

# **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** **TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

## Minutes of August 11, 2004 meeting

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The annual meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund Advisory Board was held on August 11, 2004, at the Volusia County Fire Training Center on Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

### Members present:

Dr. John Shedd, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Director (ex-officio)  
Mr. Mike Mellon, Executive Director, Emergency Medical Foundation  
Mr. Lou Mercer, Director of Emergency Services, Daytona Beach Community College  
Deputy Chief David McCallister, Volusia County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Sgt. Dana White, representing Volusia County Sheriff's Office, Aviation Division  
Mr. Matt Zavadsky, EMS Director, Volusia County Public Protection  
Terry Griffiths representing Stephan Dembinski, Volusia County Police Chief's

### Association

### Visitors present:

Dan Ruth, Edgewater Fire Rescue  
Bob Staples, Deltona Fire Rescue  
Don Scales, Ponce Inlet Fire Rescue  
Russell Rafferty, Port Orange Fire Rescue  
Homer Harrell, Orange City Fire Rescue  
Richard Beauregard, Orange City Fire Rescue  
Regina Montgomery, Volusia County Career Development

Minutes of August 13, 2003 and April 6, 2004 meetings were approved as written.

The Chair provided the most current information of the available funds for FY 04/05. He reported the following:

Anticipated Carryover from FY 03/04	-	\$ 15,531.47
Anticipated Interest		2,500.00
Anticipated Award for FY 04/05	-	<u>182,090.00</u>
		\$200,121.47

The chair called for approval of the minutes from the previous meetings of August 13, 2003 and April 6, 2004. Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Discussion began with options available for data collection. Mike Mellon, EVAC felt it would be best to have one system countywide. It was suggested the grant money be bonded for 10 years due to the high cost of such a system. Dave McCallister stated the grant money is not a guaranteed yearly amount therefore it probably could not be bonded. Matt stated that many agencies have spent major dollar amounts already for systems that can be integrated and that most of those agencies are already collecting and reporting information electronically. They should not have to purchase new systems when they have adequate systems already in place. Dr. Shedd agreed that different systems that are able to report in a standard format are fine and ultimately we may look for a central system, but it is not necessary now.

1. MOTION: Priority 1- Programs augmenting countywide data collection for quality improvement processes for agencies without any e-data collection. \$51,000 allocated to fund the Holly Hill, DeLand, South Daytona, DBS and VCSO Air One programs for e-data collection.  
  
By: Mike Mellon  
SECOND: Lou Mercer  
DISPOSITION: 6-0
  
2. MOTION: Priority 2- Programs that augment countywide data collection for agencies with e-data collection. \$10,000 allocated for Daytona Fire Department and \$3,160 allocated to Edgewater (for use with the cities of Edgewater, New Smyrna, Ponce Inlet and Port Orange) for advanced reporting capabilities. Requested personnel compensation costs of \$2,402 for the Edgewater project was not approved due to state grant restrictions on personnel costs.  
  
By: Dave McCallister  
SECOND: Mike Mellon  
DISPOSITION: 6-0
  
3. MOTION: Priority 3- Public Access Defibrillation Program. \$36,365 allocated to VCEMS MD for PAD Program. \$14,419 allocated to Deltona Fire Rescue for PAD program.  
  
By: Mike Mellon  
SECOND: Lou Mercer  
DISPOSITION: 6-0
  
4. MOTION: Priority 4- Equipment Stipends (or clinical upgrades). \$7,500 allocated to EVAC for retrograde intubation kits to be placed on all ALS vehicles countywide.  
  
By: Terry Griffiths  
SECOND: Mike Mellon  
DISPOSITION: 6-0
  
5. MOTION: ALS Upgrades for Edgewater Fire (1) and EVAC Ambulance (2):  
Significant discussion took place regarding the applications from Edgewater Fire and EVAC for additional ALS upgrades. Several Board members felt that additional ALS units covering the same geographic area should not be funded due to minimal countywide benefit and limited patient care use. Mr. Mellon argued strongly that the EVAC application did have countywide benefit due to the current system status management system at EVAC.  
  
By: Dana White  
SECOND: Terry Griffiths  
DISPOSITION: 3 yea – 3 nay (motion failed)
  
6. MOTION: Apply unused grant monies for the Public Access Defibrillation Program:  
By: Dave McCallister  
SECOND: Mike Mellon  
DISPOSITION: 6-0

Since there was no unfinished business and no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.