

## 10-19-21 CFDMC Board Meeting

**Board Members Participating:** Eric Alberts, Sheri Blanton, Lynne Drawdy, Alan Harris, Dr. Vincent Hsu, Aaron Kissler, Reggie Kornegay, Bob McPartlan, Dr. Peter Pappas, Ken Peach, Christina Proulx, Wayne Smith, Clint Sperber, Helen Wetherington, Lynda W. G. Mason

**Others Participating:** Matt Meyers

**Call to Order:** Eric Alberts called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and thanked all for joining the call. A quorum was reached.

**Approval of June 2021 Board Minutes:** Clint Sperber moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Lynda W.G. Mason seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer's Reports (June, July, August 2021):** Lynda stated that she reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Reports and stated that she hoped all Board members were able to review these. The Coalition continues to be in good financial standing. She asked if there were any questions and there were none. Ken Peach moved to approve all three reports; Sheri Blanton seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

**Executive Committee Update:** Eric reported on the September Executive Committee meeting and stated that all items discussed will be discussed in today's agenda.

### Old Business:

- **COVID Update:** Lynne Drawdy thanked the Board for allowing funds to be shifted to COVID response. The Coalition purchased 14 portable morgues and a just-in-time ventilator cache for hospitals. She stated that the morgue units were immediately put into use and some hospitals did have to use the ventilators. These will also be long-term assets for the Coalition. Helene Wetherington stated that the portable morgue units met a critical need, and she thanked the Coalition for these assets.
- **Traffic Light Update:** This was shared prior to the meeting and Lynne advised that the traffic light outlines actions over the past three months. This will also be posted to the website.
- **Board Engagement:** Eric stated that the update as of September 30 was sent to the Board. He stated that many Board members have been consumed with COVID-19 response but hopes that with the decrease in cases, Board members will be able to engage in Coalition activities.
- **Appointment of Vice Chair:** Eric advised that Reggie Kornegay has volunteered to serve as Vice Chair, becoming Board Chair in 2023. Reggie is currently the Emergency Manager for the Orlando VA but will be moving into a new position as the Area Manager for all emergency management for all Florida VAs. Eric stated that Reggie has been very engaged as a Board member and also in Coalition activities such as the annual full scale exercise. Lynda moved to

elect Reggie as Vice Chair; Clint seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried. Reggie stated he is honored to serve and looking forward to bringing new ideas in which the Coalition can engage.

- **Potential Projects:** Lynne stated that a request for project ideas was sent out to members. These ideas will be ready as we identify additional funding streams and may be included in the new five year work plan. We received twenty responses, and these were reviewed by the Executive Committee with further action identified. Lynne will send out the list.
- **September Coalition Meeting:** Eric stated that this was a great meeting, and we received a lot of positive feedback on Craig Fugate's presentation.. Clint stated that we need to continue to find presenters of this caliber. Lynne thanked Clint for securing Craig Fugate. She stated that the survey results showed 100% satisfaction and engagement rates.

### **New Business:**

**Member/Leader of the Year:** Lynne reported that this is the third year for these awards. A request for nominations has been sent out to all members. The Board will vote on the Member of the Year award and the Executive Committee will vote on the Leader of the Year award. These will be presented at the December conference.

**Slogan Contest:** Matt Meyers stated that our marketing plan calls for development of a slogan, which will be used in all marketing materials and in labeling any equipment purchased by the hospitals. He stated that we want to hold a contest to allow members to suggest the slogan. The nominations will be brought to the Board to select the slogan. Lynne advised that we will provide a gift card prize for the winner and would like to announce this at the December conference. Reggie moved to approve the contest; Alan Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

**Board Terms, Nominations & Election:** Lynne thanked all Board members who agreed to serve an additional term. For those previously elected, no further action is needed. She stated that we have several Board members who are serving out the remainder of an elected board member's term; these individuals will appear on the ballot with a vote to retain the board member. We have requested nominations for three vacant board positions (representing EMS, nursing homes, and home health). We have received several nominations so far. Lynne stated that some nominees are not eligible to serve. For example, one nominee's organization is already represented on the Board. Once the nomination period closes, a ballot will be developed and sent out to members for voting. The new Board members will be announced at the December conference. Reggie asked for clarification regarding not allowing multiple Board members from the same organization. Lynne advised this is part of the bylaws and is because the Board votes on funding and this will help ensure that one organization does not have undue influence.

**December Conference:** Eric thanked Board members serving on the conference planning team; they met September 13, reviewed the survey results from the last conference, and drafted the agenda, including three pre-conference trainings on December 16 (Hospital Incident Command System, Nursing Home/Small Facility Incident Command System, and COOP). The agenda includes presentations, panel discussions, exhibitors, and prizes. The committee made the decision to hold this conference virtually but hope to have the 2022 conference in person. The next planning team

meeting is October 25. Lynne advised that a save the date has gone out and the final agenda and registration will go out next week.

