

**FLAGLER COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

09/09/2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Michael Tucker
Bat. Chief Dave Faust
Robert W Boggess
Dep. Chief Stephen Cox (Via Telephone)
Dr. Kristen McCabe

GUEST PRESENT

Lt. Jon Moscovitz, FCFR

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order Meeting Called to Order at 9:44 AM by Chief Tucker (in the absences of Dr. McCabe)

REGULAR BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance Chief Tucker led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
Dr. McCabe arrived and apologized for being late.

Motion Motion to approve the July 8, 2024 minutes made by Mr. Boggess and Seconded by Dep. Chief Cox. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion 4a – Mr. Boggess reported in the 2nd quarter, 2024 summary statistic report noting that the report submitted was missing some late information provided by Chief Faust which was due to a typo error in transcribing from report to database. The tool has been corrected and the summary report will be corrected with the next quarterly report in November 2024. None of the private providers submitted data as required.

Motion 4b – The new data report form was used by Lt. Moscovitz and was found workable and functional. Chief Tucker reported he is working with County IT to get the form made available on-line. Motion made to approve the new form and for it to be effective with the 3rd Quarterly report, 2024. Motion seconded by Chief Tucker. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion 4c – Dr. McCabe is still working with AdventHealth to get the data needed for the quarterly reporting. On another front, however, AdventHealth is working identifying critical data points and fine-tuning outcome data.

Discussion 4d – Dr. McCabe indicated, as part of the discussion under 4c, that AdventHealth was working on outcome data to meet some of the needs for Stroke Center certification and the hospital is now targeting February 2025 to make the application understanding that the process after that will take time as well. There was extensive conversation on the need to structure the data in such a way so as to provide the data possible.

Discussion Chief Tucker noted that the State was restructuring the EMS Local Grants so that the money goes directly to the individual counties. State Matching Grant funds will not change.

Discussion 4e – Lt. Moscovitz reported that the alternate source for the Lucas device did not work

out but did manage to work with the manufacturer of the Lucas Device to arrive at an agreeable price and are now proceeding with the purchase of the Lucas Devices.

Discussion

4f – Chief Tucker demonstrated the new AED Inventory and Mapping application that will be made available to dispatchers and crews in the field. At this point only those AED available at government buildings and facilities have been mapped as private business seem reluctant to disseminate information about their AEDs. Chief Tucker also noted that he is working with the various departments to standardize makes and models of AED so that they can have an interchange of batteries, supplies, etc.

Discussion

Dep. Chief Cox reported that they have worked with dispatch and now when they are working trauma alerts, dispatch is providing timer information to the crew so that they are made aware how long they have been on scene. Chief Cox also reported that they have been working with the FC Sheriff's Office on "Active Assault" (or Active shooter) training.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion

5a-c Mr. Boggess went over the paperwork provided to the committee and that a single copy of the COPCN application for City of Palm Coast, City of Flagler Beach, and County of Flagler were available for review. Motion by Chief Tucker to approve all three (3) applications and submit them to the Flagler Board of County Commissioners with the recommendation of their approval and issuance of COPCN for a two (2) year period. Seconded by Chief Faust. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion

With reference to the new COPCN application, it was suggested that government entities should not be required to submit financial data. Mr. Boggess said he would add a "Not Applicable for Government Operated Providers" check box for that section along side a fee schedule, non-applicable check box for non-transport, first responder applications.

Discussion

5c-e – Mr. Boggess reported on pending federal legislative items affecting EMS, Key Performance Indicators (KPI) applicable to EMS, as well as a pending rule from Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) adding O+ Whole Blood administration to the ALS Level 2 list of authorized services. Chief Tucker indicated that, and other items, are included in some very preliminary discussions on services provided for the future.

New Discussion

Chief Tucker reported that the County entered into a contract for 3rd party billing with Digitech replacing Optimum.

Adjournment

Dr. McCabe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Chief Tucker and seconded by Chief Faust. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert W. Boggess, II