

State of Florida
EMS Advisory Council
Futures Forum Minutes
4/12/2006

April 13, 2006 15:30pm Crowne Plaza Hotel, Orlando

In attendance:

Jim Bomford, Chairman - Seminole County
Chuck Kearns, Vice Chairman - Pinellas County EMS Authority
Clint Randolph - Liberty Ambulance
Jerry Hall - Tampa Fire Rescue
Fred Greene - Tampa Fire Rescue
Michelle Stanhope - Escambia County EMS

The meeting was called to order at 15:53 hours.

There was an opening discussion regarding paramedic and nursing shortages, with education issues and salary.

Still working on solution to paramedic shortage problem which has been discussed at the state level since 1998.

Still working on the interoperability communications issues. It appears that in some areas of Florida, completely interoperable communications systems do not exist.

There was a brief discussion of skills degradation in agencies that have too many paramedics on a single unit and this practice's impact on the paramedic shortage.

The issue of cataloging non-practicing paramedics was discussed. It was suggested that recertification applications include mandatory questions:

1. What is the name of the Licensed EMS agency with whom you are employed?
2. Who is your EMS Medical Director?
3. Do you currently use your clinical skills on the job daily?
4. What is your job title?

Mandating these answers will help the state identify people who could be contacted for assistance in cases of disaster.

Chairman Bomford said this will be his last meeting. He hoped to be able to attend the July EMS Advisory Council Meeting in Orlando.

Mr. Bomford asked for the First Responder performance incentives from the Pinellas system be sent to him via email.

Meeting adjourned at 16:39.