

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

**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Location:** Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel, 1870 Griffin Road, Viking Room, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Board Directors Present:** David Duke; Allen Parrish; Mike Patterson; Roy Pippin, Trish Seibold\*

**Others Present:** Stacie Allen; Julie Bacon; John Bixler; Rebecca Cash; Leland Greek; Mitch Harrell; Dan Harshburger; Wayne Hodges; David Meurer; John Milanick; Cory Richter; Greg Rubin; John Scott

**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
Consideration of Minutes from June 28, 2010, and July 19, 2010	Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board.	<b>Allen Parrish motioned and Trish Seibold seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.</b>
Expenditure Report	Allen Parrish gave the expenditure report noting a bank balance of \$44,669.75.	Information
Bureau Report (out of agenda order)	John Bixler noted the Department of Health was in the process of reorganization and work is being done to keep the Bureau an independent entity. Chief Bixler also noted that paramedic recertification is being done electronically.	Information
Staff Report	Tracy Burger gave this report: A. Programs/Grants Ms. Burger referred to final reports in the meeting packet. FAREMS coordinated six STEMI/stroke classes for 100 paramedics and EMTs through Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention funding. Seven trainings were held where 107 paramedics and EMTs were trained in various skills through Office of Rural Health funding. B. Scholarships The Scholarship Committee will review nine applications immediately following the meeting. C. Dues Invoices for membership dues will be going out in November. If the Board passes the	Information

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	<p>strategic plan as proposed, there will be modifications made to dues structure and costs. The Florida Rural Health Association will offer a complimentary one-year membership with every FAREMS membership.</p> <p>D. Newsletter            Ms. Burger asked for someone to volunteer to write the cover article for the Fall 2010 newsletter. Mike Patterson volunteered.</p> <p>E. Endowment            Ms. Burger emphasized the commitment required of all members in ensuring the success of the Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship endowment program. She will be contacting every member with ways to participate.</p>	
State Office Reports	<p>A. Bureau of EMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roy Pippin noted that inspections were continuing. Providers need to complete renewal on-line 30 days prior to their license expiring. Mr. Pippin also reminded the group that the next grant cycle will be beginning in November.</li> <li>• Julie Bacon noted that EMSC is still offering on-site training as well as an on-line pediatric symposium with EMLRC. Scholarships are available.</li> <li>• Greg Rubin noted that many agencies were not aware of requirements of the new dispatcher certification rules. He asked the group to inform members.</li> </ul> <p>B. Office of Rural Health            No report</p>	Information
Old Business	<p>2010-2012 Strategic Plan            Tracy Burger reviewed a draft of the FAREMS 2010-12 Strategic Plan with the group. The four goals of the Plan are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve membership and participation in FAREMS activities of rural Florida EMS agencies and affiliated organizations and corporations.</li> <li>2. Improve financial security of FAREMS to ensure minimum operating budget is maintained.</li> <li>3. Improve communication network among affiliated organizations and state law-making bodies.</li> <li>4. Maintain and expand programs and benefits to members corresponding to our mission and vision statements.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Allen Parrish motioned and Trish Seibold seconded to approve the new FAREMS 2010-12 Strategic Plan. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Dan Harshburger was appointed as Chair of the Leadership Training Committee. Leland Greek and Allen Parrish will serve on the Committee.</b></p> <p><b>Trish Seibold was appointed as Chair of the Legislative Committee.</b></p>
New Business	<p>A. Group Purchasing            The group discussed the continuation of its contract with the North Central EMS Cooperative for group purchasing. Currently, FAREMS pays \$650 for an annual membership while seeing a return of less than \$400. This has been provided to Agency Members as a benefit of membership. It would cost an individual agency \$75 to join alone. The group discussed and</p>	Information

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	<p>agreed to renew for another year.</p> <p>B. Other business/comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cory Richter encouraged the group to complete the confidential survey after they renew their license.</li><li>• Wayne Hodges noted that he will offer FAREMS members free stroke update courses beginning January 15, 2011.</li><li>• David Meurer noted that Shands at UF will be offering pre-hospital hyperthermia program.</li><li>• Leland Greek noted that Sumter County Fire Rescue went to 24/7 staffing and will have an ASLS engine soon.</li></ul> <p>C. Next meeting January 19, 2011, in Daytona Beach, FL</p>	
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

