

**Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council**  
**December 1, 2022**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

## Call to Order

Alison Zerbe, Staff, called regular meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

## Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

**Announcements:** Fire Rescue East in Daytona Beach, January 18-20, 2023

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2022, and October 20, 2022

**MOTION TO Accept** the minutes of June 2, 2022.

Motion made by: Dr. John Halpern

Seconded: Dr. Evan Boyar

MOTION passed unanimously

## Presentation by Dr. James Roach, Presentation on Whole Blood, and Resuscitation

PowerPoint Presentation on Whole Blood and Resuscitation

Contact Information: Dr. James Roach, [jroach@browardhealth.org](mailto:jroach@browardhealth.org)

*The complete presentation is available upon request.*

## Recommendation for Appointment/Reappointment:

Dr. John Cunha – Hospital Nonprofit/Proprietary – 2-12-2023

Chief Julie Downey – Transport: Municipal Fire – 2-12-2-2023

Chief Joel Gordon – Advanced Life Support (ALS) Municipal Provider - 2-12-2023

Dr. Paula Thaqi – Physicians: Public Health – 1-24-2023

Dr. James Roach – Transport: Aircraft – 2-12-2023

*All the above are reappointments*

*(Resumes and CV sent out)*

**MOTION TO Recommend** Dr. John Cunha, Chief Julie Downey, Chief Joel Gordon, Dr. Paula Thaqi, and Dr. James Roach to be reappointed to their current positions.

Motion made by Chief Vincent Cinque

Seconded by Chief Bruce Caruso

MOTION passed unanimously

*The next step is to go to the Broward County Board of Commissioners and Alison Zerbe will send you notice of the meeting. Because the above are reappointed she had sent you information about the EMS Council. If any need a copy let Alison know.*

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In addition, after discussion of changes in their job positions, the following members will change/move to the following EMS Council positions:

- Dr. Frederick Keroff moves to Physicians: Emergency Medicine (from Physicians: Emergency Department Director from Memorial Healthcare System)
- Dr. Randy Katz moves to Physicians: Emergency Department Director from Memorial Healthcare System (from Physicians: Prehospital Medical Director)
- Dr. Wayne Lee moves to Physicians: Prehospital Medical Director (from Physicians: Emergency Medicine)

**MOTION to Recommend** moving the following EMS Council member positions: Dr. Frederick Keroff to Physicians: Emergency Medicine, Dr. Randy Katz to Physicians: Emergency Department Director from Memorial Healthcare System, and Dr. Wayne Lee to Physicians: Prehospital Medical Director

Motion made by Dr. Wayne Lee

Seconded by Dr. Evan Boyar

Motion passes unanimously

These changes will go to County Commission to vote on approval of these appointments.

## Recently Approved Appointments/Reappointments by Commission:

N/A

## Vacancies:

Advanced Life Support (ALS): County Provider

Advanced Life Support (ALS): Private Provider

American Heart Association, Broward County Chapter

Appointee of Commissioner Mark D. Bogen

Appointee of Commissioner Tim Ryan

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative

Hospitals: Broward Health Administration

Law Enforcement Representative, Union Representative

*Contact/email Alison Zerbe with nominations/recommendations for the vacant positions.*

## Committee Reports:

### Legislative Session – Alison Zerbe reported

- Legislative Session for 2023 will take place in March. Currently, no specific EMS legislation. EMS Council has Fire Rescue East and the EMS Council for the State meeting in Daytona, January 18-20. Alison will get a full legislative report and bring it to the next meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**Executive Committee – Dr. Frederick Keroff announced**

- They will be having a meeting nominating committee before the March meeting. Anyone interested in Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary.

