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Dial-in Participants: Terry Cohen, MD; Marc Grossman, MD; John McPherson, MD; Sandra Schwemmer, DO; Christine Van Dillen, MD

FCEP Staff Present: Beth Brunner, Melissa Keahey

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<td>Dr. Meurer called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Meeting attendees and call-in participants were introduced.</td>
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<td>Update from the State EMS Office</td>
<td>John Bixler and Leah Colston, DOH Bureau of Emergency Medical Operations, provided an update from the state EMS office focusing on hot topics items of discussion.</td>
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<td>- EMS Protocols- If adopted, it would be through a formal rule change/legislation process. NAEMSP supports and has produced uniform protocols.</td>
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<td>- NHTSA Recommendations- These recommendation are taken very seriously by the Department and are continually under review.</td>
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<td>- Nature Coast EMS will be hosting their third annual Intubation Rodeo on May 29, 2015. The cost is $50 and includes an educational symposium.</td>
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<td>- The EMLRC is launching a Pediatric EM Case Presentation webinar series on Wednesday, January 28th at 1 pm. There will be a total of 12 pediatric webinars in the series, one per month, and each webinar will be available for 30 days after its initial launch. Free CME is provided with each webinar.</td>
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<td>Review of Previous Minutes</td>
<td>Minutes from the October 23, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.</td>
<td>October 2014 meeting minutes approved.</td>
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<td>Financial Report</td>
<td>Beth Brunner presented the financials through December 2014. The 2015 proposed budget was also presented. Financials were reviewed, approved and will be made available at a later date.</td>
<td>Year-end financials approved and 2015 proposed budget approved.</td>
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| Membership Update | Dr. Meurer mentioned the need to review the FAEMSMD Bylaws for potential updates and changes. Dr. Meurer reminded the group that 2015 FAEMSMD Membership dues renewal invoices have been mailed out and encouraged continued membership and support of the association. | FCEP Staff to distribute bylaws to membership for review.  
FCEP staff to resend membership dues renewal letters. |
| State EMS Medical Director Report | Dr. Joe Nelson reported on the following topics:  
1. *NAEMSP meeting*- Cory Richter provided an update from NAEMSP in Louisiana. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) proposes to amend its regulations governing registration, security, reporting, recordkeeping, and ordering requirements for controlled substances. This proposed rule would define the term principal place and clarify regulations regarding the requirement for separate registrations. This proposed rule would also modify regulations related to the handling of controlled substances by dispensers transporting controlled substances and attendant security recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. The DEA also proposes to modify existing regulations to clarify how the handling of controlled substances by emergency response personnel and emergency preparedness operations may be conducted in accordance with the CSA.  
The association would like to see this revision of federal rules as a golden opportunity to influence and be a part of the revisions. The group will draft a position paper to support NAEMSP/ACEP efforts with Dr. Kathleen Schrank serving as the lead on the project.  
2. *Infectious Disease Training Program*- the EMLRC is in the process of developing an Infectious Disease Training & Education program for the Department of Health, Bureau of Preparedness and Response. The training will follow DOH guidelines and cover infectious disease as a whole with Ebola as an example. The program will consist of 5 one-hour webinars and 64 in-person trainings to be completed by June 30, 2015.  
3. *Friday Night Lights Out*- This education program was developed by Danny Griffin and focuses on pediatric concussion syndrome. The program was distributed in | Distribute PDF/link via email.  
Dr. Shrank will stay informed on project progress and keep the group up-to-date. |
November 2014 to EMS, ER and HD training programs. Train-the-trainer courses are currently being taught.

4. **Spinal Immobilization** - the National Association of Athletic Trainers is working on a draft guideline document for athletic trainers when dealing with athletes and spinal injuries, specifically transporting off the field and to a transport unit. The draft will be distributed when it is available.

5. **Model EMS Clinical Guidelines** - the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Medical Directors Council is leading a multi-organizational, collaborative effort to develop Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. This 24-month project is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of EMS (NHTSA OEMS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program through a Cooperative Agreement with NASEMSO. Not intended to be all-inclusive, a basic set of clinical guidelines could serve as an important starting point for any EMS agency or region. By focusing on a core set of guidelines, the project is intended to begin a process that could be expanded and updated over time. The guidelines will be offered as an optional model for state, regional and local EMS systems to adopt.

   Membership is asked to thoroughly review and prepare for discussion at the April FAEMSMD meeting.

6. **EMS Disaster Protocols** - EMS Disaster Protocols have been developed and are available in PDF format on the FAEMSMD website. A training program is currently in development and should be completed and available by the end of the year.

   The current version of the document was approved in the meeting on 1/21/15.

