

**Florida Air Medical Association
Meeting Minutes
Date: January 29, 2009
Location: Daytona Beach, Florida**

Present/Signed in: Scott Wyant, Kathy Koch, John Scott, Jim Howard, Kim Hanson, Art Martinez, Michael Rushing, Randy Layman, Terry Naumann, Audra Jants, Amy Boutwell, Maria Fernandez, Ken Dunn, Mark Bird, Bari Conte, Brian Blizzard, Kevin Stanhope, Vickie Clanton, Ken Grimes, Gerry Pagano, Mark Clemens, Joe Woodard, Anthony Fuentes, Gwen Thomas-Howard, Karen Chamberlain, Julie Bacon, Joann DeSerio, Noelani Butler, Louise Bowen, Brian Burrell, Adam Steinmetz, David Duke, Dan Kresge, Susan McDevitt, Chief John Bixler.

Officers: Scott Wyant, President, Kathy Koch, Secretary/Treasurer, Gerry Pagano, AAMS Board Member, John Scott, EMS Advisory Council Board Member

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	RESPONS. PERSON	DUE DATE
Call to Order	0906 Call to Order		Scott Wyant	
Approval of Minutes	Meeting minutes e-mailed and copies provided at meeting.	Minutes will be e-mailed upon completion and approval of board. Minutes approved by Gerry Pagano, seconded by Mark Bird.	Kathy Koch	ongoing
<u>REPORTS:</u>				
Treasury Report	Balance: \$1974.81 Note: \$1250.00 due upon website completion. Recurring monthly maintenance fees of \$29.95 have been noted on the FAMA account starting September 2008.	Continued reports at meetings Bank of America was contacted to evaluate why these fees have suddenly started. Account type was changed so as not to encounter monthly maintenance fees. Fees were still noted on January statement. It may be necessary to move the FAMA account if Bank of America can not appropriately address these maintenance fees. Kathy Koch will work in conjunction with the Board on this issue and advise of follow up.	Kathy Koch	ongoing

<p>Membership</p>	<p>2008 Current FAMA members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aeromed @ TGH • Air Ambulance Professionals • All Children's Hospital • Shands at UF • Martin County Fire Rescue • CJ Critical Care Transportation Systems of Florida • Lifenet • Holmes Regional Med Ctr/First Flight • Baptist LifeFlight, Florida • Julie Bacon • Orlando Health: Air Care Team • Healthcare District of Palm Beach County • Miami Children's Hospital 	<p>Secondary to no April EMS Advisory Council Meetings, FAMA applications will be e-mailed for renewal by July 2009.</p>	<p>Kathy Koch</p>	<p>ongoing</p>
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<p>Bureau of EMS/Chief John Bixler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Grief will no longer be traveling to state mtgs. • Chief Bixler has worked with representatives from PA, OK, TX, FL, and ME to produce a position paper regarding the Airline Deregulation Act. • Position paper advocates that COPCN process should exist for air ambulances and should be regulated like ambulances not airlines. • Chief states he feels air ambulance needs to be more integrated with EMS. Some are advocating for state participation in a/c location and appropriate destination criteria for specific patient populations. • FL is focused on medical care with no focus on equipment, pilots, maintenance, and other items that should be regulated by the FAA. • Chief stated in FL, COPCNs are issued by counties, but other states, state office issues COPCNs with some states even regulating reimbursement. • Chief is requesting a strategic Plan be generated with the FAMA coordinated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Bixler will provide updates to FAMA at July meeting. • Chief Bixler is supporting the Air Medical Safety Summit with resultant Strategic Plan for Air Medical Safety. • Lynne Drawdy will participate in the Summit to assist with formulation of the Strategic Plan. • Research other constituency groups with position papers on this topic including ASTNA, AAMS, and NAEMT. 	<p>FAMA Board, Chief Bixler</p>	<p>ongoing</p>
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	<p>Safety Summit to address these issues and issues raised in the upcoming NTSB hearings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Bixler requested FAMA put together a position paper on Criteria for Air Transport Utilization and Quality Improvement. 			
EMSTARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Committee met on January 27, 2009. • 81 agencies currently reporting • Congratulations to Air Medical Programs throughout the state who committed to this project over the past 12 months! • Brenda and Data Committee Objectives as per Oct mtg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User friendly modifications to EMSTARS website: working on reference guide and website updates • Work aggressively with vendors • Implement data dictionary version 2.0: implementation date to be announced. Includes 15 new data elements and new 	<p>Recommendation: Quarterly reports on status of EMSTARS project with grant information for funding.</p> <p>Recommendation: Utilization of current EMSTARS agencies as resources: Aeromed at Tampa General Hospital, Bayflite, Miami Children's, Baptist LifeFlight - Pensacola, Air Methods. Kathy Koch is a Data Committee Member for this project to represent air medical considerations. Please feel free to contact Scott Wyant or Maria Fernandez for information regarding Golden Hour or Kathy Koch for information regarding emscharts.</p> <p>Recommendation: Monitor www.floridaemstars.com for updated information.</p> <p>Recommendation: FAMA members attend or get updates on progress of EMRC. Maria Fernandez is an EMRC member.</p> <p>Recommendation: Quarterly updates on grants available to facilitate FAMA</p>	FAMA Board Bureau of EMS/Data Unit, EMRC, Maria Fernandez	Ongoing

