

General Meeting Summary for
Florida Association of County EMS
And
Florida Association of Rural EMS

Date: July 8, 2015

Location: DoubleTree at Universal, Orlando

Board Directors Present: FACEMS: Harold Theus; Harvey Craven; Mike Patterson; Brian Blizzard
FAREMS: Mike Patterson; Harold Theus, David Duke; Allen Parrish

Others Present: Dennis Ward; Carlton Wells; Eddie Szymczyk; David Duke; John Bixler; Chris Drum; Bonny Luke; Richard Criss; Steve Ashworth; Nathan Griffis; Allen Parrish; David Knowles; Edward Crews; Malk Thomas; Mitch Andrews; Charles Tannachion; Raf Vittare; Shirley Bardell; Diana Fredericks; Lenora Leddy; Danny Griffin; Marty Tompkins; Gerry Pagano; Alan Espinosa; Mickey Schulte; Maria Porto-Duarte; Merrill Seabury; James; Crutchfield; Paul DiCicco; Dan Azzariti; Mac Kemp; Cheryl Rashkin

Staff Present: Marcie Heatherington

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY/DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Mike Patterson called the meeting to order.	The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am.
Introductions/Roll Call	Introductions were made.	Information
Consideration of Minutes from January, 2015	Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved.	FACEMS: Motion to approve the minutes made by Craven seconded by Theus. Motion passed unanimously. FAREMS: Motion to approve the minutes made by Parrish seconded by Craven. Motion passed unanimously.
Treasurer's Report	FACEMS: Theus reported balance of \$19,225 FAREMS: Heatherington reported balance of \$15,311.	Information
Membership Report	FACEMS: 17 paid members, 17 active and 0 associate members. FAREMS: 10 paid memberships Dues are now due for 2015.	Information

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Program of EMS Report	John Bixler reported that the Department of Health lost 816 FTE in the new budget, about half from counties and the other half from Tallahassee. 75 positions were lost from the Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response, 10 from the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight. Mr. Bixler had 3 open positions that were frozen then lost, but no filled positions were cut. Barbara Hyde's position was eliminated with her retirement, Kimberly Moore is now in charge of licensure and is working to streamline the process. You can call Mr. Bixler with any questions.	Information
Open Water Lifeguard Report	Dennis Ward reported that rip currents are much more dangerous than shark bites but the media is playing up the shark bites, they are biting not attacking. There are no minimum state standards for ocean lifeguards in Florida and there are only 300-400 fulltime ocean lifeguard and not a lot of funds for lobbying, about 75% already voluntarily comply with USLA standards but the goal is for 100% compliance. Legislation is needed. Mike Patterson encouraged agencies to make contact with any lifeguards in their area.	Information
State Medical Director	No report.	Information
Legislative Update	Dan Azzariti reported that all bills passed that they were supporting and all bills failed that they opposed, however, that was mainly due to the House adjourning early. He advised the groups to work with the Florida Fire Chiefs for any legislation, larger numbers are helpful and they have funds for lobbying. You can see the legislative priorities of the Fire Chiefs by going to their web page. Third service providers are also welcomed. Azzariti advised that the balance billing bill will probably come back next session as well as any other bills that of concern that didn't pass before the House adjourned. Steve Ashworth inquired about the need for training with the passage of the bill allowing First Responders to administer Narcan. Azzariti advised that it was not addressed in the legislation and will be up to the individual agencies, some may choose not to do it at all, but it has been done successfully in other states. Patterson advised that Heroin overdoses were up in his area and supported First Responders administering Narcan. Danny Griffin advised the next session will begin early in 2016, January 12. Pre meetings will begin in the fall so need to start now with legislative requests.	Information
EMSTARS Update	Steve McCoy reported that a survey was sent out to determine the impact of data submission on agencies. It will be sent again to agencies who have not previously submitted the survey, please complete if you receive it, they need to know the cost impact of reporting. A subcommittee of the date committee has been established to look at reports and process measures, the results of the surveys received indicate people don't know how to use the reports that are available. The committee will reach out again to train agencies on what data is available, also let Steve know what data you need that is not currently available, other agencies might need it also.	Information
FACEMS Update	In Dr. Moreland's absence Patterson reported that this year's recipient of the Mark Fingeret award is Allen Parrish. It will be presented this evening at the state awards ceremony along with a recognition of Tom Quillin's retirement.	