**Public Information, Education – Chief Joel Gordon reported**

- Along with Fire Rescue East, the Bar Association of PIO's in going to have their annual symposium in Daytona, January 20<sup>th</sup>. That registration is open through the FFCA website. That week they will also be offering the LL5 basic PIO, January 17-19<sup>th</sup>, day before the symposium. Their advanced public information skills program on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. This year they are going to feature crisis response, particularly with Hurricane Ian. Hurricane Ian was their second largest deployment in the history of the PIO deployment team, behind Katrina.
- Chief Gordon sat on the advisory board for Safe Haven For Newborns and the legislature has just approved license plates for Safe Haven. They have to get 3000 orders for them to start making the plates. They gave Safe Haven For Newborns approximately two years to get this done. He just pushed out a couple of press releases. Safe Haven gets \$25 of the \$33 per plate.
- The Center for Public Safety Excellence for firefighters' credentials for Chief Fire Officer, etc. Finally, for years of working with the center they came up with a PIO credentialing process. First of its kind in the country. They are encouraging/recommending all PIOs to complete this online process. If you're a new PIO there's one avenue to take and if you're an experience PIO another avenue. This will raise the bar for PIOs. In many cases it's preferred for advancement.

**EMS Conference – Chief Caruso**

- The next conference is June 12-16, 2023. He thanked the EMS Council and County Commissioners for approving the EMS grant. They received \$59,500 and that will allow them to put more people, specifically Broward County, in seats. They offer these seats to fire rescue agencies, private providers, and hospital nurses.
- November 16<sup>th</sup> was their last meeting. The 2023 conference theme is 'Doing more than ever before'.
- First There First Care (FTFC) has a contract with the Hard Rock. FTFC deposited money with Hard Rock. The conference is the First There First Care Gathering of Eagles. Possibility the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) meetings will be back. The Quad County Fire Chiefs meetings are turning into the Quad County EMS Chiefs meetings, competitions, and call for speakers. Getting good responses and they are looking at increasing their pediatric trac this year. An addition they are

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considering is an Honor Guard competition. A lot of Honor Guards with fire rescue agencies don't have many opportunities for classes, and education. FTFC conference wants to provide that and then have a competition.

- EMS Conference will be meeting December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Medical Examiner and Trauma Services offices at 10:00 a.m.

#### Medical Issues – Dr. Frederick Keroff reported

- Newly elected Chair of the Medical Issues Committee is Dr. Wayne Lee. Moved the meeting back to Plantation. Nothing to report. Dr. Lee felt like what happens in the EMS Subcommittee comes here. May or may not be useful.

#### Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)– Alison Zerbe

- They have a vacancy for CISM. No report. Alison will reach out to Chief Whalen because he is doing peer support. He might have someone for CISM vacancy, or the EMS Council may have someone to fill this vacancy. Have to live in Broward County. Email Alison.

#### EMS Review – Alison Zerbe reported

- They have businesses for EMS Review. Alison asked if EMS Council wanted to have a special meeting or move the meeting up to Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> (EMS Review at 1:30 (for those on EMS Review Subcommittee) and EMS Council follows at 2:30 p.m.

**MOTION to Move** EMS Council meeting to February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. (from March 2, 2023)

Motion made by Dr. Keroff

Seconded Vanessa Quiles

Motion passed unanimously

#### Old Business – Alison Zerbe

- EMS Council recommended approval of Grants and EMS Grants were approved by Commission and just received the signed papers to submit to the Florida Department of Health tomorrow (due by December 16). Hopefully get the FDOH award letter by the end of the year.
- Last meeting EMS Council recommended approval on the Trauma Plan. It was approved by Commission, and then sent to the Florida Department of Health a couple of weeks ago. FDOH has 30 days to get it back with any changes to make. She hasn't heard back from them yet.
- Executive Committee – when they get everyone in their places, they will discuss date for Executive Committee.

#### New Business – Alison Zerbe

- Dr. Lee asked if any background could become ALS: County Provider? Alison said, "Yes," but it had to come from BSO because it's county.
- ALS: Private Provider vacancy is private ambulance companies.

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Commissioner appointments can be anybody that commissioner wants to appoint, but there is a process of filling an application online.

Open the following link and about ¼ down the page on the right press the yellow APPLY button.

<https://www.broward.org/Intergovernmental/Pages/BoardsCommittees.aspx>

CISM vacancy has no defined credentials. Anybody that's involved in doing CISM and lives in Broward County.

### Good of the Order

Nothing to report.

### Next Meeting Dates

February 9, 2023 @ 2:30 p.m. for EMS Council and 1:30 p.m. if on EMS Review

June 1, 2023

September 7, 2023

December 7, 2023

### Adjourned

2:22 p.m.