

**FLAGLER COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

07/10/2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Faust  
Kristin McCabe  
Jim Caggiano  
Michael S. Tucker  
Robert W Boggess  
Stephen Cox  
Mary Radcliff (via Phone)

**GUEST PRESENT**

Robert Eberhart, RG Ambulance

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order at 9:34 AM  
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Motion

Motion to accept minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Caggiano and Seconded by Mr. Boggess. APPROVED

Discussion

Dr. McCabe asked if we could deviate from the agenda and allow our guest, Mr. Robert Eberhart from RG Ambulance dba American Ambulance to address the board. With no objections, Mr. Eberhart announced that RG Ambulance recently signed a Purchase Agreement for Century Ambulance and as a result, RG Ambulance dba American Ambulance would not be renewing its COPCN but would be requesting the transfer of the COPCN to RG Ambulance dba Century Ambulance at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion

The COPCN process was discussed. The process was reviewed. Several questions asked by Mr. Boggess were answered or clarified including the deadline for COPCN application filing.

Discussion

Discussion opened concerning data collection. All COPCN holders as of this meeting have submitted their quarterly data reports except for AllCare Medical and AdventHealth.

Discussion

Discussion on Matching Grants. Chief Faust reported that Palm Coast Fire Rescue has made purchases under the Matching Grant for the Lucas Device and ResQ Pod. The question was raised if the Rescue Pod would be considered an ALS procedure and per Dr. McCabe it was not considered an ALS Procedure.

Discussion

Discussion - the new AdventHealth Hospital Parkway. The hospital is scheduled to open in August of this year. It will offer all the same services as the AdventHealth Hospital Palm Coast except for STEMIs which require 300 procedures to be reported as part of the certification as a STEMI receiving facility.

Dr McCabe advised for an initial period that she will be at the new hospital. In response to the question of transport protocol, Dr. McCabe asked for the consensus of the board concerning the issue of transport protocol. The unanimous consensus of the board was that transport to a specific local hospital would be based on the best interest of the patient medical condition except under extreme circumstances.

Discussion

Discussion - AED Mapping is still in progress. Mr. Caggiano noted that once that is completed that the AEDs need to be inspected for expiration dates and recalls like the one he emailed out concerning the electrodes of certain AEDs. The fire departments indicated that for the most part, the AEDs are inspected during routine fire inspections of facilities.

As part of this discussion, it was noted that CPR classes are held the first Saturday of each month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion

Discussion of new equipment - Chief Tucker announced that by the end of the calendar year, Flagler County Fire Rescue will be adding several new ambulances to its inventory at a substantial savings and a new helicopter to replace the current one which is about 24 years old.

Discussion

Extended discussion over stress and burnout of first responders and the resulting psychiatric issues and turn over.

#### **AJOURNMENT**

Motion

Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert W. Boggess, II