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FAREMS Update	<p>Mike Patterson reported that a recognition award will be presented to Tom Quillin tonight. The Advanced Leadership program has just concluded, Allen Parrish reported that it was tailored to leadership styles and the EMS profession and received excellent feedback. Parrish expressed a desire for FAREMS to continue this training as there is still a huge need to train our replacements. Patterson reported that FAREMS applied for a matching funds grant for training but did not receive an award.</p> <p>The Office of Rural Health has allocated \$10,000 for scholarships for this year but an availability date has not been determined. Joel Libby has retired, the new contact person at ORH is Craig Wilson.</p>	Information
Old Business	<p>The FAREMS raffle to benefit the Chad Reed Memorial Scholarship was drawn by Mr. Bixler. Congratulations to Nathan Griffis from Suwannee County on winning a week in a Destin condo!</p> <p>Both groups presented a slate of officers for election for the 2015-2018 term.</p> <p>FACEMS Election results: President: Dr. Charles Moreland Vice President: Allen Parrish Secretary: Harvey Craven Treasurer: Harold Theus Directors: Brian Blizzard, Tracey Vause, Harvey Craven, Pat Kostic, Joe McManus</p> <p>FAREMS Election results: President: Mike Patterson Vice President: Allen Parrish Secretary: David Duke Treasurer: David Knowles Region I Rep: Mac Kemp Region II Rep: David Richardson Region III Rep: Harvey Craven</p> <p>Congratulations to the new Board members!</p>	Information Elections
New Business	<p>Mickey Schulte from Savvik Buying Group, formerly North Central EMS Buying Group, made a presentation advising the group of their new partnership with Henry Schein as well as Granger. All paid FAREMS members are eligible to purchase through Savvik. An associate membership for FAREMS for non-rural counties is now available for \$125 a year which will allow members to purchase through Savvik. Individuals from member agencies will also be able to purchase gear from Granger if desired. Contact Marcie for more information, mheatherington@farems.org or 904-705-6986.</p> <p>Raffle tickets to benefit the Chad Reed Memorial Scholarship are now on sale for another week in a Destin condo. The condo donation is made in memory of Wynell and Wallace King. FACEMS and FAREMS jointly provided a donation to sponsor the state awards ceremony.</p>	Information

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	<p>Harold Theus reported that wait time is again as issue. He stated that the white paper written in 2009 is still listed as a draft and was apparently never accepted by the Advisory Council. He asked if there was interest in reopening the discussion. Patterson appointed an ad hoc committee to revisit the wait time issue. Members are: Harold Theus, Chris Drum, Nathan Griffis, and Mac Kemp</p> <p>Theus and Parrish expressed a desire to meet with the state to try to change the matching funds grant award process. Parrish reported that legislators in his area were willing to discuss this but did not who the correct contact person would be. Parrish made a motion for FAREMS and FACEMS to put forth a letter of support to ask the state grant program office for a full review of the grant process, Craven seconded, motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Donna Akin inquired, via email, about how the state will address the new KKK cot restraint system standards. Cheryl Rashkin noted that only new vehicles or retro fitted vehicles must comply, older models must use the correctly rated straps for the cot in use. Patterson asked if Rashkin would be willing to share her protocols with the group, she stated that she would email it.</p> <p>Next meeting date is expected to be January 21, 2016 in Daytona Beach.</p>	<p>Committee appointed</p> <p>Motion approved for letter of support</p>
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.	The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.