	<p>validation rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to AHCA and Florida Trauma Registry • Information regarding 408 (reimbursement) grants on EMSTARS website. • Upcoming workshops: 5/22 Destin, 6/2 Palm Beach, 6/4 Clearwater. • Outreach/mentoring program with Data Committee members to assist with process. • New NEMSIS update pending soon. <p>EMRC: Met on January 27, 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-laws complete! • Starting to work on some basic reports. • Contact EMRC for any report requests. 	<p>members participating in EMSTARS.</p> <p>Recommendation: If still not signed up for EMSTARS, attend an upcoming workshop.</p> <p>Recommendation: Contact the Data Unit or EMSTARS website for any questions regarding EMSTARS.</p>		
<p>Rule Workshop: Neonatal/pediatric Interfacility Transfers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie discussed the proposed language changes and stated they would be distributed via e-mail. • Sending MD and EMS Medical Director determine appropriate team and mode of transport. • Group in attendance would like to incorporate receiving 	<p>Recommendation: Check DOH website, flemmscom for updated information.</p> <p>Recommendation: Quarterly updates from FNPTN members, Greg Rubin, Advisory Council Legislative Committee Chair.</p> <p>Recommendation: Quarterly update and monitoring of proposed changes to dispatch legislation.</p>	<p>Julie Bacon, Bureau of EMS, FAMA Board, FAMA members</p>	<p>ongoing</p>

	<p>Neonatologist in decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prehospital concern is Medical Direction is not always available and that there may be rare occasions that prehospital providers are requested to move a neonatal patient in special circumstances (Neonatal transport team not available). • Any feedback or proposed changes need to be submitted by 2/3/09. 	<p>Update on proposed language changes will be available via flemscomm.</p>		
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAMA Safety Summit workgroup has had 3 conference calls. • Summit will be held May 1, 2009, 0800-1700 at Sand Lake Hospital, National Training Center. • Format: Morning lectures on topics such as helipad operations, FAA update, Safety Management Systems, Communications/Dispatch • Afternoon workgroups will produce a working document, strategic plan for air medical safety in Florida. • Conference Call meeting minutes included with these minutes as an addendum so all can be aware of the planning process. • Update the current FAMA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAMA Workgroup to coordinate the safety summit: • Brian Burrell (vendor) • Karen Chamberlain (fixed-wing) • Maria Fernandez (rotor wing, neo/pedi) • Louise Bowen (ground) • Jim Howard (Program Manager) • Mark Womack (pilot) • Scott Wyant (FAMA, ASTNA President) • Kathy Koch (FAMA, ASTNA Secretary/Treasurer) • John Scott (EMS Advisory Council) • Gerry Pagano (AAMS Region 6 Rep) • Lynn Stevens (Flight Crew) <p>Much gratitude to everyone in this workgroup who has given of their time and resources to ensure the success of this event.</p> <p>Recommendation: Review current disaster</p>	FAMA Board FAMA workgroup	May 2009

	<p>disaster plan for air medical assets.</p>	<p>plan and bring proposed revisions to FAMA at January meeting. Workgroup of John Scott, Scott Wyant, Mark Clemens, Gerry Pagano, and Dr. Elias offered to work on this.</p>		
Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Action plans must be submitted to Lisa Walker within 2 weeks of meeting regarding work toward goals and objectives. • Strategic Plan Goals/Objectives with FAMA as resource: • Goal 2, Obj. 2.3: Customer Satisfaction • Goal 3, Obj. 3.2 Initial & continuing education for air crew • Goal 3, Obj. 3.7: EMS dispatch training for air medical transport • Goal 3, Obj. 3.10: Air Transport safety and transport of pediatric patients in approved child restraint devices. • Goal 5, Obj. 5.1: Promote utilization of NAACS Standards • Goal 6: Air Medical Disaster Plan 	<p>Priorities the Strategic plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety (patient & provider) • Data • Error reduction • Disaster Planning <p>Recommendation: FAMA representation at the 6 subcommittee meetings to incorporate Air Medical Considerations and meet objectives, goals.</p> <p>Recommendation: FAMA survey air transport programs to evaluate number of programs utilizing customer satisfaction tools.</p> <p>Recommendation: Work in conjunction with the Bureau of EMS Education Committee to propose continuing educational requirements for air crew.</p> <p>Recommendation: Air Medical constituency groups should endorse training requirements for air medical transport dispatch.</p> <p>Recommendation: FAMA should work in conjunction with EMSC and survey air transport programs to evaluate number of programs transporting pediatric patients in approved child restraint devices.</p>	FAMA Board, FAMA members	Ongoing 2008-2010

