

**Florida Air Medical Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date: January 22, 2015**

**Location: Orlando, Florida**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	RESPONS. PERSON
Call to Order			Kathy Koch
Medicaid/Legislative Update	<p>1 - Big issue working on – Medicaid reimbursement rate. In 2014 – got very close, language was pulled in the last few days, but will continue to pursue. There is a hospital/program coalition to work on this issue “Emergency Air Transport Act (EMTA)” to levy \$3-5 on every moving violation. For every 48 cents state puts in, feds will leverage 52 cents. Pursuing a Senate and House sponsor, but bill language will be out very shortly.</p> <p>Asking that state and local lawmakers be approached to support this. Would like to have at least one member of our organizations to actively participate in coalition/calls.</p> <p>We get \$1000/transport plus \$4/loaded mile for Medicaid                      Medicare is \$5000/transport plus \$25/loaded mile                      About 2% on the dollar for uninsured</p> <p>KK – recognize that programs are bound by their administrative directors and may not to consult with that – ties in with balanced billing</p> <p>Ryan has a one page draft of the EMTA and will forward to us</p> <p>2 – Balanced Billing – concept of cost shifting</p> <p>Pay less for services to pass on to patient? “Surprise bills” – in NY cannot balance bill some pre-hospital services. Florida may look at NY as a model.</p>		Jeff See
AAMS	<p>His appointment ends this year with AAMS. Biggest issue is the new Part 135 requirements; hammering out to make it workable with the ability to be in compliance and standard. Release April 22, 2015</p> <p>There are several parts that will affect us greatly. There is also concern about drones, lasers, etc. He has meeting soon and will report back. Medicaid is also being solicited through AAMS. About to look at legislation.</p>		Gerry Pagano

	<p>AAMS Spring conference Tuesday, March 24. AM Transport Leadership in WVirginia starting April 26. AAMS Safety Management in Columbus, OH October 2015 AMTC in Long Beach CA</p> <p>Medivac Intl – Dr. Dave Thompson assuming leadership. Approved grant funding on sleep wake patterns on clinicians in air medical.</p> <p>Encourage folks to look at AAMS membership, either through your organization or individually.</p>		
President's Report	<p>The Air Ambulance position remains open. The organization has nominated Gerry Pagano – who has returned the application and is waiting now for the interview process. Gerry expressed his concern that we have someone representing Air Medical and will pursue this.</p> <p>The current Strategic Plan is in an unknown status; in draft is a State Charter with four primary objectives. The state is soliciting feedback for this.</p>		Kathy Koch
Drone/Laser	<p>Dr. Meurer proposed this group begin to discuss potential of PSA regarding drones and lasers.</p>	<p>Gerry is going to meeting next week – will bring back feedback to group for next steps</p>	Kathy Koch
Air Medical Safety Summit 2014 – Follow Up	<p>Held at CAMLS, did not charge for that. Than you to MedTrans for providing snacks and lunch. Had 50 – 55; fee may have contributed to high percentage of registrants showing up. Speaker Dave Duncan was instrumental in sharing his experience as a crash survivor. Other speakers included Diane Fojt, Ken Grimes.</p> <p>Need to look at PAIP and look at better templates with goal to have draft components in place.</p> <p>Dave willing to address group – bridge gaps.</p>		Bari Conte
ASTNA Proposal	<p>As President of FL ASTNA, have had difficulty in participation and membership. In two years, have had no response for nominations. Many challenges: demands, budgets, etc. Proposal is to disband FL chapter of ASTNA, and become part of umbrella of FAMA. Streamline resources. Many of the key issues we still share. No venue for non/nursing with ASTNA. Mark doesn't want to step back, he wants he be more efficient.</p> <p>Membership – have tried everything, from social media to Starbucks cards. What is national ASTNA position? Brian reached out three years ago and</p>	<p>Discussion – David S – used to be a great relationship with national.</p> <p>Diane F – finds ASTNA limiting to the other license holders. Would need to look at the bylaws</p>	Mark Thomas

	<p>that administration did not know we existed until then. There are no other chapters at a state level. Does national foster? Seemed like it was more on education and best practices at a national level. There are no provisions or mechanism in place to connect with the national.</p> <p>Both Brian and Mark are out of terms with no</p> <p>Will FAMA bylaws allow the flexibility that I needed</p>	<p>Maria F – as FNPTNA, would like to see discussion before a vote.</p> <p>Jeff S – look at totally restructuring of the board of FAMA, etc itself</p> <p>Joanne D – concern about having special interests lost if we are not careful and cautious to maintain the integrity, interest and concerns of all groups</p> <p>MOVED: PRIOR TO APRIL, PRESIDENTS OF FOUR GROUPS/TASK FORCE MEET TO ADDRESS REORGANIZATION, REVIEW BYLAWS – Mark will lead task force, Brian will contribute conference line</p>	
Chief's Report	<p>Expressed appreciation for the group showing up to participate and contribute. Feel free to contact him if there are issues or concerns we would like to discuss offline. Leah Colson is the Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Oversight (Trauma, Data, Brain/Spinal, EMS).</p> <p>Process on open EMSAC positions: completed sometime in early November as a department wide change. After the application has been completed, the nomination is complete. It now goes through the administrative process.</p> <p>KK stated we have recommended unanimously for Gerry to represent us and we feel strongly that the expertise can be considered. What if this doesn't take place?</p> <p>Leah – next step is to “interview” the candidate. This is probably more like a discussion of expectations. Timeframe? Interviews and packet to surgeon general by end of month/January</p> <p>Diversity is always a consideration in the process for representation.</p> <p>The appointments will be four years from the time of the surgeon general</p>		John Bixler Leah Colson

	appointment.		
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>TBA</i>		

*Submitted by J Bacon, FAMA Secretary-Treasurer*

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