the service area. Automatic Call Distribution (ACD) and force connect is now available for 911 and non-emergency calls. If an operator is available – it force connects. There is an alarm so that if a non-emergency call has an emergency coming through the non-emergency call can be prioritized.</p> <p>A ticketing system was created to handle complaints. The resolutions to those issues are tracked – with whichever city was involved - for follow up. What wasn't happening was classification and root cause analysis. From this, two positions were created to analyze the data from the tickets to review operations including cities and BSO and County representatives. A QA process has been created that helps ensure that those situations are addressed and corrected.</p> <p>In addition, there is an SOP review and re-development to make an integrated policy and procedure that is comprehensive. A COOP is being developed and a disaster recovery training room being put into place.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council Vacancies in need of recommendations 	<p>Staff addressed the ongoing lack of interest in filling this position and the amount of energy expended without success.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Law Enforcement, Union Representative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recent Appointments/reappointments ▪ Physicians – Public Health ▪ Broward League of Cities ▪ American Heart Association, Broward County Chapter ▪ ALS – Private Provider, Administration ▪ Broward County Bar Association 	<p>Staff reviewed the recent appointments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Appointed at Commission meeting: Jan 13, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Paula Thaqi ▪ Jerry Graziose ▪ Dr. Antonio Gandia ▪ James Cecil ▪ Andrea Kessler
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendations for Appointment/Reappointment: ▪ Physicians – Pre-hospital Medical Director ▪ Transport – Rotary Air ▪ Transport – Fixed Wing Air ▪ Advanced Life Support (ALS) – Municipal Provider, Administration 	<p>Staff reviewed the recommendations to fill open and expiring positions.</p> <p>Motion: to approve the recommendations as submitted, Dr. Fred Keroff, seconded Dr. Nabil El Sanadi. No discussion.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	<p>Dr. Wayne Lee</p> <p>Michael Kane</p> <p>Tor Skroder</p> <p>David Donzella</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Committee ❖ EMS Grants ☆ Public Information, Education, Legislation ☆ Yellow Dot (proposed) ☆ Take 5 ☆ EMS Conference ☆ Legislative Issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ R. Marrinson will try to call a meeting of this for long and short range planning. ❖ Z. Ross – the Davie agreement is signed and in progress, and Miramar is in progress. The Fire Chiefs’ Agreement is out awaiting signature. The FY2013 grants are closed now. ☆ J. Gordon – spoke out of order during new business and thanked staff for the help. Spoke on the Twitter profile. ☆ Joel attended a program Safe by four Drowning, sleep safety, car safety that addresses these issues. There is so much messaging to put out. ☆ A. Stravino – did not present. ☆ M. Exposito – presented on the Take 5 video contest and 33 videos with 4 sponsorship tiers, he recognized the sponsors. The judging will be tomorrow at Joe Dimaggio – T-Shirts are printed. Electronic invites are sent, the red carpet event is at the Cinema Paradiso in Fort Lauderdale. ☆ D. Donzella – Conference preparations are moving along – the website firsttherefirstcare.com is up and running. He recognized the significant sponsors so far. Recognized the Seminole Tribe for their contribution to the success of the conference. ☆ W. Dix is absent – Staff presented the active legislative issues under consideration. A slide with the outstanding legislation was presented and reviewed. Printed copies of the report were available. ☆ Dr. Nelson spoke regarding legislative issues. As an advisory committee to the commission – we can also as a body drafting language to advise the commission regarding these things. ☆ Motion to draft a letter before the commission meeting next Tuesday regarding the position of the EMS Council regarding SB516 and recommending that we do not support this measure. 	<p>Stay tuned – breakfast at 0730.</p> <p>To discuss at Executive Committee.</p> <p>Event is March 19, 2015</p> <p>Report attached to minutes. A special email with attached links to the bills will be sent as a special message from staff.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Medical Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Infectious Exposures * Stroke Tool ◆ EMS Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * F. Keroff * T. DiBernardo – not here * P. Antevy – The Stroke Data Committee is having a meeting April 1 – to look at first output of data collected. ◆ K. Caputo – 2 applications were approved in December – 1 application is going forward today. 	<p>Meeting immediately following</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New Business ➤ Fire Chiefs' Association of Broward County ➤ Public Health Issue 	<p>Staff mentioned the commission appointees regarding re-appointment for commissioners re-elected or commissioners new to the Board.</p> <p>Chief D. DiPetrillo presented a public health matter from the Fire Chiefs' Association in hopes that some coordination may be facilitated through this body. He presented a situation in which an individual monitored for infectious disease came into a public environment. This individual announced his monitoring status/exposure risk and exasperated the situation by demonstrating explicitly what was required to comply with monitoring by public health.</p> <p>Police and Fire Rescue were summoned and the patient isolated; but potential gaps in the system were identified. Namely: when someone demonstrates that they are infectious – their rights for personal liberty take precedence over others in a public arena. Normal precautions are insufficient for situations like this and special considerations exist, including: business interests and public perception on personal treatment. In addition, hospitals may not desire to take this person into their environment. Recommendation: look at incidents between public health agencies to advise how to handle these situations.</p> <p>Dr. Thaqi addressed the issue further from a Public Health perspective on current communicable disease issues. EBOLA, is one and travelers fall into various risk categories. Our governor has issued an executive order requiring the public health department to monitor these individuals face-to-face for fever and</p>	<p>Medical Issues will review further.</p>

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	<p>symptoms. In Broward 29 people are currently on monitoring. The individuals are educated on the symptoms of EBOLA, etc. The challenge with this, is in the personal level of accountability of those monitored and also with those not in monitoring declaring that they are. Measles is another. Rubella is emergent. These are tracked in a database and outreach is ongoing as well as monitoring and tracking. All cases have been successfully tracked during their incubation.</p> <p>Dr. Thaqi has no opinion from a Law Enforcement approach, from the Public Health and Epidemiological perspective, there is an all-hazards plan including mass exposures from a communicable disease perspective. They are certified and nationally certified. Always happy to talk about the response from the health department and county EOC structure.</p> <p>Authority to quarantine exists. There is an in-house legal counsel and non-pharmaceutical interventions are planned for them – and she is happy to present this information.</p> <p>Please RSVP to Staff regarding who is attending the Take 5 Video Contest Red Carpet Event.</p>	<p>Dr. Thaqi can present this plan.</p>
Next Meeting Dates	<p>June 4, 2015</p> <p>September 3, 2015</p> <p>December 3, 2015</p>	Please mark your calendars
Adjournment		2:48 pm.