July 11, 2018

Chief Cory Richter, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Self-introductions of all present (see attached list of attendees)

**Legislative Update:**

The 2018 Legislative Session ended March 9 and out of 30 EMS related bills introduced, only

Four passed.

* HB 283 – Cardiac Programs
* CS/CS/HB – Trauma Services
* CS/HB 1395 – City of Marco Island, Collier County
* CS/CS/SB 376 – Worker’s Compensation Benefits for First Responders: This is a very important bill to pass. Will help with PTSD. Every agency must provide training to all first responders. Possibly looking into Target Solutions to help with the training.

**New business:**

1. **The HEROS Program (Helping emergency responders obtain support) – Chief Cory Richter**

Open to anyone who is interested in receiving free Narcan for their agency. Application must be made by July 31 and you must be in the MMCAP system to qualify. Contacts are:

 Kenneth Grice kennith.grice@flhealth.gov

 Joseph Cohen joseph.cohen@flhealth.gov

 Application: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/ems-system/heros.html>

1. **Palm Beach County EMS Provider’s Symposium – Chief Tom McCarthy, Riviera Beach Fire Rescue**

This symposium was held 6/21/18 in Palm Beach County. It was designed to be presented like the Eagles Conferences and included subjects such as stroke, trauma, cardiac and firefighter/paramedic issues. Approximately 200 people attended. The PBC EMS Providers are in the process of sending out a Survey Monkey for after action items. Looking to go bigger and better in the future. Also looking to open up attendance statewide. Looking for case studies and speakers from the crews for future symposiums. The State is on board with the concept.

1. **Patient Tracking – Chief Tom McCarthy**

Palm Beach County is looking for a patient track system that has RFID (radio frequency identification) capabilities. Have had three companies present webinars to the committee, waiting on more information from those companies in reference to RFID. Hoping that HERC will partner.

**Agency reports:**

**Palm Beach County Fire Rescue - Captain Joe Nelson:**

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue received a “Hospital Re-admissions Avoidance Grant” to work with Delray Medical Center. Funding will be for a part time coordinator which will be a social worker and a paramedic with specialty training in CHF. Also will be receiving a vehicle and equipment.

**Transcare – Joseph Zillman:** Won a grant from Florida Blue for Mobile Integrated Health and will start seeing their first patients as of August 21, 2018. The two main objectives will be 1) most efficient navigator with patient and 2) establish a major partnership with the hospital.

EHR integration is almost done. They are experiencing a shortage of qualified people, they lose about 47% annually to Tampa Fire and Hillsboro County.

**Liberty Ambulance:** Will be partnering with Community Hospital for community paramedic program.

**State – Shelly Lewis:** Considering changing the way inspections are done. Looking for suggestions/input from everyone. Please contact her if you have any suggestions/input. Mary.Lewis2@flhealth.gov

**Indian River Fire Rescue - Chief Cory Richter**: They have been using **“**Track EMS” for patienttracking for the past year. They notify the hospitals by an app on the phone. It pre-registers the patients, the information gets there before the patient does. Phones were purchased for all their units. No more verbal reports over the radio.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Schurter (stand-in secretary for Sally Waite)

**Attendance**

Cory Richer Indian River Fire Rescue

Tom McCarthy Riviera Beach Fire Rescue

Lynette Schurter PBC EMS

Larry Luh Manatee EMS

Joseph Zillmen Transcare EMS

Linda Liebert-Hall Liebert-Hall & Assoc.

James Crutcheid Manatee County

Brian Blizzard St. Lucie County FD

Dan Azzariti FFCA

Bobby Baily FDOH

Joseph Nelson PBC Fire Rescue

Joni Godwin Shands Air

Shelly Lewis FDOH

Kimberly Moore DOH-EMS

Michael Rushing Baptist Hospital

Mike Bardell SCCEMS

Brian Bates Air Methods

Robert Hoecherl Delray Beach Fire Rescue

Wayne Clemons Union County EMS