

Florida Air Medical Association Meeting Minutes

Date: July 16, 2014

Location: Orlando, Florida

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION	RESPONS. PERSON
Call to Order	Minutes Accepted, Moved and Passed		Bari Conte
First Net	First Net - Florida Net is the Florida version of First Net, a national interoperability communication program – presentation at 1100 and 1400 today. Greg is the Florida chair – please become aware as this is the direction we are going.	Constituency urged to become educated regarding First Net	Greg Rubin
Membership and Treasurer	<p>Current Membership –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Individual • 7 Voting • 2 Corporate <p>Current Financial - \$1188.93</p>		Julie Bacon
AAMS	No report		
EMSAC Report	<p>The EMSAC has five open positions which have not been filled/appointed by the Surgeon General. This is unusual, however the EMSAC meeting will take place, but at this point without those positions. It is possible that we will hear something today. One position that has not been appointed is the Air Medical. All of the transport groups have written a letter in support of John to continue in this position, for which he is thankful. Please get in touch with him for any concerns.</p> <p>The Emergency Medical Review Committee (EMRC) is a committee to look at data obtained through Emstars to determine best practice, trends, in a manner that was high level. The Surgeon General has determined that this is not a mandated committee, and the EMRC has been dissolved. However, we are looking at moving it into the Data Committee.</p> <p>Regarding Trauma, the Trauma Triage Criteria did not make it through the hearing process, due to medical marijuana taking precedence.</p> <p>The national testing for paramedics will probably be adopted in the near</p>		John Scott

	future. Medical topics – medication for hemorrhage, spinal immobilization (looking at secondary complications). Tourniquet protocols are out and being used.		
Air Medical Safety Summit 2014	<p>Approved for November 3 at CAMLS in Tampa, FL CAMLS has donated large auditorium for free + tour Med-Trans will sponsor lunch</p> <p>Suggested topics based on past recommendations: Diane Fojt had suggested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop local crisis response team • Develop PAIP plans • NTSB talk about accident/incident statistics • Neutral vendor to talk about personal experience • New regulations update • Psychological spin on the “healthy flight crew member” – the left behind members of the team <p>Motion by Maria to charge \$25.00 – passed Local hotels - Threat EM – Maria will ask CAMTS, Bari will check with</p>	<p>Bari Conte, Maria Fernandez, Ted, Joanne Desario, Kathy Koch, Mark W, Woody, Kim Hanson, Julie Bacon, Jennifer Mefford</p> <p>FNPTNA volunteer to man the registration booth</p>	Bari Conte
Medicaid Update	<p>Update regarding initiative: Very close to pushing through changes to increase reimbursement from the current \$1200 however did not pass. Where does that leave us now? Tomorrow will have a stakeholders and lobbyists meeting from all Florida geographical areas at the nearby airport to determine what are the lessons learned from this legislative session – should we change our approach? Should we look at other models from around the country? We need to educate legislators regarding the reality of air medical billing, etc.</p>	Asked to please put together a fact sheet incorporating key messages for us to take to legislators, etc (a talking sheet)	Jeff See
Air Subscriptions	<p>Update to below – 15 or 16 states have approved as an insurance. This is first of its kind in the US. For a family of 4 - \$60 annual for air medical transport. This is approved as a “membership program” by the insurance commissioner for Florida. Transferable to 48 states.</p> <p><i>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</i></p>	Left pamphlets for the members – please review and pass on information as applicable	Jeff See
Chief's Report	<p>Expressed belief that the importance of FAMA and coordination of air assets is critical. Questions? - None asked.</p>		John Bixler

Strategic Plan	A reminder to all groups and group members to look at the Strategic Plan – new five year plan went into effect July 1, 2014. A wrap up report is being compiled for the 2012 – 2014 plan.		Julie Bacon
Presentation – State Level Hurricane Disaster Drill	Worked out of Air Ops branch, wanted to bring back how FAMA fits in to the overall state disaster plan through the FAMA Disaster Plan.	<p>Presentation attached –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation for a FAMA rep and EMSAC AMO to be present at ESF 8 during activation. • FAMA should have a strong presence in the air operations guide <p>Suggestion for FAMA rep to speak with Air Ops regarding contact with FAMA.</p> <p>Suggestion to have a presence at disaster meetings on a state level</p> <p>Suggest to collect capabilities info from licensing</p> <p>Need a capabilities list for Florida</p> <p>Disaster plan/rep list to Ted, so he can follow up – post on web site (get with Kathy)</p>	Ted Edgar Pilot - Metro
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 – October 22,, 2014 – Deerfield Beach, FL</i>		

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