

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

**Date:** April 16, 2008

**Location:** Hilton Cocoa Beach, 1550 N. Atlantic Ave, Boardroom I&II, Cocoa Beach, FL

**Board Officers Present:** David Duke; Nelson Green\*; Allen Parrish; Mike Patterson; Ed Wilson

**Others Present:** Brian Beasley; Fran Council\*; James Goodwin; Wayne Hodges; Susan McDevitt; John Milanick; Lloyd Parker; Roy Pippin; Glenn Prescott; Linda Schock; Adam Steinmetz; Sam Young

**Staff Present:** Tim Alexander; Tracy Burger

\*Indicates participating via phone.

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY/DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Board Meeting Mike Patterson called the meeting to order and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.	The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.
Introductions/Roll Call	David Duke took roll of Directors present.	Information
Consideration of Minutes from January 23, 2008	Minutes were accepted as presented.	<b>Allen Parrish moved and David Duke seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.</b>
Expenditure Report	Allen Parrish asked for questions regarding the distributed financial report. We have a current unallocated balance of \$32,379.33.	Information
Committee Reports	<p>A. Recruitment and Retention Committee Tracy Burger reported that this committee met once via conference call and discussed several possibilities for action, including 1) implementing youth corps and/or education programs in rural counties; 2) investigate leadership training possibilities in every rural county; 3) renewing the on-line discussion board with R&amp;R issues; and 4) investigating broad-based PR campaign, including videos and PSAs. FAREMS has been assigned as "lead" of objective 3.11 of the EMS Advisory Council's latest strategic plan draft which states, "Increase the number of paramedics in areas experiencing paramedic shortages." The group discussed wanting to know the current vacancy rates at rural agencies, how nepotism rules limited the use of youth programs from being effective, and advertising candidates to other nearby agencies. Ms. Burger will ensure that website allows for vacancies to be posted and candidates have ability to post resume on the site.</p> <p>B. Scholarship Committee The Committee will meet immediately following this meeting to review the four applications</p>	Information

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Committee Reports (continued)	<p>received. EMT scholarships.            C. Legislative Committee            This Committee has not formally met; however, Sam Young reported on HB177 (Road Rage Bill)—it is on the floor and expected to pass. This bill allows 10% of certain ticket money to go to rural grants program. Mike Patterson noted the group should be watching HB1012 and SB1012, requiring insurance companies to assign benefits.</p>	
Staff Report	<p>Tracy Burger gave this report:            A. The Rural Health Network Development Grant progresses with the following: Power Point presentations and media kits are available for distribution to potential corporate sponsors and/or other public officials in need of rural EMS information. ♦ A leadership training is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Lake-Sumter EMS. ♦ There are additional funds for EMD training. ♦ There is also additional funding for distance learning.            B. The State EMS Rural Matching Grants progress with the following: The 2006 state EMS matching grant for education has ended and Ms. Burger will submit final report prior to next meeting. ♦ The 2007 state EMS matching grant is the scholarship funding. The Committee will meet after this meeting to review current applicants.            C. The Strategic Plan progresses with the following: Hosting a hospitality hour at the next meeting in Orlando was discussed briefly and it was determined that it would be too expensive at that venue. The MD Cooperative program should be running soon. Contracts are being finalized. Ms. Burger is considering applying for a federal RHN Outreach grant for agencies to conduct screenings and well-checks to citizens in need.            D. Stroke training: Fourteen SRR trainings have been held and more are being scheduled. Next week Wayne Hodges will be in Jackson, Washington, Liberty and Walton counties. Ms. Burger has list of dates available for more training.            E. Membership: Currently, we have 17 paid agency members. Ms. Burger referred to another return on investment report that was distributed to the group.</p>	Information
State Office Reports	<p>A. Bureau of EMS            Ed Wilson introduced Roy Pippin, Community Liaison of the Bureau. Mr. Wilson reported the following: EMSTARS grant review is complete and notifications should be out soon; distribution of the \$99,000 HRSA grant for AEDs is going on now; \$6,000 for CPR training will soon be available; the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program is looking to provide additional funding next year for stroke training; and the matching grant review is next week and funds will be disbursed by Mid-June.            B. Office of Rural Health            No report.            C. Office of Trauma            Susan McDevitt reported the following: they are working on two grants for telemedicine funding linking hospitals with trauma hospitals and for improved quality of care; Tallahassee Memorial has sent in their application to be a trauma center; there is a need for neurosurgeons and hand surgeons in our trauma system; Walter Reed Hospital is closing with many trauma patients coming</p>	Information

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Old Business	<p>A. Medical Director Cooperative            Dr. John Milanick discussed a proposal for a medical director cooperative that would offer agencies access to medical director services on short or long-term basis as needed. This program would be offered to agency members of FAREMS and would allow agencies to ensure 24/7 MD coverage. Contracts should be finalized soon.</p> <p>B. EMS Awards            No nominations were received for the rural EMS awards program.</p>	Information
New Business	<p>A. Stemi-Alert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lyndon Box noted that each agency should further define what is meant by “stemi-alert” and this should conform across agencies and be included in all protocols.</li> <li>• Brian Beasley noted there is free web-based software for EMSTARS for agencies with fewer than 1000 calls per year.</li> <li>• Sam Young encouraged the group to sit down with their senator and get to know them in session and discuss issues so they know your needs.</li> </ul> <p>C. Next meeting            July 8, 2008, Orlando, FL</p>	Information
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.