

General Meeting Summary for  
Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

**Date:** April 11, 2013

**Location:** Wyndham Tampa Westshore, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Royal Palm 3, Tampa, Florida

**Board Directors Present:** Donna Akin\*; Harvey Craven; David Duke; Allen Parrish\*; Bob Pannell\*; Mike Patterson; Roy Pippin

**Others Present:** Staccie Allen; Nadine Baez; James Brinkley; Brian Burrell; Mark Fives; Gwen Howard; Mac Kemp\*; Joe Nelson; Eddie Szyrzyk; Toby Witt

**Staff Present:** Tracy Burger

\*Indicates participating via phone.

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY/DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Board Meeting Mike Patterson called the meeting to order.	The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.
Introductions/Roll Call	David Duke took roll of Directors present. A quorum was established.	Information
Consideration of Minutes from January 24, 2013	Minutes were reviewed.	<b>David Duke moved and Gwen Howard seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.</b>
Financial Report	Donna Akin gave this report: P&L Statement and Balance Sheet ending March 2013 show a balance of \$48,454.95.	Information
State Office Reports	A. Bureau of EMS Mike Patterson noted that the Program is looking at statewide EMS protocols and says this is a funding issue for rural EMS agencies. Roy Pippin reported there is approximately \$2.2 million to distribute through the Matching Grant program this year, with the priority being equipment. B. Office of Rural Health Bob Pannell reported that he is writing the federal applications for the State rural programs, including support for FAREMS' scholarships and training.	Information

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Regional Representative Reports	<p>A. Region I            Tracy reported that we have not been able to secure a sponsor for a Region I meeting this spring.</p> <p>B. Region II            Allen Parrish reported that he believes he has a venue for a Region II meeting in Starke on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>C. Region III            Mike Patterson noted that Robert Clayton resigned from Hardee County Fire Rescue for personal reasons. Harvey Craven has agreed to replace him as Region III Representative. Tracy noted that a regional meeting will be scheduled for late May with a sponsorship from Stryker.</p>	Information
Staff Report	<p>Tracy Burger gave this report:</p> <p>A. Membership            We stand at 20 agency members and one individual member.</p> <p>B. Scholarships            The Scholarship Committee awarded four paramedic and one EMT scholarships last month.</p> <p>C. Community Paramedicine.            Tracy is working on the final report.</p> <p>D. Web Training            The last modifications are being done to the training site and we expect it to be ready for testing any day.</p>	Information
Old Business	<p>A. Leadership/Management Training            The Office of Rural Health will entertain a proposal for leadership/management training to begin this summer. This is the 10-module certification program discussed at the last conference call.</p>	Information
New Business	<p>A. New Region III Representative            Region III Representative, Robert Clayton, resigned his position due to personal reasons. Per bylaws, Mike asked Harvey Craven to replace him and Harvey accepted the position.)</p> <p>B. EMLRC Education Committee representative            The EMLRC is seeking a representative on their Board Education Committee to represent rural EMS. David Duke indicated he was interested in serving.</p> <p>C. Funding for Community Paramedic Workshop at July mtg            Jane Bedford of Nature Coast EMS has organized a Community Paramedic (CP) Workshop to be held during the July EMSAC meetings in Orlando. She wants to invite Dr. Beeson and Matt Zavadsky from Fort Worth, Texas (Medstar) to come discuss how to establish a payment system for CP programs in Florida. She is currently looking for funds to cover the cost of their one-day travel to Orlando, about \$1000. The medical directors group has agreed to give \$500 for this effort, and she has asked our groups to consider donating some funds for this</p>	Information

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	<p>purpose.</p> <p>D. FRHA Conference            Registration is now open for the 2013 Florida Rural Health Educational Summit, Setting the Healthcare Table for Rural Florida. This annual conference will be held at the Hilton Conference Center in Gainesville, Florida November 20-22, 2013. The agenda includes: expert panel on Affordable Health Care Act and impacts on rural Florida; updates from Washington D.C.; Mental health first aid; grant writing in hard times; and telehealth for rural areas. See handout in your packet for registration information. FRHA has offered rural EMS some time on November 20<sup>th</sup> to put together a meeting of our choice. Discussion ensued around possible topics of the drug shortage and/or community paramedicine.</p> <p>None</p> <p>E. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gwen Thomas noted that the North Central Florida Critical Incident Stress Management Team has been revamped.</li> <li>• Mac Kemp gave a run-down of what was happening in the State legislature:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SB56/HB83—the infant death bill—will pass with extra training required on SIDS</li> <li>○ Danny’s bill passed the Senate</li> <li>○ SB604/HB639—impaired practitioner bill—should pass, which adds PRN oversight and moves recertification funds to MQA from the EMS trust fund</li> <li>○ The EMS communications bill, the HIV testing changes and the telemedicine bill may not pass.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>F. Next meeting—July 2013</p>	
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am.

