

**State of Florida
EMS Advisory Council
September 27, 2011 @ 08:00
Disaster Response Guidelines Committee
Division of Emergency Medical Operations
Bureau of Preparedness & Response
Minutes**

Welcome and introductions were conducted by Dr. Elias.

Dr. Elias reviewed the minutes from the June 5, 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Bobby Bailey provided an update on current and future EMS Level "C" PPE and medical countermeasures distribution. He and Chuck Hagan, State Division of Emergency Management, noted that future federal funding reductions may greatly impact or eliminate sustainment of these programs. Both Mr. Bailey and Mr. Hagan recommended that individual EMS department's leadership consider the impact of this potential change on their departments.

Strategic Plan – Dr. Elias reviewed the current EMS Strategic Plan Goal 7 and addressed steps to be taken by the committee to address the various Goal objectives and tasks. Mr. Bailey will work with Dr. Elias to address the measures to be taken. The question was raised regarding the impact of

House Bill 1795 and how the bill might impact future distributions of Diazepam to the EMS providers. Mr. Bailey advised that the Bureau of Statewide Pharmaceutical Services (BSPS) was addressing the issue but noted that he did not have a firm answer on the issue. Mr. Bailey will follow-up with BSPS on the issue and will then report back to the Committee.

Ambulance Deployment Plan Update – Bobby Bailey provided a report to the Committee regarding the status of the update to the Ambulance Deployment plan utilizing the FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101 standards. Mr. Bailey noted that the Department of Health is utilizing this format to update all Department plans. Mr. Bailey reported that Bureau staff are reviewing the draft and will convert the draft into the proper format. Once that is complete the new draft will be circulated through the Committee for comment.

Discussion – Jay Brosnan provided an update on the FEMA Ambulance Contract and some of the problems that arose using the contract during the recent hurricane impact on the Northeast part of the country. Mr. Bailey noted that the Contract would be the last resort choice for Florida. Issues such as patient tracking and licensure reciprocity may become issues for Florida. Chuck Hagan noted that some issues like licensure reciprocity can be addressed in the Governor's Executive order. Mr. Bailey noted that Florida ESF 8 has met on the Contract and would make the Bureau of EMS aware of the Committee's concerns.

Dr. Nelson discussed patient tracking issues that he is concerned with. He would like to advocate for a state wide patient tracking system utilized by most providers in the state on a

daily basis. Dr. Nelson noted that a statewide unique patient identifier be established. He noted that using patient tracking system on a daily basis would help mitigate patient/family reunification issues.

Old Business - Dr. Elias plans to reach out to ESF 4 & 9 to determine the status and notification process of EMS regional Coordinators identified in the State Emergency Response Plan. He also plans to reach out to the Florida Air Medical Association to confirm their communication/notification process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.