

FLAGLER COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

11/13/2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael S. Tucker, Chief
Dave Faust, Chief
Robert W. Boggess
Dr. Stephen Coltharp (Alt Dr. McCabe)

GUEST PRESENT

REGULAR BUSINESS

Call to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chief Tucker at 9:35 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Tucker lead the FCEMSAB in the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion

Without objection, motion made to approve the minutes of 9/11/2023.
Motion Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion

Provider Data - Lengthy discussion initiated concerning the data presented by providers so far and the spreadsheet generated by Mr. Boggess. One of the issues identified as a potential problem was response times. Chief Tucker indicated that some of the inconsistency could be related to two issues. One, being the point that the response time clock started based on the provider; and the second being the reporting of the response time as an average verse 90th percentile. Some consideration was given to changing the response time to be reported as the time from the dispatch time (rather than time call received by the dispatch center) to the time the unit arrives on the scene. More consideration needs to be given before making that change.

The second issue dealt with the use of average verses 90th percentile. It was agreed that the 90th percentile gives the better metric in response time. Mr. Boggess noted that one of the issues he was having is that most if not all the pre-hospital non-emergency providers did not report 90th percentile response times but reported average. This resulted in several missing response times. It was agreed that in the future, the 90th percentile response time will be used unless it is missing and if it is missing than and an average response time is available, the average response time will be used instead. Adjustments to the spreadsheet will be made to address this issue and will be label as 'Mixed RT'.

Chief Tucker requested that in the future Mr. Boggess provide both the Report and the spreadsheet to the board members.

Additional Discussion – additional discussion concerning data was presented by Chief Tucker, noting that the ROSC data point has remained essentially unchanged but that should start to change once the Lucas Devices are operational. It was noted that the introduction of the Lucas/Zoll Devices along with public CPR training and AED should show a significant increase in ROSC.

Chief Faust noted that they are in the process of completing their AED inspections. To date they have not found any AED devices on the recall list.

Chief Tucker noted that the county has competed their AED GIS inventory and are

working on rolling it out for use as part of the dispatch process. The County continues it public CPR classes.

Discussion Hospital Data - Dr. Coltharp reported that the new Advent Hospital Parkway is about 90% operation and continue to work through various issues. Chief Tucker noted that they have noted that more and more people are going to the Parkway hospital which is resulting in Station 21 leaving the primary response area less and less.

Discussion Discussion of the revised Quarterly Data Report – Mr. Boggess presented the revised Quarterly Data Reporting form. After a brief discussion about the purpose and objectives of making the changes to the form, without objection, consideration of adoption of the new form was tabled until the next meeting with that direction that the members of the FCEMSAB review the form in detail in preparation for further consideration at that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Discussion of COPCN Process and Application – Mr. Boggess noted that after the review of COPCN application at the last meeting he felt that the format of the applications submitted was confusing and disorderly. To address those issues and make the process smoother in future COPCN cycles, a major revision of the existing form was presented by Mr. Boggess for future consideration. Mr. Boggess presented the form with the intention of the form not being considered and/or adopted at this meeting but at some point, over the next couple of meetings before the next round of COPCN applications. Without objection, consideration of the revised COPCN application was tabled until the next meeting with the request that members of the FCENSAB review the form and be prepared for further discussion.

Discussion Chief Tucker gave a brief report on the status and operation of both the Narcan program and its interaction with the Community Paramedic program. Mr. Boggess noted that in this area, Flagler County appears to be a leader as there are not many other counties that have implemented the Community Paramedic program with as much success as Flagler County.

Discussion Chief Tucker noted that Jim Caggiano has asked to step down from the position of 'secretary' and asked if Mr. Boggess would be willing to take over those duties. Mr. Caggiano will continue to serve on the FCEMSAB representing EMS Education. Without objection, Chief Tucker tabled the discussion until the next scheduled meeting of the FCEMSAB.

AJOURNMENT

Adjournment Motion to adjourn, With no objections, meetign adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert W. Boggess, II