

**FLAGLER COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

01/08/2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Caggiano
Dave Faust
Dr. Kristin McCabe
Mary Radcliff (via Telephone)
Robert W Boggess
Stephen Cox
Lt. Jon Moscovitz (FCFR Alt)

GUEST PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 9:46 AM by Dr. McCabe

REGULAR BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. McCabe lead committee in citing the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion

Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/13/2023 meeting made by J. Caggiano and seconded by Cpt. Cox. No objections. Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion

4a - Mr. Boggess presented the Quarterly Reports for the 3rd Quarter of 2023. A listing of missing Quarterly Reports were provided and the following providers failure to submit 3rd Quarter Reports: RG Ambulance dba American Ambulance; AmeriPro EMS of Florida; RG Ambulance dba Century Ambulance; and AllCare Medical Transport.

Mr. Boggess submitted a revised Quarterly Report that is a PDF Fill-in form thereby making it easier for the provider to complete and submit to the County. In addition, Mr. Boggess submitted a proposed feedback form that would be given to each provider at the end of the reporting period(s) identifying missing reports or questionable data.

Motion

Motion made by J. Caggiano to adopt the revised report form and the feedback form. Motion seconded by Cpt. S. Cox. With no objection the motion was passed.

Discussion

Discussion - There was a lengthy discussion over the need for the data and the short- and long-term use of the data. The consensus was that in the short term the data would be used for training and data development. On a long-term basis, the data could and probably would be used to evaluate providers when it came to renewal of COPCNs. Whatever standards are used for those purposes, would have to be developed by the FCEMSAB based on current resource needs and data.

Discussion

At the request of Mr. Caggiano, he asked to discuss item 4F on the agenda. With no objections Mr. Caggiano advised that he had asked Mr. Boggess to take over the 'secretarial' duties that he was performing. Mr. Boggess has agreed to take over those duties.

Motion

M. Caggiano moved that Mr. Boggess take over the Secretarial duties of the FCEMSAB. Lt. Moscovitz seconded the motion. Without objection the motion was approved.

Discussion

4b - AdventHealth Parkway Hospital. Ms. Radcliff reported that the new hospital has been busy with the flow of patients, being one of the issues they have had to address. Despite some minor issues, however, it has been going well indicating that they are there for the community and the patients.

Lt. Moscovitz asked about the Orthopedics services being offered at the new facility. Dr. McCabe advised they are continuing to work through the issues but there is limited Orthopedic coverage (due to getting physicians to cover) and are directing those patients to the Palm Coast facility as needed.

4c - Dr. McCabe pointed out that they did not have specific data available for either hospital as it concerns transfers and surmised that the information would need to come from the AdventHealth Transfer Center. Dr. McCabe said she would contact the Transfer Center and work on getting that information.

Discussion

Discussion - Item 4d of the agenda was addressed out of order as part of Item 4a of the agenda. No further discussion on this item.

Discussion

4e - Discussion - Mr. Boggess presented the newly proposed COPCN application. This application, while growing from 4 pages to 28 pages, is being proposed to streamline the review process. Mr. Boggess noted that in the September COPCN renewal cycle the information from each provider was presented in no order resulting in difficulty in making sure all elements were present to make a sound recommendation on COPCN approval. It is believed that this form would assist in speeding the review process and ensuring completeness in the application submission. Mr. Boggess specifically did not request approval of this proposed form at this time but requested that it be reviewed by the FCEMSAB and discussed in more detail.

BC Faust suggested that maybe a couple of the providers coming up for renewal could go through the paces, use the form, and provide feedback for making changes. Lt. Moscovitz and Cpt. Cox concurred and agreed that they would try the form out and provide feedback.

Mr. Caggiano pointed out that during this last cycle the turnaround time seemed to be very short, causing the evaluation process to seem rushed. Mr. Boggess agreed but noted that the newest COPCNs granted in this last cycle were all set to expire on December 31, 2025, and not at the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2025). The change has not been explained.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion

5a – There was a discussion concerning EMS grant funds being distributed by the State of Florida and prospective projects that could be recommended, including CPR classes, more AEDs, etc. There was additional discussion of AED and expanding their use in the public areas of the various public parks throughout the county. In the end it was pointed out the county needs to identify what funds are available and this board needs to be prepared to make recommendations under the County Ordinance.

Adjournment

With no further business, motion to adjourn made by Lt. Moscowitz and seconded by Mr. Caggiano. With no objection the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert W. Boggess, II