7. **Data Committee Update** - EMSTARS currently has over 12 million data records that are used to improve practices. An EMSTARS Data Reporting Subcommittee is being formed, which will functionally replace the EMRC which looked at the EMSTARS data set for quality assessment. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Joe Nelson.

8. **Design and Validation of a Prehospital Stroke Scale to Predict Large Arterial Occlusion** - Excellent reference article on the Rapid Arterial Occlusion Evaluation (RACE) scale, which was designed based on the National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) items with a higher predictive value of large vessel
occlusion. Dr. Nelson will email the article to Melissa for distribution.

9. **DOH EMS Strategic Plan**- The state EMS office has agreed to open up for comments on the abbreviated state plan, which included the objective of the FAEMSMD accepting the NAEMSO model clinical guidelines by July 2015. A response to this was previously sent on behalf of the FAEMSMD to the state EMS office.

Discussion continued and it was noted that members should not be silent against a standard set by the state. Medical Directors should set the standard to avoid the inability to modify or alter the standard as necessary.

A motion was made for a formal statement opposing mandatory protocols. It was determined that a quorum was present with 1 officer and 24 members present. The following formal statement was approved (In Favor= 25, Opposed= 0):

"**The Florida Association of EMS Medical Directors is strongly opposed to a mandatory statewide protocol. Instead we feel as Medical Directors it is our responsibility to develop recommended guidelines for use as a tool for development of local medical protocols by the local medical director. These guidelines will be reviewed as necessary as science changes.**"

This statement will be sent to the Department of Health, EMS Section Administrator on behalf of FAEMSMD. If you wish to comment further, please send your comments to Bethany.lowe@flhealth.gov

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**EMS for Children Update**

Dr. Lou Roming provided an update from Florida’s EMS for Children program. The program has four sub-committees targeting different areas of emergency medicine with pediatric patients.

1. **Prehospital**- Lead by Dr. Laurie Romig, this workgroup is responsible for overseeing a survey of EMS agencies regarding the usage and availability of pediatric online medical direction. The group recently identified a very broad definition of pediatric online medical direction from the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) as “a medical professional (Paramedic, RN, or higher) with a higher level of training in pediatrics”.

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Formal statement opposing mandatory protocols adopted. FCEP Staff to distribute statement to membership.

Statement to be sent to DOH on behalf of FAEMSMD.
2. Education - Focuses on the provision of pediatric education to EMS providers. In 2014, the program provided 32 classes to 1,384 participants.

Cardiac Arrest Workgroup

Dr. Van Dillen reported on the status of projects spear-headed by the Cardiac Arrest work group:
- Working with Steve McCoy and the EMS Data Committee- IRB approval is expected in one month which will allow the publication of data.
- Recommends looking into Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES). Dr. Nelson will work with Dr. Van Dillen on this.
- Dr. Sabato (Jacksonville) is currently formulating a plan to deliver instruction via dispatch and plans to present this information at the April meeting.

Legislative Priorities

Beth Brunner, FCEP, provided an update on committee week in Tallahassee and anticipated areas of interest during the 2015 legislation session.

Dr. Husty continued discussion on Chapter 401, Section 445, Florida Statutes - Emergency examination and treatment of incapacitated persons. Should there be a rule change to define “direct supervision” and permanently incorporate law enforcement?

Dr. Haimes initiated discussion and supports the addition of EMS Medical Directors to the public exclusion list under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Discussions continued regarding operational changes at the state level and the potential need for FAEMSMD to make known their definition of State EMS Medical Director in order to protect the position with concern being that the state will exercise their authority when in disagreement.

On the other side of that concern is the risk of losing an independent voice if a statutory definition is drafted and adopted by the state.

Action Points:
- Dr. Husty will serve as the lead for a legislative subcommittee.
- 401.445
- Off load times
- AHCA/EMS MD defined as attending physician
- Public records exclusion list (Chapter 119)

Standing Business

Melissa Keahey, FCEP, provided an update on the FAEMSMD website. There is currently no change on the functionality of the website. Staff is working with a web developer on the project with hopes of launching by May 2015. Members
expressed the desire to see a website with the ability to pay dues online and document storage allowing them to access past meeting agendas, minutes, etc.

Dr. Gandia briefly discussed a report on free standing emergency departments in Florida. The documents will be distribute dot membership via email.

| New Business/Open Discussion | Dr. Meurer initiated a discussion on the elimination of backboard usage in EMS. A copy of sample protocols that have been established in Florida will be distributed. Continued discussions regarding foreseeable concerns and issue will take place at the next meeting. |
| Next Meeting | The next meeting of the FAEMSMD will be held in April at the FCEP offices in Orlando. |
| Adjourned | Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm |

FCEP staff to distribute FSED reports.