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**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 24, 2008  
Prime Osborne Convention Center  
Jacksonville, FL**

Chairman Greg Rubin called meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. and explained that some attendees may have left for the Amendment 1 protest.

**Draft FY 2008-2010 Strategic Plan Update – Cory Richter**

- Explained the funneling of information by the objective leads to the goal owners. Legislative Committee is Goal Owner for Goal 4.
- Legislative Committee is objective lead for 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6. There are other objectives where the committee has been listed as a resource.
- EMS Advisory Council will be voting Friday on the proposed strategic plan.
- Thanks to everyone from the Legislative Committee for their support and input during the development of this important document.

**Bureau of EMS Update – Chief John Bixler**

- Updated the committee on the legislative package for 2008. The Bureau of EMS has no plans to submit a legislative package.
- Karen Murphy, DOH Chief of Staff, is meeting with Governor regarding proposals for 2008.
- Greg Rubin stated that this is the time to work on rule issues until more direction is received from Karen Murphy.

**Paramedic Shortage Document Update – Greg Rubin**

- Paramedic Shortage document will be discussed at tomorrow's EMSAC meeting. Last council not enough support.
- Dr. Shatz asked the committee if there are any comments.
- Lots of conflict regarding numbers and if it is still valid at today's date.
- Educators have withdrawn endorsement.
- Dr. Lozano stated the medical directors have not reviewed or endorsed.

**Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) Update – Robby Brown**

- Robby Brown briefed the committee on issues with JAPC.
  - Statutory authority of COPCN.
  - JAPC hearings.
  - Workgroup formed with JAPC staff, DOH staff, and members of EMS community, including himself. They worked to find a way to answer JAPC's concerns and not impact the way EMS operates now. The proposal that focuses on "geographical area"; did not impact any one service delivery model; if there is a clarification that does not change the substance within our industry as a whole then they need to support it
- He feels this is the EMS community's last opportunity before it is turned over to Legislature.
- A lot of work went into this proposal and discussions can occur after this is adopted.

**Rule Workshop Update – Terry Meek**

- COPCN proposal
  - Some people did not feel comfortable defining "originate/terminate".
  - This is the language that has been in rule for years.
  - She explained that the following question was raised: How do you deal with regionalization and specialty services?

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- Many words carefully crafted to balance needs of the industry.
- Explained JAPC's literal interpretation.
- First time in 19 years that JAPC met with group/state agency to work to develop a solution.
- Greg Rubin raised the issue of neonatal transports and noted that Maria Fernandez brought this up as a big concern.
  - They transport from two counties at any given situation not even from where they are from.
- Robby Brown asked if we can at least proceed with what the team developed to meet JAPC's concerns (a very large problem we have now) and then workshop these other issues later.

### **Upcoming Legislative Bills – Open Discussion**

- Greg Rubin brought up SB1272 which enables EMT/Paramedics to work at a hospital under the EMS provider medical director.
  - Dr. Lozano talked about the medical directors QA and liability.
  - Issues related to the ability for the Bureau to discipline.
  - Medical directors proposed defining in 395.
  - Amy Paratore gave overview of FENA members and they too have concerns.
- Robby Brown heard a bill is coming out on billing issues. He will try to find it and email it to Greg Rubin.
- HB405 and SB1012 Florida Medical Association
  - Assignment of Benefits.
  - Managed Care Company.
  - Prompt payment.
- EMS Dispatchers Bill SB632.

### **Closing Remarks – Greg Rubin**

- Next meeting will be in mid-session.
- Once strategic plan is done the committee will have more direction.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.