



**Emergency Medical Services
Trust Fund Advisory Board Meeting**

Minutes of August 9, 2006 Meeting

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The annual meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund Advisory Board was held on August 9, 2006, at the Volusia County Fire Training Center on Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m.

Members present:

Mr. Tracey Barlow, Edgewater Fire Chief, representing Volusia County Fire Chiefs' Association
Mr. Mike Mellon, EVAC Ambulance
Mr. Lou Mercer, Director of Emergency Services, Daytona Beach Community College
Mr. Stephan Dembinsky, Chief, Daytona Beach Shores Department of Public Safety, representing Volusia County Police Chiefs' Association
Mr. Matt Zavadsky, EMS Director, Volusia County Public Protection, Chair

Visitors present:

Peter Springer, M.D., FACEP, EMS Medical Director
Mr. Russ Rafferty, Port Orange Fire Rescue
Mr. Joseph Daly, Edgewater Fire Department

The Chair opened the meeting and called for approval of the minutes from the previous meetings of August 19, 2005 and April 3, 2006.

Minutes from both meetings were unanimously approved as written.

Motion: Mellon

Second: Dembinsky

Matching Grant Proposal:

The Chair initiated a discussion regarding a suggestion from the August 2005 meeting that the Board consider administering the funds utilizing a "Matching Grant" process. Conceptually, an applicant would pledge a percentage of the grant request to be funded internally. The reason for the suggestion was to leverage the available grant money for additional programs. Board members felt this would place an undue burden on the EMS agencies and parent organizations for budgeting, especially in the situations of capital purchases.

The Board unanimously opposed using the "matching grant" concept for fund distribution.

Motion: Mellon

Second: Mercer

AED Battery Replacement:

The Chair raised an issue that has been brought from the community to use trust fund money to replace the batteries for the Cardiac Science Automated External Defibrillators that were placed using grant funds in 2003. After extensive discussion, the Board felt that battery and pad replacements for the AEDs need to be the responsibility of the AED holder.

The Board unanimously opposed using Trust Fund allocations to replace AED batteries or pads.

Motion: Mellon

Second: Dembinsky

The Chair provided the most current information regarding the anticipated available funds for FY 2007. He reported the following:

Anticipated carryover from FY 2006	-	\$ 30,641.30
Anticipated Interest		2,500.00
Anticipated Award for FY 2006	-	<u>144,000.00</u>
		\$177,141.30

The Chair reviewed the existing programmatic priorities:

1. Advanced Life Support Upgrades
2. Programs augmenting countywide clinical performance improvement
3. Programs for countywide clinical enhancements

Priority #1: Advanced Life Support Upgrades:

- A) \$64,328 application from Volusia County Fire Services for ALS upgrades for Stations 18 and 31.

The Board unanimously approved Volusia County Fire Services an award of \$20,000 per station (Total of \$40,000) for ALS Upgrades.

Motion: Mellon
Second: Mercer

- B) \$23,000 application from Edgewater Fire Department for a Cardiac Monitor to upgrade a BLS battalion vehicle to ALS.

Mr. Mellon stated that EVAC is able to purchase the same monitors for approximately \$16,000 and agreed to work with Edgewater to purchase this device with their preferred pricing. Mr. Barlow was agreeable to this suggestion.

The Board unanimously approved Edgewater Fire Department an award of \$20,000 for the ALS Upgrades with the stipulation that if Edgewater Fire is able to purchase the monitor for less than \$20,000, the unused balance would remain in the Trust Fund.

Motion: Dembinsky
Second: Mellon

Priority #2: Countywide Clinical Performance Improvement:

- A) \$21,000 application from the Volusia County EMS Medical Director for 12 days of the Emergency Medical Learning and Resource Center Mobile Human Patient Simulator lab in Volusia County.

Board members agreed this would be a good pilot project to gauge the effectiveness of the program. If successful, continuing funding would need to be solicited from partnering agencies in the future. The integration of this program with the DBCC Patient Simulation Lab was also discussed and the feeling of the Board is that the DBCC program should continue to be supported for EMT/paramedic students, as well as existing providers. Mr. Mercer stated that DBCC is planning to 'mobilize' the HPS so that it can be used on other DBCC campuses. If that program is implemented in the future, that may be a good substitute for the EMLRC program.

The Board unanimously approved the Volusia County EMS Medical Director an award of \$21,000 for the EMLRC Mobile Human Patient Simulator Lab utilization.

Motion: Barlow
Second: Dembinsky

Priority #2: Countywide Clinical Performance Improvement (Con't):

- B) \$8,178 application from the Volusia County EMS Medical Director for an ACLS mannequin to be carried by the medical director and used to provide field training during ride-along time with Volusia County EMS system paramedics and EMTs.

Board members agreed this would be a good project to make effective use of not only medical director ride-along time, but also the paramedic clearance process and "spot-scenario's" to improve paramedic performance.

The Board unanimously approved the Volusia County EMS Medical Director an award of \$8,178 for an ACLS mannequin.

Motion: Barlow
Second: Mellon

- C) \$51,847 application from Daytona Beach Community College to upgrade their Human Patient Simulator lab with a newborn mannequin.

Board members felt this program was needed in the County and would augment the existing DBCC program offerings. Some members felt the funding from the purchase should come from tuition revenues, however, Mr. Mercer explained that the tuition revenues barely cover the costs of the existing program. Mr. Dembinsky sought and received from Mr. Mercer reassurance that the baby simulator would be routinely available for the continued training of current EMS paramedics, not just new students.

The Board unanimously approved the DBCC an award of \$51,847 to upgrade their Human Patient Simulator Lab for a baby mannequin.

Motion: Dembinsky
Second: Mellon

- D) \$3,620 application from Volusia County Beach Safety for CPR instructional materials.

Board members agreed this would be a good project not only make CPR instruction more effective, but also offer these services to the public.

The Board unanimously approved the Volusia County Beach Patrol an award of \$3,620 for CPR training materials..

Motion: Dembinsky
Second: Barlow

Priority #3: Countywide Clinical Enhancements:

- A) \$57,550 application from the Volusia County Fire Chiefs' Association for Carbon Monoxide Monitors. These devices would be placed on every fire and EVAC field supervisory vehicle for use to analyze CO levels in humans (patients and emergency personnel) to determine if they are suffering from elevated levels of carbon monoxide in their bloodstream. The units cost \$3,200 each for a complete unit and the VCFCFA is requesting 18 units.

The Board felt this was a worthy project, but that the system could get by effectively with fewer than 18 units through cooperative mutual arrangements. After discussion, Mr. Barlow suggested that 10 units would suffice with coordinated placement in battalion officer vehicles in various locations throughout the county as well as EVAC Ambulance.

The Board unanimously approved the Volusia County Fire Chiefs' Association an award of \$32,000 for Carbon Monoxide Monitors.

Motion: Mellon
Second: Mercer

Total EMS Trust Fund appropriations were \$176,645

Since there was no further business and no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.