

## 8-15-23 CFDMC Board Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Eric Alberts, Lynne Drawdy, Alan Harris, Dr. Vincent Hsu, Aaron Kissler, Reginald Kornegay, Ken Peach, Christina Proulx, Chief Aaron Rhodes, Wayne Smith, Clint Sperber, Brittney Tyler, Lynda W.G. Mason

**Others Present:** Beverly Cook, Matt Meyers

**Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions:** Reggie Kornegay welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was reached.

**Approval of June 2023 Board Minutes:** Reggie Kornegay noted the minutes were attached to the calendar invitation. Lynda W.G. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Aaron Rhodes seconded the motion. There were no further discussion or objections and the motion carried.

**Approval of June & July 2023 Treasurer's Reports:** Lynda W.G. Mason said the reports were sent out with the calendar invitation. She reported that the Coalition is in very good financial standing and there is nothing of note at this time. She advised that we passed the 2022 single federal audit with no findings or recommendations and she thanked the staff for their efforts. She stated that we are just beginning the state FY 22-23 audit and she will report on that when completed. Ken Peach made a motion to approve both Treasurer's Reports; Brittney Tyler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or objections and the motion carried.

**Executive Committee Update:** Reggie Kornegay said the Executive Committee met in July. Lynne Drawdy reviewed the minutes; most of the topics will be covered during today's Board meeting. Reggie stated that the VA is creating a rapid response team and he will be providing a presentation on that at a future meeting.

### Old Business:

- **Board Engagement:** Reggie Kornegay reminded the Board that the update was sent out with the calendar invitation. He stated that overall the Board continues to demonstrate strong participation and he thanked Board members for their support. He noted that there are a couple of members who are struggling with engagement.
- **CFDMC 2022-2023 Scorecard:** Clint Sperber advised that the Scorecard was attached to meeting invitation. He reported this includes 19 measures with targets in the four balanced scorecard categories. Of the 19, we passed 18. The one area of challenge is in local government official engagement. He stated that one strategy was holding a Senior Officials Workshop in May; the workshop was well attended but did not reach the target audience. This issue has been added to the priorities issue board on the traffic light report. He encouraged Board members to provide suggestions or recommendations on this issue. Clint asked if there were any comments regarding the scorecard, and there were none.
- **Issues Board/Traffic Light Report:** The update was sent out with the calendar invitation. Lynne Drawdy previewed actions on the high priority issues board. Nick Pachota is looking at potential warehouse properties and we will have a recommendation for the Board soon. HICS training was held in July with 40 participants.
- **December Conference Planning:** Lynne Drawdy reported that the conference planning team held its first meeting. We have confirmed several pre-conference trainings, including CHEP, CEMP and COOP and are working to confirm others. Dr. Pappas and Dr. Zuver are working on scheduling an EMS symposium in conjunction with the conference and the Region 5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee has been moved to the first day of the conference. We have confirmed the keynote speaker, Guy Caspi, EMT-P, M.EM, MCI Chief Instructor, Director of Hazmat Exercises and Operational Training Department, Magen David Adom in Israel. The title of his presentation is Medical Response to Terrorist Attacks and MCIs – "The Israeli Experience." Clint Sperber stated that this presentation is eye-opening and their technology is light years ahead of ours. He stated that this will be a great learning opportunity for hospitals, EMS, and emergency management. Christina

Proulx stated that this speaker also presented at her hospital enterprise and it was stellar. Lynne advised that a save the date for the conference has gone out and we hope to have the agenda finalized and registration open by the end of September.

