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**State of Florida
EMS Advisory Council
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Disaster Response Guidelines Committee
Division of Emergency Medical Operations
Office of Emergency Operations & Public Health Preparedness
Minutes**

Dr. Elias welcomed those in attendance and then asked for attendee introductions.

Dr. Elias called for and received a motion for approval of the minutes from the June meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Ambulance Deployment Plan Presentation – Michelle Ostenberg, Gadsden County EMS, presented to the group a video that she and Corkey Young, Bay Medical Center EMS, developed for EMS personnel that are sent out on ambulance deployments. The video was well received by the group. It was suggested that Ms. Ostenberg present the video to other constituency groups. Ray Colburn, President of the Florida Fire Chiefs EMS Constituency group, noted that he would add her to the FFCA agenda. Dr. Elias would like to see the video added to the Bureau of EMS, Disaster Response web page. Barry Baker, Florida Fire College, added that there are other web based training opportunities that can be added to the web page, one example being an introduction to EMAC.

Strategic Plan – Dr. Elias discussed the background of Goal 7 of the 2010 – 2012 EMS Strategic Plan and the task before the committee to address our goal. Dr. Elias plans to enlist objective owners from the committee membership in order to move the objectives along.

Antidote Update – Dr. Elias updated the committee on the status of the Cyanokit sustainment project. He noted that continued funding will not be available to sustain the Cyanokits. Bobby Bailey reported that sustainment for other antidotes may be ending soon due to grant funding limitations. As a result, he recommended that local providers make plans to sustain their antidotes through local budgets. He noted that the State will continue to sustain the antidotes as long as funding is available.

H1N1 Presentation – Patrick Gardner, Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control made a short H1N1 presentation to the committee encouraging everyone to attend his formal presentation scheduled for later in the day.

Triage Tool Kits – Julie Downey advised the group that the Triage Tool Kits were recently shipped out to the providers.

EMS Mass Casualty Trailers – Jeff Rouse asked Mr. Bailey of the status of the MOUs that the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) were to address. Mr. Bailey noted that he had prompted Chuck Hagan at DEM but had not received an actionable response back.



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State Homeland Security Grant Program U(SHSGP) Update – Barry Baker provided a historical perspective of the SHSGP program noting that Florida responders need to approach their representatives in Washington regarding sustainment of the program. As threats diminish, funding of such programs is diminishing as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.