

General Meeting Summary  
for  
Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

**Date:** January 23, 2008

**Location:** Prime Osborne III Convention Center, Room 206-207, Jacksonville, FL

**Board Officers Present:** David Duke; Nelson Green; Bob Pannell; Mike Patterson; Trish Seibold; Ed Wilson

**Others Present:** Julie Bacon; Royce Barber; Chad Bradt; Brian Burrell; Danny Cribbs; Phillip Hill; Wayne Hodges; Jim Howard; Barbara Hyde; Tom Lazkey; Walter Liddell; Todd Mechler; John Milanick; Lloyd Parker; David Richardson; Adam Steinmetz; Eddie Szymczyle; Corky Young; Sam Young

**Staff Present:** Tim Alexander; Tracy Burger

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Call to Order	Board Meeting Mike Patterson called the meeting to order and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.	The meeting was called to order at 10:31 am.
Introductions/Roll Call	David Duke took roll of Directors present.	Information
Consideration of Minutes from October 10, 2007	Tracy Burger noted that Dr. Milanick's name needed to be corrected. Minutes were accepted with this correction.	<b>Nelson Green moved and David Richardson seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.</b>
Expenditure Report	Tracy Burger reported that the RHND grant is 4.3% expended, the 2006 State EMS grant is 94.2% expended, the 2007 State EMS grant is 43.3% expended, the HDSPP contract is 33.8% complete and we have an other income balance of \$23,368.38.	Information
Committee Reports	<p>A. Recruitment and Retention Committee Mike Patterson reported that this committee has not met. FAREMS has been assigned as "lead" of objective 3.11 of the EMS Advisory Council's latest strategic plan draft which states, "Increase the number of paramedics in areas experiencing paramedic shortages." Ms. Julie Bacon of the Strategic Visions Committee asked the group to review the plan and make comments to the committee prior to Friday's Council meeting where a vote of approval will take place. Mr. Patterson also indicated we needed more members to serve on this committee. Volunteers were taken from the group and Chad Bradt and Tim Alexander were appointed to the committee.</p> <p>B. Scholarship Committee Mike Patterson reported that the Committee reviewed nine applications for scholarships and awarded three paramedic and two EMT scholarships. Spring 2008 applications will be available by February 1st with a due date of April 4th. David Duke</p>	<p><b>Chad Bradt and Tim Alexander were appointed to the R&amp;R committee.</b></p> <p><b>Nelson Green motioned and David Duke seconded that individuals who have already begun paramedic school may receive a tuition scholarships for future semesters.</b></p>

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Committee Reports (continued)	<p>called to question the committee discussion of allowing individuals to be awarded a scholarship if they had already begun paramedic school. Discussion ensued and the group decided to allow scholarships to those who have already begun school.</p> <p>C. Legislative Committee This Committee has not formally met; however, Sam Young reported he has been working with legislative caucus to get approval to increase funding to rural EMS grants. Mr. Young has been working with Representative Aaron Bean and will continue to pursue the issue after the January 29th election.</p>	
Staff Report	<p>Tracy Burger gave this report:</p> <p>A. The Rural Health Network Development Grant progresses with the following: Power Point presentations and media kits will be available at the April meeting. ◊ The first leadership training was held at the Columbia County EOC in November. Other two trainings will be scheduled for the spring. ◊ Several agencies took part in an EMD training in the Panhandle in October. There are additional funds for EMD training. ◊ There is also additional funding for distance learning.</p> <p>B. The State EMS Rural Matching Grants progress with the following: The 2006 state EMS matching grant for education continues with an extension. One more training will be held in Gadsden County. ◊ The 2007 state EMS matching grant continues. The Scholarship Committee chose individuals to receive three paramedic and two EMT scholarships. Applications for spring 2008 scholarships will be available by February 1st with a deadline of April 4, 2008.</p> <p>C. The Strategic Plan progresses with the following: The FAREMS Board is looking at hosting a hospitality hour at the July 2008 meeting. Ms. Burger noted that NPI is a new corporate sponsor and she urged the group to promote corporate membership and let her know if she can make contact with anyone.</p> <p>D. Stroke training: SRR training is being offered. Nine trainings have been held in November and December with 121 paramedics and EMTs being trained. Ms. Burger has list of dates available for spring training.</p> <p>E. Membership: Eleven agency members have renewed their membership for 2008.</p> <p>F. BOCC Survey Report: The BOCC survey has been completed. Fourteen of 162 surveys were returned for a response rate of 8.6 percent. Although not a good return rate, indications are that commissioners are very aware of issues surrounding their EMS agency. A few commissioners even opted to become FAREMS members.</p>	Information
State Office Reports	<p>A. Bureau of EMS Ed Wilson reported the following: the matching grant deadline is February 15th; HRSA's \$90,000 AED grant is closed. The Bureau also has another HRSA grant for EMSTARS set-up and first year submission. CDC funding can provide travel costs for EMSTARS</p> <p>B. Office of Rural Health Bob Pannell reported that the Office gave \$20,000 to FAREMS as a match for</p>	Information

