

Florida Air Medical Association Meeting Minutes

Date: January 23, 2014

Location: Daytona Beach, Florida

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	RESPONS. PERSON
Call to Order	Minutes Accepted, Moved and Passed		K Koch
Officers and Nominations	FAMA feels the loss of Lynn Stephens as the President-elect. With her passing, the position was reopened. One nomination was received, which received the whole hearted support of the FAMA leadership – that is Bari Conte.	Motion to elect Bari Conte as President-elect and Safety Summit Chair. Motion passed.	K Koch
EMSAC Report	Air Medical rep position has focused on state wide changes, and keeping the constituency updated. John's focus was to represent the wishes of the industry as a whole. Right now there are a number of workshops in process, from practice standards to charts to data reporting – all effecting air medical. The strategic plan is gaining momentum – it is the first five year plan. John has been on the EMSAC for a long time, and has enjoyed the opportunity to represent the industry, although it is a tremendous amount of work in addition to committee work. His term is up in July, and he would like to seek support for one more term. During this time, he would like to work on a succession plan for a new person to ensure a smooth transition. He has taken this position seriously, and hopes he has served well. If there are those who feel otherwise, please let him know. He would like to solicit letters of support from FAMA and from the individual constituency groups	Motion for FAMA to support John Scott for the next term as Air Medical Operation on the EMSAC. Motion passed.	J Scott
Bureau Chief Report	The bureau has been tasked to complete a 15% reduction in rule language. The dept wants 100% participation in EMSTARS – which is recognized as a world class system. Another issue is rule language regarding what information should be on the document left with the patient in the hospital, and when that information should be available. Hospitals that receive trauma patients, but are not trauma, need to submit data on those patients. ACS is concerned that @ 33% of trauma alert patients do not initially go to a trauma center, and we need to capture that data.		Chief John Bixler
Air Medical Safety Summit 2014	In her role as President-elect, Bari will be chairing the Safety Summit. Each group was asked to provide the name of a representative to work on the committee		Kathy Koch

Medicaid Update	<p>It is time to try and increase the rate of reimbursement for Medicaid patients in the state of Florida. The current base rate is \$1000 plus \$4 per patient loaded mile. It has not been increased in the last ten years. In the past, it was increased administratively with the Medicaid office in Tallahassee. He has done some work in the background, and have hired a lobbyist in Tallahassee, and have had some meetings in the state to get a feel regarding this increase.</p> <p>There are two ways to increase: the easiest is to work administratively with Tallahassee to get this line item changed. He met with them a couple months ago, and they said that they do not have the ability to do this without legislative backing. So he is now gathering data on Medicaid flights and the financial impact within the next few months. He has met with some senators – the bright spot is that they say they can clearly see why we need a price increase. We are trying to get a feel of administrative vs writing legislation. The legislative route is much more difficult and time consuming. He thinks we have a pretty good chance at an increase, one way or another.</p> <p>In the meantime, he may be reaching out for support/letters/asking us to meet with key folks in your area depending on how talks progress. We also may need to get together in a group for a consensus on what to raise the rate to.</p>	Jeff will forward to Julie a template letter regarding the increase to send to the constituency, as well as to send from FAMA	Jeff See
Air Subscriptions	This is currently illegal in the state of Florida. However, there is a company who is providing an “AFLAC” like plan that may be usable in the state. The company website is www.lifeshieldalliance.com		Jeff See
Strategic Plan	A reminder to all groups and group members to look at the Strategic Plan		Kathy Koch
Wrap-Up Report – FNPTNA	<i>Submitted separately as group minutes</i>		
Wrap-Up Report – FLEMSPA	<i>Submitted separately as group minutes</i>		
Wrap-Up Report – ASTNA	<i>Submitted separately as group minutes</i>		
Meeting Adjourned	<i>Next Meeting – May 1, 2014 – Tampa, FL</i>		

Submitted by J Bacon, FAMA Secretary-Treasurer