

Florida Association of EMS Medical Directors



Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2009
Place: Daytona Beach, FL
Time: 9:00 am –1:00 pm

	Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action
I.	Welcome and Introductions:	The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Dr. George Ralls, president. Members and guests were introduced.	
II.	Minutes	Minutes from October 2, 2008 were reviewed and approved	Approved
III.	Collier County EMS	Dr. Robert Tober, EMS Medical Director, Collier County, provided update on the activities in Collier County relative to his decision to limit some drugs from fire department response vehicles. FAEMSMD created a position paper in support of Dr. Tober's decision based on patient care/safety and the training of the firefighter/paramedics. Dr. Tober expressed appreciation to Dr. Joe Nelson, State EMS Medical Director, for his support in attempting to mediate between the Dr. Tober and the fire chiefs.	
IV.	Secretary/Treasurer Report	The financial and membership report was provided by Dr. Maurice Mascoe, Secretary-Treasurer. He reviewed the proposed 2009 budget; motion was made to approve the budget, seconded and approved. Dr. Mascoe also indicated a second dues renewal notice will be mailed shortly for 2009.	Action
V.	State EMS Medical Director Report	<p>Dr. Joe Nelson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Joe Nelson provided the State EMS Medical Director report. He informed members of proposed legislation by Senator Jones providing specific description of types of vehicle to be approved for "ride time" for EMS training program. After discussion within the EMS Educators group, it was decided that the Bureau of EMS should determine through rule promulgation the appropriate type of vehicle for such training purpose. Dr. Ulin motioned that the FAEMSMD should write a letter to the Bureau in support of using rule promulgation to establish appropriate definition of a ALS vehicle to be used for training. Motion seconded and approved. • Hazmat protocols were then reviewed. Dr. Nelson shared draft copy with members. A task force was identified as Dr. Ulin, Dr. ElSanadi, Dr. Romig, Dr. Haimes, Dr. Kolar, and Dr. Ralls. The Task Force will review and provide recommendations to Dr. Nelson for approval. • Dr. Nelson also emphasized his desire to focus more statewide on patient safety initiatives. He asked all 	Action

		<p>members to assist him and the state with initiatives to address EMS and patient safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAEMSMD members also addressed need to share best practices in EMS among the medical directors and systems. John Todaro, Director of the EMLRC, provided attendees with overview of the EMLRC's clearinghouse and indicated the site could include additional information such as best practices. • Dr. Nelson also shared information on use of tourniquets. He asked that other members share educational information that could be included on the FAEMSMD web site. Dr. Nelson asked that FAEMSMD utilize assistance from COT to develop an EMS related position paper on tourniquet use. Staff will make the request to the COT. 	
VI.	Strategic Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the Strategic Plan was given by Cory Richter. The Strategic Plan is out and in effect. Electronic version of the plan can be found on the Department of Health website. • Dr. Nelson encouraged all to look at the strategic plan and continue to work towards the goals applicable of each category. • Strategic Plan is now a 2 year plan rather than a 4 year plan. Change was made to keep up with the change in times and technology 	Action
VII.	Legislative Update	<p>Legislative Update was given by Beth Brunner:</p> <p>Beth Brunner provided the legislative report. Dr. Gandia was asked if there was any new information concerning the STEMI legislation. He indicated that at this point, he is unaware of any legislation pending, and he would check with AHA. Ms Brunner also reviewed AHCA rule promulgation activity relative to collection of hospital ED patient boarding data.</p>	Action
VIII.	Old Business	<p>Dr. Nelson reviewed his activity with ACHA relative to providing recommendations on specific requests by hospitals for specialty service exemption. Following discussion, it was agreed that Beth would discuss optimal approach to AHCA to develop web based system to include accurate and timely information on hospital inventory of services.</p>	
IX.	New Business	<p>Dr. Ralls shared the CDC web site on guidelines for field triage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Volusia County EMS system overview was provided by Dr. Peter Springer, EMS Medical Director. • 	

X.	CME Presentation	A. Daytona/Nascar – Steven Bohannon, MD The CME presentation on Daytona/NASCAR was provided by Dr. Steve Bohannon, Medical Director. One hour of CME credit was given to all who attended.	
XI.	Adjournment	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm. The next meeting will be determined by Executive Committee.	

Respectfully submitted by:
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Attendees:

First	Last
Jane	Bedford
Delania	Bomhoff
LuWayne	Bradley
Rebecca	Cash
Terry	Cohen
Bill	Corso
Dana	Cowles
Dagan	Dalton
Pam	Deponte
Nabil	El Sanadi
Mike	Ely
Frank	Frankfelter
George	Frasca
Antonio	Gandia
Art	Garcia
Pete	Giawan
Vickie	Grant
Daniel	Griffin
Stan	Haimes
Bob	Harris
Betsey	Hines
Todd	Husty
Steve	Katz
Mary	
Anne	Kolar
Chichiou	Liu
Mike	Lozano
Norman	Massicoth
Thomas	Matese
John	McPherson
David	Meurer
John	Milanick
Ivan	Mustafa
Charles	Neal
Joe	Nelson
Kent	Page

Clinton	Randolph
Joan	Robinson
Tim	Roche
Laurie	Romig
Lou	Romig
Terry	Schenk
Kathy	Schrank
John	Simpson
Peter	Springer
Robert	Tober
John	Todaro
Scott	Ulin
Rosemarie	Vertullo
Mark	Westchester
Greg	White
Les	Williams
Randall	Wolff