

**Florida Air Medical Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Date: January 20, 2012  
Location: Daytona Beach, Florida**

FAMA Officers: Kathy Koch, President; Staccie Allen, President Elect; Julie Bacon, Secretary-Treasurer; John Scott, EMSAC Board Member  
ASTNA Officers: Brian Burrill, President; Mark Thomas, President Elect; Adin Miller, Secretary-Treasurer  
FLEMSPA Officers: Mark Womack, President; Woody Woodard, President Elect; Secretary-Treasurer  
FNPTNA Officers: Maria Fernandez, President; Open – President Elect; Joanne Deserio, Secretary-Treasurer

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION ACTION	RESPONS. PERSON
Call to Order	Please make sure that you sign in on each group's sign in sheets. These will be forwarded to the state per their request  A moment of silence was recognized for the Mayo Clinic Transplant Team		Kathy Koch
Minutes	Presentation of October 2011 Minutes	Gerry/Scott moved and seconded	Julie Bacon
Strategic Plan Goal 8 Review	The 2009 – 2011 Strategic Plan has completed – the new plan beginning in 2012 will go to a five year if current legislation goes through. Air Medical looked at the addition of an objective 8.5 addressing minimum state specific standards for air medical care of patients		Julie Bacon
President	Maria Fernandez is our representative on EMRC. Her term is up, and this position will be posted to solicit for this four year position. The Medical Directors are being asked to consider having an Air Medical Director apply for this position.		Kathy Koch
EMS AC Report	Many bills in House and Senate to completely reorg the DOH. At the end, if these bills go through, the BEMS as we know will disappear and it will become an office/department. The progress that has been made over the years will also disappear and private industry will be in charge.  Many individuals have written letters and personally objected to this change. At this point, EMS inundation has caused the state to look at how the bills are worded and the direction it will take the DOH. Encouraged everyone to write their representatives and take action now.  These changes will not only effect our business, but potentially effect patient care. Example – private entities inspecting: how much \$? Who monitors them? Privatization puts business in the lead, and quality health care takes a back seat. If you are a hospital organization, this bill will also affect hospitals, trauma centers,	John was asked to verbalize the Air Medical Constituency Group concerns over the proposed reorganization and the plan to write letters/personally contact government entities	John Scott

	<p>etc.</p> <p><b>HB 1263, Senate Bill 1824</b></p> <p>Note: Bari Conte has a connection through family. If we have a package, she can have it hand delivered</p> <p>Follow Up: Each group</p>		
Report: AAMS	<p>Guest Speaker - Tim Pickering, AAMS President (since Oct. 20, 2012) One of the duties of the AAMS President this year is to travel and talk with the air medical community throughout the states. AAMS is currently in a CEO search process; there is a very qualified interim in place. Hopefully the CEO will be introduced at the AAMS March meeting.</p> <p>Mid Year Meeting is in Washington DC on March 13 – 15. MTLI is coming up. Safety Management Training Academy – third year this year. It is a small school.</p> <p>Discussion in special interest groups and government over how do fixed wing medical personnel practice function in a state that neither they or the aircraft have license to operate in. Medication issues have also been ignored, but these issues are coming to the forefront. Example – you are transporting 20 vials of morphine (no prescription) to an off base. You can be stopped and charged with possession of narcotics as well as intent to distribute.</p> <p>The legal profession has been kind on these issues but it is not a guarantee, so these issues are being looked at seriously by AAMS.</p> <p>Regarding fixed wing brokering, nothing has come up with this vexing issue. CMS is looking into it – wants to know who the Part 135 provided is who is billing for the transport. Brokering is a continuing issue.</p> <p>Contact Information: <a href="mailto:pickeringtim@air-evac.com">pickeringtim@air-evac.com</a> 417-293-6141</p>		Gerry Pagano
Report: AAMS Fixed Wing	<p>The International Narcotics issue (addressed last meeting) is still being looked at. DEA has yet to put out a position statement.</p>		Lynn Stevens

Report: Communication	Re: 2010, there was a tabletop exercise regarding air medical in disasters. Carlton would like to address and fill in some of the communication gaps. This is a work in progress, but he is addressing the After Action Report		Carlton Wells
Air Medical Safety Summit	Due to time, no general discussion. Will put together a conference call for interested parties. Groups will address suggestions for topics in break out groups (see below)		Kathy Koch
	<i>Group Assignment: Look at 8.5 Take a position on BEMS restructure Topics for Air Medical Safety Summit</i>		
Wrap-Up Report – FNPTNA	<i>(Details submitted separately as group minutes)  Good attendance Support adding objective 8.5 to Strategic Plan Letter objecting to proposed changes to BEMS based on quality of care Began development of a Neo/Pedi Strategic Plan (develop membership and set focus): 1 Safe Transport of Patients and Staff 2 Establish Database for specialty teams 3 License neo/peds team appropriately (team vs vehicle) Air Safety Summit: safe transport of peds/neo and staff</i>		Joanne Deserio
Wrap-Up Report – FLEMSPA	<i>(Details submitted separately as group minutes)  Good turnout RE: 8.5, there is an attitude of “no objection” but driven by medical care rather than aviation standpoint Safety Summit: Part 135 landing on hospital helipad, SMS for air medical, personal/web base technology in air medical decision making – tools for staff to assist in personal decision making Pilot of the year nominations Continue to petition for inclusion of pilot on EMSAC</i>		Mark Womack
Wrap-Up Report – ASTNA	<i>(Details submitted separately as group minutes)  Supporting adding objective 8.5 to Strategic Plan Even if not meeting in person, will continue with conference call – first will be the First weekend of March Brian looking at other states’ ASTNA program – looking at similar challenges More dialogue with National ASTNA</i>		Karen Chamberlain

	<p><i>Letter will be written opposing current bill for reorg – will also be put on the website</i></p> <p><i>Letter of support will be written to support Dr. Carubba for EMRC</i></p> <p><i>Safety Summit – panel hot topics, how to choose a provider, just culture, risk assessment for crew and pilots, competition and how to handle</i></p>		
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p><i>Next Meeting – Assumed to be in July, but no direction on that as of yet. May have WebEx alternative</i></p>		

*Submitted by J Bacon, FAMA Secretary-Treasurer*