



**State of Florida
EMS Advisory Council
July 5, 2011 @ 14:00
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 January 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Strategic Plan – Dr. Elias reviewed the current strategic plan, and recommended that the Committee develop an on-line survey designed to examine the current content of initial and ongoing PPE and disaster protocols training at the department level. Dr. Elias discussed the need to have legal review statute and rule that seems to require EMS to transport patient from 911 calls to a hospital. Dr. Elias would like EMS to have the latitude to transport patients to alternate care sites as opposed to hospitals during local incidents that exceed health care system surge capacity and/or during state wide disasters. It was noted that language may be required in the Executive Order that suspends the rules regarding Emergency Medical Services destinations. Jeff Rouse noted that he had researched this issue and could not find statute or rule that required EMS to transport 911 patients exclusively to hospitals. Richard McNelis, legal council for the Bureau of Preparedness and Response agreed to work with Dr. Elias and Michael Grief, legal counsel for the Bureau of EMS on this issue. Dr. Nelson notified the Committee that the Disaster Medical Protocols had been updated and were undergoing review by the Bureau of EMS. Members of the Committee asked that they be included in the review process.

Cyanokit Sustainment project – Dr. Brandon Brantley, Bureau of Statewide Pharmaceutical Services (BSPS) provided an update on the recent Cyanokit distribution as well as continued sustainment of the EMS chemical antidote program. Dr. Brantley noted that BSPS will seek sustainment as long as funding holds out. Dr. Brantley also noted that BSPS is reviewing House Bill 1795 and how the bill might impact future distributions of Diazepam to the EMS providers. Dr. Nelson noted that he will ask legal counsel to review the holistic impact of House Bill 1795 on EMS Medical Directors.

Ambulance Deployment Plan Update – Bobby Bailey provided a report to the Committee regarding the need to update 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 he will develop and distribute a draft update for Committee review.

Hurricane Griffin Exercise – Mike McDonald, with the Bureau of Preparedness and Response provided an overview of the recent Hurricane Griffin Exercise. He noted goals, objectives, challenges and results of the exercise.

Discussion – 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.