

Florida Air Medical Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 18, 2012

Location: Orlando, Florida

FAMA Officers: Kathy Koch, Past President/Board Member at Large; Staccie Allen, President; Julie Bacon, Secretary-Treasurer; John Scott, EMSAC Board Member

ASTNA Officers: Brian Burrill, Past President/Board Member at Large; Mark Thomas, President; Karen Chamberlain, Secretary-Treasurer; Nerina Stepanovsky, Board Member at Large/Education

FLEMSPA Officers: Mark Thomas, 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	Welcome – turning over the gavel of Presidency to Staccie Allen		Kathy Koch
Minutes	Presentation of January 2012 Minutes	Woody/Maria moved and seconded	Julie Bacon
Recognition	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
Nominations for FAMA President	Historically nominations have been taken at the summer meetings. Nominations for president elect should be forwarded to Staccie		Kathy Koch
EMS AC Report	<p>The final organizational chart for the reorg has not been posted. State HR has addressed cuts and reassignment, it is on its way to the governor and after that will be made public.</p> <p>Thank you to this group for the difference made in making our concerns known regarding outsourcing and reorg – it really makes a difference.</p> <p>Cannot stress enough how important the strategic plan is. If the Bureau had not had a written strategic plan, they would have taken additional cuts. The Bureau is a business, and formal documentation is critical.</p>		John Scott
Report: AAMS	Greg Sherlock, new CEO AAMS, is a good fit and is getting his feet wet. Good things are expected. AMTC Oct 22 – 24 this year in Seattle.		Gerry Pagano

<p>Report: AAMS Fixed Wing</p>	<p>No update on DEA issue, last meeting was cancelled. Lynn has contacted AAMS regarding this issue. Unofficial from AAMS domestically current practice of taking narcotics is acceptable per DEA. However, there is no jurisdiction internationally, and these should remain on board the aircraft.</p> <p>Survivor's Network recently put out a resource document for the development or readdressing of PAIP. They expect to go forward with that document as a template particularly as it pertains to survivors. AAMS has it under review as a potential best practice.</p>	<p>Register for AMTC! Lynn Stevens will forward to the group for</p>	<p>Lynn Stevens</p>
<p>Disaster Plan</p>	<p>The state cannot "solicit" vendors, so the FAMA plan is important as an initial point of contact. This takes the business relationship out of the mixture by the state turning it over to the association to operate under the plan. State funds will not cover transports</p> <p>With hurricane season and RNC particularly, we need to update and confirm all contacts on the plan.</p>		
<p>Website/Social Media</p>	<p>Concern regarding some difficulty in navigating the website, and has old documents. Need to have an easier access for leadership to get onto site</p>	<p>Mark Thomas and Kathy Koch will look at cleaning site and obtaining global access.</p>	
<p>Misc</p>	<p>Kenneth Diluigi has been sending letters out to flight programs asking to spend the day with a crew. Has claimed to be an ARNP, FBI, MD, and associated with a number of programs. There is a BOLO out, he has impersonated a flight crew member in all roles. Delusional. Be careful in who you allow into your programs</p>		<p>John Scott</p>
<p>Republican National Convention Update</p>	<p>August 26 – 30. It's a secret!! 1 – It's all about law enforcement. They want law enforcement everywhere, including snipers and special ops. No private traffic from noon to 2100 each day, except for LE and patient movement. Road systems are difficult; visitors will be driving and bussed in from the beaches and Orlando area. Weirdly serious, pay attention to the TFR if you are a pilot! Only pilots who have attended the deconfliction meeting (believe August 22) allowed to operate. May try and have vendor representation in a "train the trainer" setting. This may be received favorably.</p> <p>Initially no medical flights were being allowed, so this is a step forward. Just saying "lifeguard" will not get us anywhere.</p> <p>Expect ramping up of air medical during this time due to difficulty in ground transport. Expecting this particular RNC to be a little more "active" because of current hot political agendas.</p> <p>If there is an MCI, unknown as how to proceed, as it is not a natural disaster and the first line will be LE. However, we do have an excellent plan.</p> <p>Expectation of 8 different LE agencies, approximately 50,000 total participants,</p>	<p>Suggestion on having a debrief regarding the response</p>	<p>John Scott Brad Elias</p>

	<p>including families, media and protesters. Just getting to the hospital and normal operations will be challenging.</p> <p>From state, it is a tiered response. If Region 4 overwhelmed, go to Region 5, after that will be Jax and Miami – airport receiving sites for overflow. Partner with Coast Guard/C-130.</p>		
Bureau Chief Report	<p>Re Drug Shortage: The rule and statute are owned by DDPR, however DOH is trying to facilitate fixing this (Compounding Pharmacy rule). Expired drugs are contraband and you cannot give to a patient.</p> <p>DOD and FDA has a program to extend expiration dates for military (ex: vaccinations, antibiotics) for years. At this point, EMS is not allowed to participate. Chief wants to find out what we CAN do, and is enlisting Medical Directors. Need to look at data on how it is affecting EMS in Florida. Even though anecdotal deficit of Morphine and Epi, data says it is still being given. So – how is it being given? Mixing/Diluting is an error waiting to happen.</p>	Cory Richter, EMSAC Chair, has established a committee to evaluate and address the drug shortage (which is effecting most providers across the US)	John Bixler
Air Medical Safety Summit	<p>Kathy has volunteered as Past President to coordinate the Safety Summit. Dates would be chosen to not conflict with the RNC and AMTC.</p> <p>Proposed that we place a nominal fee that will cover lunch and assure a seat.</p>	Please share any conflicting dates, or interest in planning with Kathy.	Kathy Koch
Wrap-Up Report – FNPTNA	<i>(Details submitted separately as group minutes)</i>		Maria Fernandez
Wrap-Up Report – FLEMSPA	<i>(Details submitted separately as group minutes)</i>		Mark Womack
Wrap-Up Report – ASTNA	<i>(Details submitted separately as group minutes)</i>		Mark Thomas
Meeting Adjourned	<i>Next Meeting – Assumed to be in the fall, but no direction on that as of yet. Plan on meeting the evening prior to the Safety Summit</i>		

Submitted by J Bacon, FAMA Secretary-Treasurer