**Burn Annex/Tabletop:** Matt thanked the Warden Burn Center at Orlando Health for their input into the draft burn annex. This has been sent out to members for review. Lynne advised this is a federal requirement for this year, and will be integrated with the regional trauma coordination plan. A tabletop to vet the plan has been scheduled for December 10; the Board has been invited. Helene asked if the tabletop will provide opportunities for other ESF8 partners to participate, and Lynne stated that the invitation was sent to emergency management, hospitals, EMS, public health and other key stakeholders.

**Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network (FDITN) Exercise:** Lynne reminded the Board that we are in the last year of a five year work plan. Over the past five years, with Dr. Hsu's leadership, we have developed a regional infectious disease plan which includes both pandemics and highly infectious diseases such as Ebola. Our contract this year requires that we exercise the plan with the FIDTN. Dr. Hsu stated that he is seeking approval for one of the AdventHealth hospitals to act in the exercise as a frontline hospital (receiving an Ebola patient). Lynne stated that the hospital will demonstrate the ability to identify, isolate, inform key stakeholders, stabilize and prepare the patient for transport. We will work with the Orlando Fire Department FIDTN team to hand-off the patient for transport to Emory. There are five FIDTN teams in Florida and Region 5 has two - one in Orlando and one in St. Lucie. The exercise will be held in February or early March, and we are waiting for a date from the State.

#### **Board Report-outs by Discipline:**

- **Hospitals:** Eric stated that Orlando Health is still responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the cases have decreased dramatically over the past month. He stated they are now trying to take care of staff, get them rested and ready should another surge or event occur. He stated that they are also working on both COVID and flu vaccinations and he encouraged all to get both. Eric stated that Orlando Health has added a new emergency management team member, Paul Johnson and another new team member, Alice Peterson, will start next month.

Dr. Hsu concurred with Eric. He stated that hopefully we will not see another wave comparable to this summer. He stated that AdventHealth is following federal guidance, and is looking forward to managing COVID and moving back to normal.

Christina Proulx stated that Cleveland Clinic is similar to the other hospitals. They are seeing the strain of COVID continue to lessen and this has freed up time for other planning, preparedness and response actions. They are pushing for additional drills and trainings and are planning an active shooter exercise at the end of this year with a great response from all agencies, including law enforcement and emergency management. Their hospital response team is preparing for a FEMA-evaluated drill as part of being in the nuclear power plant zone. She stated they are moving away from only being a decontamination response team and being more of an all hazards team. She thanked Board members for sharing information on their plans. Christina stated they are also working on oxygen plans.

- **VA:** Reggie stated that they are completing a lot of the surge activities, including closing of the unit caring for those in the community. He stated that they are working on the federal mandate for staff vaccinations, and for those that request exemptions, how to meet the testing requirements. He stated that the VA is adding two additional mobile units and there has been discussion of one of those coming to Orlando for testing. Reggie will let the Board know when he has a date.
- **Public Health:** Clint announced that there is a new State Surgeon General - Dr. Joseph Ladapo. He stated that he had not yet met him or heard any direction. Clint stated that the county health departments were hit hard by the third wave, and although cases are going down, fatalities lag and these are still high. He stated that the vaccination rates have increased. He reported that DOH and DEM will be downsizing monoclonal sites and DOH will be looking at where these are being provided in the community. Clint stated that school cases have also gone down tremendously. We are expecting announcements soon regarding boosters. Clint stated that CHDs are working to transition after 20 months of COVID response to core public health activities. Aaron Kissler concurred with Clint's report and stated that it is the same in Lake County.
- **Faith-based:** Lynda stated that Northland continues to maintain a disaster response team; they have not been meeting physically but keep in touch virtually. She stated that safety protocols are in place at the church.
- **Business:** Ken stated that he represents the business community and has read a lot of publications on the impact of disasters on insurance. They are looking at how they can help employers reduce the impact on insurance and cost. He stated that the Health Council operates a home paramedicine? program in seven counties. They are supplementing vaccination support to two FQHCs and doing storm preparation with home bound patients with chronic conditions.
- **Medical Examiners:** Sheri stated that the medical examiners are trying to reduce the number of bodies in storage at facilities. Many were over capacity during the surge. For example, before COVID, her office typically had 30 to 40 and now they are at 70 to 80 bodies per day. Funeral homes and hospital morgues also were over capacity.
- **Emergency Management:** Helene stated that on a positive note, emergency management is cautiously optimistic that the last few cold fronts may keep the Caribbean quiet! Eric welcomed Helene to the Board.

**RDSTF Briefing 2021:** Lynne sent out to the Board a listing of the Coalition's accomplishments during 2021, developed for the RDSTF annual report. She stated that these accomplishments are due to the Board's leadership and the engagement of our members.

**Amazon SMILE Program:** Lynne advised that we have listed the regional medical assistance team as an Amazon SMILE charity and an announcement was sent out to members. When an individual selects the team as their designated charity, a half penny of each purchase is donated to the team.

**Open Forum:** There were no other announcements or issues raised.

**Next Meeting:** Eric advised that the final Board meeting of the year will be held on December 14 at 4 p.m.