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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**

The meeting was called to order at 09:05 am.

Dr. Elias welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Minutes were approved for the July meeting.

SERP discussion - Chief T.J. Lyon spoke to a planned re-alignment of State Emergency Response Plan (SERP) regions relative to the regions defined by the Regional Domestic Security Task Force and the State Division of Emergency Management. Dr. Elias commented on appreciation of the cooperative spirit offered by SERP leadership. Chief Schultz also addressed the group and discussed the final appointment of Regional SERP Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Liaisons. The Committee also discussed the year end revision of the SERP and the suggested modifications regarding better definitions and more detailed responsibilities for the EMS Liaisons.

Strategic Plan – The Committee was addressed by Julie Bacon and was informed of their role as it relates to the next version of the strategic plan.

No Notice Amendment – Dr. Elias thanked Bobby Bailey for his contributions and ability to craft a framework based on the input received from the committee members. He again touched on the need for this amendment and that the Ambulance Deployment Plan (ADP) was a dynamic process. Dr. Elias asked for any suggestions to No Notice Amendment. With none being offered he suggested this become an official supplement to the ADP. There was no dissention.

Dr Mullen spoke about the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and also provided an update on the Cyanokit project. The project was in the Invitation to Bid development process. The projected rollout was anticipated for end of Dec/early Jan.

Captain Tim Devin provided an MCI Trailer update. Captain Devin announced there is funding approved for the retrofit at approx \$22k per trailer. There was some discussion about attempting to standardize the trailers across the state so they can be used a typed asset. The Committee also addressed the possibility of creating plans and protocols for the use of these trailers.

John Scott talked about examining the issue of re-imbursement for asset utilization when the request originates locally as in a mutual aid request as opposed to a statewide request.



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Disaster Medical Protocols – The Committee discussed the need to develop protocols for extenuating circumstances such as a prolonged deployment or one in which the SNS is deployed as the medical cache. It was emphasized, by Dr. Nelson, State EMS Medical Director, that in the early stages of the ADP deployment, the deployed medical crews will initially operate under their standard operating protocols. Dr. Nelson is reviewing the possibility of the development of Standard Medical Protocols for EMS deployments. He noted that if protocols are developed and adopted, that included in the protocols should be use of all SNS medications and equipment that EMS might encounter. Additionally, he desires flexibility in the protocols but noted that they should follow some form of uniformity. Dr. Nelson is planning to research this issue with his state counterparts. One other question that Dr. Nelson raised was that of supply replacement during deployments. Additionally, Dr. Nelson would like to see EMS protocols developed for the deployment of and use of CHEMPAKS. Liability should also be addressed.

Tom Lackey provided an update on the EMS Strike Team Training program. The committee is developing deliverables for the program. He noted that sustained funding will be necessary in order to deliver the program as widely and as effectively as possible.

Terry Schenk made a presentation of the SACCO Triage Method. Dr. Nelson noted his concern about the nature of the program and its proprietary nature. In addition, Dr. Nelson would like to see the scientific data that the company is using and evaluate it with a critical eye. He felt that doing a side by side comparison of SACCO and START would be beneficial.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.