

**Legislative Committee**

**Purpose:** *To discuss current and proposed changes to Rule and Statute that impact Florida Emergency Medical Services. In addition, act as a clearing house for the Advisory Council to review any proposed changes to Rule or Statute that may be discussed.*

**Legislative Committee**

**Members Present:**

Greg Rubin, Chair  
Dan Azzariti, Co-Chair  
Gary Rainey  
Dr. Michael Lozano

**Meeting Participants:**

Betsey Hines  
Lisa Creswell  
Tom Whitley  
Cory Richter  
Vickie Clanton  
Stephanie Daugherty  
Michael Greif  
John Bixler  
Robby Brown  
Nick Locicero  
Thomas Brown  
Clint Randolph  
Steve Canfield  
Craig Hare  
Brian Lynch  
Dr. Laurie Romig  
Lisa Walker

**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2007**

**Orange County Convention Center**

**Orlando, FL**

**Welcome – Greg Rubin, Chair**

**Report on Legislative Special Session – Gary Rainey**

- Budget discussions expected to be finished on Friday, October 12, 2007.
- Property tax relief
  - Save Our Homes will continue for low income seniors – no property taxes if double exemption is met
  - Homestead up to \$50,000
  - Portability of Save Our Homes
  - All tax reductions do not apply to school board
  - Owner's of property by the water, such as marinas, will be assessed by the use of the property rather than what it could be used for (ex. Assessed as use for a marina rather than the property's potential for condos).

**American Heart Association Update – Lisa Creswell**

- STEMI update – nothing has happened since last session
  - AHCA has a proposal out regarding PCI Centers (Greg Rubin will forward to Lisa Walker at the Bureau of EMS)
  - AHA has offered to be a support lead for objectives 5.4 and 5.5 of the 2008-2010 Strategic Plan
  - Issue now integrated into Strategic Plan
  - Terry Meek made a suggestion that there be better communication if this is put forth again
  - Lisa Creswell will work with advocacy groups to see that there is better communication
  - Stroke and STEMI taskforces are being put together – contact Lisa Creswell for more information

**Strategic Visions Committee Update – Cory Richter**

- To date the Legislative Committee has been identified as a Lead or Support Lead on objectives 3.3, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, and 3.9 of the draft 2008-2010 Strategic Plan
- Updates/recommendations to the strategic plan are due in 2 weeks
- Version 3 and the deadline will be posted on flemscomm (completed)

**Education – Greg Rubin**

- Tomorrow at the EMSAC meeting, the Educators through Dr. Swisher, will be bringing a proposal regarding EMS Instructor Qualifications
- Last council not enough support
- Recertification left alone
- Withdrew requirements for Preceptors
- Proposal for Bureau of EMS to use as a foundation for rule promulgation
- Once finalized Lisa Walker will send out on flemscomm

**COPCN Update – Michael Greif**

- Thanked everyone that showed up
- The Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) took an unusual step and offered assistance by their staff because they feel that a rule can be written that will not change today's practices

**64E-2, F.A.C., Update – Greg Rubin**

- Workshop scheduled for January 22, 2007, the day prior to the quarterly meetings
- Topics include: Neonatal language submitted by Maria Fernandez and Training Equipment List (this topic has been pulled from this package after discussions with the Educators)

**Other Issues – Greg Rubin**

- Greg Rubin will research pediatric CE requirement for Clint Randolph
- Legislative Committee is waiting for its marching orders from the strategic plan
- Proposed agenda will be posted on flemscomm 30 days before next meeting
- Reminder will be posted on flemscomm 1 week before next meeting including copies of Ch. 401, F.S., and 64E-2, F.A.C., with line numbers
- Participants were asked to bring their own copies of the statute and rule (with line numbers) to future meetings
- Dan Azzariti raised an issue to Terry Meek regarding direct pay
- Dan Azzariti asked if any constituency group was pushing legislation. The answer was no. He requested that anything that effects EMS to be forwarded to the Legislative Committee.
- Dan Azzariti asked if there were any bills floating that had the potential for friendly amendments that could affect EMS. Clint Randolph brought up high-risk for dispatchers. The crowd overwhelmingly said that comes out every year.
- Waiting for Strategic Plan to be finalized
- Meeting Adjourned