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State Office Reports (continued)	<p>paramedic and EMT scholarships. Mr. Pannell also reminded the group that additional funding is available in next year's budget.</p> <p>C. Office of Trauma No report.</p>	
Old Business	<p>Dr. John Milanick discussed a proposal for a medical director cooperative that would offer agencies access to medical director services on short or long-term basis as needed. This program would be offered to agency members of FAREMS and would allow agencies to ensure 24/7 MD coverage.</p>	Information
New Business	<p>A. EMS awards The group discussed opening nominations for rural EMS awards to take place in conjunction with the state's award ceremony in July 2008. The group was in favor of this request.</p> <p>B. Other Business/Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief John Bixler commented on the property tax issue and the COPCN issues. Agencies can support the current JAPC proposal and indicate thus by contacting the Bureau. Chief Bixler also noted some senate bills relating to EMS: one authorizing ALS and BLS providers to operate in the ER at hospitals; one to regulate EMD. He also noted there are six vacancies on the Council that will be elected in April.</li> <li>• Todd Mechler reported that he was working on issues with vendors selling non-compliant radio systems to hospitals.</li> <li>• Julie Bacon reported there is a pediatric neo-natal transport training opportunity and she will provide information as it is available.</li> <li>• Wayne Hodges requested to include FAREMS in a grant for ASLS training. The grant will allow the purchase of educational license for 2 years and will train up to 36 instructors in ASLS. FAREMS' role would be to house and ship educational materials for the grant.</li> <li>• Sam Young began a discussion on patient destination to the most appropriate hospital in light of talk of stemi patients being required to go to cath. labs. Dr. Box and Dr. Milanick indicated they are in favor of providing the best care of patients by transporting to the most appropriate hospital depending on the situation.</li> <li>• Nelson Green asked the group to support Mike Patterson's reappointment and Wayne Hodges' appointment to the Advisory Council with letters of support.</li> <li>• Mike Patterson reported that the Access to Care Committee will continue and wishes to have FAREMS support for producing a DVD on access to care issues and how they affect EMS.</li> <li>• Tracy Burger noted that the Paramedic Shortage Paper that will be voted on at the Council meeting indicates FAREMS endorsement. Mike Patterson believes this is an error and will verify prior to the vote.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nelson Green motioned and Trish Seibold seconded that FAREMS support Wayne Hodges grant proposal for ASLS training. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Nelson Green motioned and David Duke seconded that FAREMS provide a letter of support for Mike Patterson to be reappointed to the State EMS Advisory Council. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>David Duke motioned and Nelson Green seconded that FAREMS provide a letter of support for Wayne Hodges to be appointed to the State EMS Advisory Council. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Trish Seibold moved and Nelson Green seconded that FAREMS support the Access to Care Committee in its grant efforts to fund an educational DVD on access to care. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p>

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New Business (continued)	C. Next meeting April 16, 2008, Cocoa Beach, FL	
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm.

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