#### **New Business:**

- **September Coalition Meeting:** Reggie Kornegay said the draft agenda was attached to meeting invitation. He went over the agenda and shared the location. He asked if there were any questions or additions and there none. Aaron Rhodes moved to approve the agenda and Aaron Kissler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or objections and the motion carried. The agenda will be sent out to all members.
- **Appointment of Dr. Erin Mullen as Pharmacy Board Representative:** Reggie Kornegay advised that Dr. Mullen's bio was sent out with the calendar invitation and he stated that he is in favor of her appointment to the Board. Lynne Drawdy advised that many know Dr. Mullen as she has been engaged in preparedness activities in Florida and in the nation for twenty years. She is a pharmacy consultant to ASPR and has a wealth of response experience. Alan Harris moved to appoint Dr. Mullen to the Board and Dr. Hsu seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or objection and the motion carried. Lynne will onboard Dr. Mullen and she will be at the next Board meeting.
- **EM Board Vacancy:** Lynne Drawdy advised she just learned that Jim Judge has retired. The new Volusia Emergency Manager is Clint Mecham. She stated that emergency management is a core member group and we typically have two Board members for each core member group. Jim was also the only Board member representing Volusia County. Alan Harris said that he recently met Clint Mecham, and he feels he would be a good addition to the Board. Alan agreed to reach out to Clint to see if he would be willing to serve on the Board. If Clint agrees, we will send out his bio and ask for a Board vote to appoint him.
- **Vehicles:** Lynne Drawdy advised that the Coalition is receiving two donated vehicles. She thanked Alan Harris; Seminole County Emergency Management is donating an F-450 that can be used as a command vehicle. We are working through the transfer process now. Lynne advised that the state has just informed us that they are building three 45 foot response vehicles that include sleeping quarters, bathrooms, conference space, and a generator. Our Coalition will receive one of these and the state is working on funding to maintain the vehicle. They are developing the RFP now and expect the vehicles to be delivered by June 2024. Lynne advised that we with these additions we will be looking at the team's fleet to see if we can reduce the number of older vehicles we maintain.

#### **Discipline Report-Outs/Open Forum:**

- **Hospitals:** Eric Alberts said hospitals are busy with normal cases, and with the very hot weather they are trying to figure out patient volumes relating to heat. He stated that there have been several mass casualty incidents over last few days, including an Osceola boat incident, an MCI at a hotel on International Drive, two officer shootings and other gunshot victims, and chemical incidents. Reggie Kornegay said the VA has seen an uptick in violent activity. Christina Proulx said there have been a lot of human-based issues and we are in the peak of hurricane season. Christina advised that she is going on three months of maternity leave and will return in early December. She will have her cell phone and she will call Clint about her proxy for the Board. All gave Christina their best wishes.
- **Emergency Management:** Alan Harris said that today all the Florida counties looked at different alerting systems. He stated that state has an initiative to have WebEOC across the state. Alan advised that most counties have activated an extreme weather plan. He stated that Seminole has had this plan for decades but has never activated for this length of time. They are working with local events and with the homeless shelters to mitigate the impact of the extreme heat. Alan said he made a request to get heat-related patient visits at hospitals over the weekend. He reported that the regional Emergency Management change creating ten regions has been implemented. Lynne Drawdy stated that we will reach out to the northern two counties added

to Region 5 (Marian & Sumter) to make sure they are on our distribution list and we will work with the new region that includes our three southern counties. She asked if this is all we need to do to adjust to the new EM regions? Alan stated that it is and he will provide contact names.

- **EMS:** Chief Aaron Rhodes indicated they are dealing with heat issues, preparing for hurricane season, and dealing with mass gatherings.
- **Public Health:** Clint Sperber stated that Florida is seeing an increase in mosquito borne illnesses. He stated that the state leadership is meeting with the county health officers in August. He advised that Karen Kozack has transferred to the Region 10 coordinator position. Aaron Kissler advised that we have seen some cases of rabies in the region.
- **Trauma:** Lynne said trauma committees have been meeting and the Executive Committee will meet Thursday; the committee minutes will be posted to the website.
- **Infectious Diseases:** Dr. Hsu has been following the developments with locally acquired malaria in Sarasota County, followed by leprosy, which is now reported to be endemic in Central Florida. Healthcare systems need to train providers to be increasingly aware about and to manage these emerging infections in addition to addressing their root causes.
- **Long Term Care:** Brittney Tyler reported long-term care is seeing an uptick in COVID cases and admissions and they are preparing for hurricanes. Lynne Drawdy thanked Brittney for the invitation to the recent Florida Healthcare Association District 2 meeting. Matt Meyers presented on the Juvare pilot and asked for nursing home volunteers to pilot use of EMResources.
- **Business/Community:** Ken Peach said the business community is interested in active shooter training and asked if he could share an invitation to the September 21. Lynne Drawdy stated that she will send out the agenda and this can be shared with anyone interested in attending.
- **Disaster Behavioral Health:** Lynda W.G. Mason advised there is one more NOVA training scheduled this year and Lynne Drawdy will send out the flyer.

Lynne Drawdy will follow up with those not in attendance to see if there are any issues to report. Reggie Kornegay said we are watching the tropical disturbances and hopefully we will have a less active hurricane season than was projected.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 17th at 4 p.m. via Zoom