

**Florida Air Medical Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date: January 24, 2013**

**Location: Daytona Beach, Florida**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	RESPONS. PERSON
Call to Order/Opening Remarks			K Koch
Administrative	<p>Karen Chamberlain has taken a position that requires a large amount of time, and has resigned her position as ASTNA Secretary-Treasurer and EMSAC Paramedic</p> <p>Stacey Allen has resigned her position as FAMA President due to personal and professional obligations.</p> <p>At executive meeting, it was voted for Kathy Koch to assume FAMA presidency to complete the term until 2013.</p>	Leadership and open positions will be communicated with groups and evaluated at April 2013 meeting.	K Koch J Bacon
EMS Report	<p>Thank you for taking time to come and support these meetings.</p> <p>Completed move to another building in Tallahassee</p> <p><u>Bills on the table:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texting and Driving Ban – exempts EMS providers</li> <li>• Telemedicine – very little effect on EMS</li> <li>• D Griffin is looking for a sponsor for the HIV Education/Strategic Plan bill that did not p</li> <li>• PRN (Professional Research Network) which treats impaired practitioners gave a presentation to the Med Directors, currently offering services for free. EMS sees about 150 impaired providers a year. Position is that in the future this might not be</li> </ul> <p>AAMS recently released model state guidelines – Chief has not been able to look at the document yet. Gerry Pagano reported that this is a living document and they</p>	Motion that FAMA support and ask for support for our EMS Chief to support the AAMS Model State Guidelines at the NAEMSO level.- Moved with recommendation that members take a look at the document as posted on the AAMS website	Chief John Bixler

	are waiting for report back from NAEMSO, and asked that Chief read and support.		
Industry Fiscal Awareness	<p>Ryan Frazier (Senior Advisor to the CEO of Air Methods) –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. House Bill 7087 signed by Gov. Scott. In the bill that made sale tax and use exemptions applicable to aircraft, an oversight was that rotor wing aircraft were not given this same exemption. It is possible to rectify this oversight during this legislative session, and is not expected to impact the FL budget by more than \$1million so should not receive pushback.</li> <li>2. Medicaid reimbursement rates are problematic across the country - @ \$1300 per transport. Would like to see FAMA become more active and proactive as a group</li> </ol>	<p>Motion (G Pagano) moved to form a subgroup to work with advocates in pushing this bill through. Jeff See volunteered to head up this subcommittee; Brian Burrill and Woody Woodard also will participate in this group.</p> <p>Motion (J Bacon) to create a permanent subgroup headed by members above to address fiscal issues as they are related to our industry.</p>	Guest
Report: EMSAC Board Member	<p>As a group and with excellent leadership we have led out in issues such as the Safety Summit. However, would like to look at a way to put Florida even further ahead in moving forward – to raise the bar.</p> <p>Many programs are impacted by the current state of the trauma system in the state of FL. State has a very robust trauma transport system based on old information. Then there is an increase in trauma centers, and dilutes the level of care when the center is not practicing all the time. There is a group from the America College of Surgeons coming to evaluate beginning Feb. 2. We need to be vocal in our experience and perception of the system so that we don't have recommendations.</p> <p>There has also been one Rule Development Workshop with four more projected. Suggest that members attend if possible.</p>	Suggestion for project: Centralized Weather Notification – Web Based	J Scott
Report – AAMS	<p><i>Note: Congratulations from FAMA to Gerry on his promotion to AAMS Chairman of the Board</i></p> <p>CEO/President is now Rick Sherlock. Seattle AMTC was the most attended conference thus far. AAMS has published a strategic plan; go to the website to read. Waiting for the release of new FAA guidelines supposedly being released on March 27. It WILL affect us all.</p>		Gerry Pagano

	<p>AAMS has a task force looking at reimbursement for Medicaid/Medicare.  Model State Guidelines are posted on the website; document is a result of many groups – available to any state to adopt. It is a final, but living, document.  Would like to have autopilot adopted on every aircraft.</p> <p>April 17 – 19: Spring Conference in Washington DC  April 28 – May 3: MTLI  June 9 – 14: Safety Leadership in Dallas  Fall: AMTC in Virginia Beach</p>		
Air Medical Safety Summit - Recap	Handouts recapping notes from the work groups that participated in the 2012 Safety Summit. Use this going forward in determining objectives for the year.		Kathy Koch
Wrap-Up Report – FNPTNA	<i>Submitted separately as group minutes</i>		Maria Fernandez
Wrap-Up Report – FLEMSPA	<i>Submitted separately as group minutes</i>		Woody Woodard
Wrap-Up Report – ASTNA	<i>Submitted separately as group minutes</i>		Mark Thomas
Meeting Adjourned	<i>Next Meeting –  April 2013 – Date TBD  Tampa</i>		

*Submitted by J Bacon, FAMA Secretary-Treasurer*

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