

General Meeting Summary for
Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

Date: June 28, 2010

Location: Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Salon 13, Orlando, FL

Board Officers Present: Donna Akin*; Matt Douglass*; David Duke; Allen Parrish; Mike Patterson; Roy Pippin

Others Present: John Bixler; Brian Brown; Danny Cribbs; Leland Greek; Mitch Harrell; Gwen Howard*; Lenora Leddy; Andrea Long; David Meurer; Chris Musser; David Richardson*; Lynda Schock; Gary Wingrove; Sam Young*

Staff Present: Tracy Burger

*Indicates participating via phone.

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY/DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Board Meeting Mike Patterson called the meeting to order.	The meeting was called to order at 10:28 am.
Introductions/Roll Call	David Duke took roll of Directors present. Mike Patterson asked everyone present in the room to introduce themselves.	Information
New Business (out of agenda order)	Chief Patterson introduced Bureau Chief John Bixler. Chief Bixler asked the group to consider and review documents for the National Highway Mass Casualty Workgroup. Chief Bixler will forward these to Chief Patterson and Ms. Burger for group distribution.	Information
Consideration of Minutes from April 21, 2010	Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board.	David Duke motioned and Allen Parrish seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
Bureau of EMS Report (out of agenda order)	Chief Patterson introduced Roy Pippin from the Bureau of EMS. Mr. Pippin reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida did not receive AED grants this cycle but will apply again for next year. • The State received nearly \$13 million in funding requests through matching grant program but was only able to distribute \$1.6 million in grants. Funded organizations should receive notice in the next few weeks. • The new 911 dispatch law goes into effect July 1st. Rebecca Cash will be managing data. • Wakulla, Bay and Franklin counties are meeting daily regarding Deep Water Horizon situation. Medics from these counties are on scene 24/7 and non-coastal counties may be asked to assist. 	Information

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Expenditure Report	Allen Parrish gave the expenditure report.	David Duke motioned and Allen Parrish seconded that the expenditure report be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
Presentation	Chief Patterson introduced Andrea Long of EMSSystems. Ms. Long spoke briefly about EMSSystems' patient tracking and data system that has DOH funding for about another year to assist agencies with start-up. Ms. Long noted she would be available throughout the week and speaking at State EMS Advisory Council meeting.	Information
Presentation	Chief Patterson introduced Gary Wingrove from the North Central EMS Cooperative. Mr. Wingrove reported that NCEMSC now has over 2,000 members and is working on national community paramedic curriculum. They have research projects and are looking for participants. NCEMSC offers a leadership conference and is expecting to conduct another in November in New England area.	Information
Staff Report	<p>Tracy Burger gave this report:</p> <p>A. Programs/Grants Ms. Burger noted that the contract with the Florida Office of Rural Health is progressing with the availability of continuing education training for rural agencies through August 2010. Additional funding has been secured through August 2011. Funds were requested to help with matching funds for EMS grants. The stroke/STEMI training contract is complete with 5 agencies receiving training. No additional funding will be provided for such training in the near future.</p> <p>B. Membership Ms. Burger noted the current membership list provided in the meeting packet.</p> <p>C. EMSAC Strategic Plan Ms. Burger reminded the group that FAREMS is responsible for Goal 3.11 of EMSAC's 2008-10 Strategic Plan which is "Increase paramedic and EMT staffing percentage at EMS agencies located in rural counties."</p>	Information
Presentation (out of agenda order)	Chief Patterson introduced Jeff Hendry of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership and North Florida Broadband Authority. Mr. Hendry discussed the purpose the NFBA and federal funding they received to grow broadband access in north Florida and beyond.	Information
State Office Reports	These were completed earlier in the meeting.	Information

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Old Business	<p>Scholarship endowment FAREMS is raising endowment funds for the Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship Program. An initial capital of \$350,000 will be raised before scholarship disbursement will be made from this fund. FAREMS is currently creating marketing materials for this program. Chief Patterson encouraged the group to take handouts about the program for distribution. Questions may be directed to Tracy Burger or Nelson Green.</p>	Information
New Business	<p>A. Health Careers Day—AHEC Sponsorship Request Suwannee River AHEC is hosting a Health Careers Exploration Day in Alachua County in September. High school juniors from the following rural counties have been invited to participate: Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia, Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Union, Bradford, and Putnam. Chief Patterson noted there is a flyer in the meeting packet with more information. The cost to SRAHEC is about \$25 per student, and they are asking FAREMS for sponsorship in any amount. Discussion ensued as to the amount of a sponsorship. SRAHEC is also looking for volunteers to come to the event and talk about career in EMS. Six 30-minute slots need to be filled. Several agencies volunteered to attend the event. Ms. Burger will ensure contact by SRAHEC.</p> <p>B. Other business/comments 1. Allen Parrish stated a desire for FAREMS to meet for strategic planning in the near future. A date and location in August or September will be set and announced to all. 2. Pediatric neonatal education is being made available through EMSC. Contact Julie Bacon for more information.</p> <p>C. Next meeting October 6, 2010, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL</p>	<p>Allen Parrish motioned and Donna Akin seconded that FAREMS sponsor SRAHEC's Health Career Day with \$250. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

