

Broward Regional EMS Council
September 12, 2013
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Subject	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
Call to Order	Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.	
Roll Call	Staff called the roll and members on the telephone identified themselves. Validation of Quorum	
Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2013	Motion: C. Neilson, seconded Dr. El Sanadi to accept the minutes as submitted. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously	
Chair Report	Chair had nothing to report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Florida EMS Provider of the Year • AMR National Competition Winner 	<p>C. Rashkin presented T. DiBernardo with a plaque recognizing the recent award of 2013 EMS Provider of the Year. T. DiBernardo spoke briefly on the highlights of the year's activities.</p> <p>M. House spoke regarding the AMR National competition and the winners from Broward County. This was the first time that a team competed.</p> <p>R. Marrinson recognized Broward College for the recent news of it being ranked in the top 20 in the nation for Emergency Medical education.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Old Business ➤ Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Executive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ R. Marrinson spoke regarding the recent review of the membership at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners. As the representation already includes Union members, and the board does not review labor issues, the executive board does not feel that amendment is warranted. 	

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<p>☆ Public Information, Education, Legislation</p> <p>* Medical Issues</p>	<p>Discussion regarding validity of labor representation and redesignation of existing seats. Commissioner LaMarca spoke regarding the political nature of the board, and he feels that it is not a political board.</p> <p>❖ Motion: Dr. El Sanadi, seconded D. Donzella to ratify the executive committee's recommendation to include 2 union representatives positions utilizing the one position currently for law enforcement and creating a new position for fire/paramedic union representation. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>☆ J. Gordon gave a presentation on the progress of the Take 5 to Stay Alive including the tremendous racing success of our spokesperson: Gabby Chaves. He also presented some of the giveaways purchased from Trauma section funds. C. Rashkin recognized Dr. Mallak for his support of the Take 5 Initiative.</p> <p>☆ J. Gordon briefly spoke on the Safe Haven Committee, which he also chairs – outside of the EMS Council, and reports that they recently saved their 200th baby from abandonment.</p> <p>* Dr. Keroff spoke regarding the recent meeting of the Medical Issues Committee regarding a Countywide Stroke Protocol.</p> <p>* Dr. Keroff also spoke on a product from Atrus that locates the closest available AED. T. DiBernardo spoke on a past successful testing of the product. Presently, an AED list can be given to the County as a bridge to the existing system and the limitations present. T. DiBernardo states that this is an excellent enhancement to a regional system and suggests revisiting in one year.</p>	<p>❖ Staff to include a letter from Council acknowledging the proposed changes to EMS Council Ordinance as requested by Board along with previously proposed Ordinance housekeeping updates.</p> <p>* Data collection is ongoing</p> <p>* Tabled for one year</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ EMS Review 	<p>Amendment Dr. Keroff to Table the remaining ranking and decision to fund until funds become available. Accepted by Z. Ross and Dr. Palamara. Motion tabled. Motion passes unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ J. Johnson spoke on the review committee activities. There were 4 applications for NEMTS and 1 Class 2 license that were reviewed at the last meeting. There will be 4 class 5 NEMTS application reviewed today after this meeting. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council Members (vacancies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Safety Council, South Florida Chapter ▪ Police and Fire: County Police ▪ Police and Fire: Municipal Police ▪ Broward County State Attorney's Office ▪ Broward County Trauma Management Agency ▪ Basic Life Support (BLS): Municipal EMT ▪ Broward Community College – Emergency Medical Services Dept. ▪ EMS Dispatch, County or Municipal 	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Most of these positions are being deleted or realigned with ordinance changes. No recruitment completed as of this date.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendations for Re-Appointments for Upcoming/Recent Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport: Non-fire based ambulance service ▪ Basic Life Support: Private Emergency Medical Technician ▪ Advanced Life Support: Municipal Paramedic ▪ Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. 	<p>Staff reviewed the recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carl McKenney ▪ Marcus Exposito ▪ Joel Gordon ▪ Ralph Marrinson <p>Motion: C. Neilson seconded Dr. Palamara to accept as submitted. Motion passes unanimously.</p>	<p>Staff to submit Agenda item to Board for approval, set for October 8, 2013.</p>
<p>Stroke Coalition Meeting</p>	<p>C. Rashkin presented a flyer on an upcoming meeting. There are also some pediatric emergency disaster preparedness meetings upcoming.</p>	<p>Information will be posted on the EMS Council Website.</p>

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Good of the Order	Chairman Marrinson presented a certificate of appreciation to Andrew Popick thanking him for his service. C. McKenney accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Charles Maymon for his service.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New Business ➤ 9/11 and provider recognition ➤ Fire Station 106 ➤ 2014 First There Conference Planning ➤ Chemical Suicides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commissioner LaMarca spoke on the events on Sept. 11, in 2001 and the importance of prehospital providers on days like that and throughout the year. Spoke about a recent recognition for Law Enforcement officers who reached out to a homeless family. ➤ Commissioner LaMarca spoke on the impending closure of the Fire Station 106 as a result of budget decisions and the potential impact on EMS Service on Alligator Alley. ➤ Motion: C. Neilson the EMS Council endorse the keeping of Station 106 wholeheartedly in the strongest language that can be put together. Seconded A. Popick. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously. ➤ D. Donzella reminds that the First There First Care Conference Committee will start meeting soon in preparation for the next year's conference. ➤ Dr. Mallak spoke on the chemical suicide (hydrogen sulfide gas) that occurred recently – this was the first such case in Broward - and the danger to first responders. Since 2008, 80 first responders have died as a result of suicides using this method. Dr. Mallak wants to urge EMS providers to inform their responders of the dangers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff directed to draft letter to Board with recommendation. ➤ Notice will be sent soon ➤ This information will be placed on the EMS Council website.

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Next Meeting Dates	December 12, 2013 March 6, 2014 June 12, 2014 September 4, 2014 December 4, 2014	Note dates changed for holiday observances
Adjournment	Motion: Dr. El Sanadi, seconded Dr. Palamara to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.	

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