		<p>Recommendation: FAMA should discuss whether to endorse NAACS standards as best practice for dispatch of air medical assets in Florida.</p> <p>Recommendation: FAMA should review and update the current Air Medical Disaster Plan and work in conjunction with the Bureau of EMS Disaster Committee. Completed document should be posted on FAMA website upon completion.</p> <p>Recommendation: submit action plans to state regarding FAMA work toward initiatives as resource group.</p>		
Advisory Council Report (John Scott)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John discussed the letter he, Scott Wyant, and Gerry Pagano composed regarding the current state of Air Medical Operations in Florida that was sent to the Governor. • Chief Bixler stated the letter was received by the Governor's office with no feedback being considered a positive sign. • John stated the letter did request the opportunity to discuss air medical operations with the Governor. • John discussed a concern regarding EMS (non-air medical) based operators positioning themselves on air medical safety without input 	<p>Recommendation: continued Advisory council reports at FAMA meetings.</p> <p>Recommendation: Proposed by Gerry Pagano regarding an Aviation Asset Manager/Pilot that would work in conjunction with the state to provide aviation specific information.</p>	John Scott Gerry Pagano	Ongoing

	from air medical operators.			
AAMS Report	<p>Gerry Pagano reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerry requested a moment of silence for fallen air medical crew members in recent accident. • AAMS press release/position paper on website. • NTSB hearings 2/3-2/6 being webcast from Washington DC. • AMOA: Air Medical Operators Association, assoc. of certificate holders. Chris Eastlee (formerly with AAMS) now working for AMOA. • Discussion regarding transitions within AAMS and that AAMS will be interviewing to replace Chris Eastlees position after the NTSB hearings. • NPAA: non-profit air medical alliance; formulated to develop legislation to support air medical services. • 3/11-3/13 AAMS Spring Conference being held in Washington DC • FAA Notice 8900-63 includes recommendations 	<p>Recommendation: Monitor proposed legislation with meeting reports.</p> <p>Recommendation: Monitor and discuss dialogue paper from AAMS.</p> <p>Recommendation: Florida constituency group to AMTC bringing back topics to the January meeting.</p> <p>Recommendation: Donate to FARE once website expenses are covered and financial status yields the opportunity.</p> <p>Recommendation: Contact Gerry Pagano if you have any feedback or specific requests for AAMS.</p>	Gerry Pagano, FAMA, ASTNA, EMS Pilots, FNPTN	Quarterly

	<p>regarding inspections, AMRM, Risk Assessment, CFIT avoidance, OCC, Flight data recorders, TAWS, Radar altimeter. Gerry states EMS operators should expect an FAA inspection for fact finding related to whether these items are present in your programs.</p>			
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portal as home site for FAMA, ASTNA, FNPTN, and FLEMSPA on line, under construction with the same domain name. https://www.florida-air-medical.org/default.aspx 	<p>Recommendation: include local heliport photos, frequencies, information on the website.</p> <p>Recommendation: Review the website and e-mail any suggestions to Kathy Koch or Scott Wyant while the site is in the initial phase of being built.</p>	Scott Wyant, Kathy Koch	July
Trauma Report Susan McDevitt	<p>Report as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2007 Annual Report has been completed & released. Decreased mortality rate: In 1998, mortality rate was 10.8%, 2008 mortality rate is 5%. Susan attributed the decreased rate to level I trauma availability in the center of the state with the addition of Shands, Gainesville. Tallahassee Memorial is in the final phase for level II trauma accreditation. 30% increase in domestic violence, 28% increase in child abuse over the holidays 	Recommendation: quarterly updates	Susan McDevitt	ongoing

	<p>attributed to the economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% trauma patients with increased acuity noting an 18% increase in air medical transports. • Increased disposition of patient from trauma bay directly to OR. • Trauma registry updates to address time efficient data entry. • Trauma.com is being implemented to function like flmscomm. • Lawnwood submitted an application 4/1/08 to become a trauma center. • Ft. Walton Beach requested an extension on its trauma application. 			
FAMA Nominations/Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request nominations for President Elect (per bylaws) to Kathy Koch or Scott Wyant by March 1, 2009. (Position vacant) • Request submissions for Secretary/Treasurer (per bylaws) to Kathy Koch or Scott Wyant by March 1, 2009. 	Recommendations: Nominations will be posted on the website and e-mailed to members for discussion and vote.	Scott Wyant, Kathy Koch, FAMA Board	March 1, 2009
Meeting adjourned	<p>Next meetings:</p> <p>July 2009: Dates, location pending. See Bureau website.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn: Gerry Pagano, Seconded by Karen</p>	<p>Recommendation: attendance of FAMA meeting in January.</p> <p>Recommendation: members will be e-mailed dates, location when posted.</p>	FAMA Board	ongoing

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