

12-14-21 CFDMC Board Minutes

Board Members Participating: Eric Alberts, Sheri Blanton, Lynne Drawdy, Alan Harris, Dr. Vincent Hsu (proxy to Eric Alberts), Georganna Kirk, Reginald Kornegay, Bob McPartlan, Dr. Peter Pappas, Ken Peach, Christina Proulx (proxy to Eric Alberts), Wayne Smith, Clint Sperber, Helene Wetherington, Lynda W. G. Mason

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions: Eric Alberts called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and thanked all for participating. A quorum was reached.

Approval of October 2021 Board Minutes: Helene Wetherington moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Clint Sperber seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

Approval of September and October 2021 Treasurer's Reports: Lynda W. G. Mason reviewed the reports and bank statements and approved these. Sheri Blanton moved to approve the reports as submitted and Wayne Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

Executive Committee Update: Eric Alberts provided an overview of the November 15 Executive Committee meeting, including discussion of regional medical assistance team issues, discussion regarding an employee pay increase plan which will be presented to the Board next year, finalizing the December conference and today's board agenda, approval of the 2021 holiday card, and approval of the 2022 Executive Committee schedule.

Old Business:

- Traffic Light Update: Lynne Drawdy advised that the traffic light update was distributed to the Board. Highlights include the draft burn annex and tabletop.
- Board Engagement: Eric Alberts reported that an updated list was sent out. He advised that 2021 was a challenging year for many Board members and he hopes that 2022 will allow for more engagement.
- December Conference: Eric Alberts encouraged all Board members to attend Friday's conference. There are pre-conference trainings available on Thursday. Eric thanked Board members who participated on planning team, Lynda W.G. Mason, Sheri Blanton, Christina Proulx, and Ken Peach. He also thanked Alan Harris and Ken Peach who are presenting at the conference.
- Board Election: Lynne Drawdy presented the Board election results. The four Board members serving out retiring Board member terms were elected to a new term. Jose Valcourt was elected as the nursing home representative and Aaron Rhodes was elected as the EMS representative. Ken Peach moved to accept the election results and Reggie Kornegay and Clint Sperber both seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried. Lynne will notify all.
- Member & Leader of the Year Awards: Eric advised these are annual awards. Any member may nominate individuals. The Executive Committee selects the Leader of the Year and this year's winner is Dr. Tracy Bilski. The Board votes on the Member of the Year and this year's winner is Robin Ritola. The awards will be announced during Friday's conference.

- Slogan Contest: Lynne Drawdy advised that we received 21 submissions; these were sent out for a Board vote. There was a tie for first place: 1) Preparing Central Florida's Best for the Worst...Together! And 2) We're Better Together. The Board discussed and the consensus was that the first was best, removing the dots. Reggie Kornegay moved to adopt "Preparing Central Florida's Best for the Worse, Together!" Wayne Smith seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or opposition and the motion carried. The slogan and the contest winner will be announced at Friday's conference.
- Region 5 Communications Pilot: Lynne Drawdy thanked the emergency managers for hosting the two-hour user trainings. The final trainings are scheduled this week and the champions are meeting in January to plan practice sessions.
- National Healthcare Coalition Conference: Eric Alberts, Lynda W.G. Mason, Lynne Drawdy, Matt Meyers, Dr. Tracy Bilski, and Robin Ritola attended the conference held November 30 through December 2 at the Championsgate Omni. There were great presentations and networking opportunities. Eric Alberts, Dr. Bilski and Lynne Drawdy presented on the regional trauma coordination plan. Lynne also participated in an FHA presentation, and in a presentation on Florida healthcare coalitions.
- Warehouse/Team Update: Eric Alberts advised that the Suddath lease expires December 31 and Orange County has moved to a new location near Quorum Center. Orange County will continue to host the coalition equipment, but recommended that we begin to look for our own warehouse space. Lynne Drawdy advised that the Coalition and Orange County equipment and supplies have been co-mingled, and we are working now to identify and produce an inventory of all equipment owned by the Coalition. Eric suggested that we consider leasing our own space. Clint stated that this has been an ongoing issue. Alan agreed and suggested that we look now. He asked about the team's footprint. Lynne advised that Nick Pachota, the new team commander, is reviewing the team missions and once we have the final team inventory, he will be able to give us an idea of space needs. It was agreed that Nick will make a presentation to the Board in February, including team missions, current equipment, gaps and suggested warehouse needs/costs. Lynda asked if there will be any equipment costs. Lynne stated that there will be some. The team received M&A payments during 2021 from the state deployment and have approximately \$120,000 they can use for equipment.

New Business:

- 2021 COVID AAR (Vaccinations, Delta Surge): Lynne Drawdy advised that the EID Collaborative has suggested that we send out a new survey and schedule a listening session to capture lessons learned from the 2021 COVID response. The Board approved.
- Proposed 2022 Board Calendar: Eric Alberts stated that a proposed calendar was sent out to the Board, continuing the 2021 schedule for 2022. He asked if there were any concerns; none were expressed. Lynne will send out calendar invitations.

Board Report-outs by Discipline:

- Hospitals: Eric Alberts stated that hospitals are still responding. Although they are concerned about the Omicron variant, there has not been a huge increase as of yet. He stated they continue to advocate for vaccinations.

- Emergency Management: Alan Harris stated that state and county emergency management met at a workshop in Ocala last week. He stated that they learned that the State Logistics Receiving Center in Orlando will be closing and will move to a smaller warehouse in Osceola or Polk County. There will also be another state warehouse in the panhandle. The State is rolling out a recovery plan to help expedite public assistance for non-profit medical facilities and local government. He stated that during the first of February, Seminole County Emergency Management and other emergency management offices will partner with the Coalition on the Great Tornado Drill to allow organizations to practice their severe weather plans. He stated these drills are great partnerships.
- Public Health: Clint Sperber stated that the number of COVID cases is down across the state, and they are attempting to get back to normal. He stated that St. Lucie County had the first case of Omicron in the state last week.
- FQHCs: Georganna stated that all are busy providing vaccines, including children and boosters.

Open Forum:

- Lynne Drawdy announced that the healthcare coalitions have been granted the healthcare exemption. This alleviates the need for the coalitions to bid on contracts and makes the contract process easier overall.

Next Meeting/Adjournment: The next Board meeting will be in February. Lynne will send out calendar invitations.

Eric thanked all Board members for their efforts over the past year. The call adjourned at 4:54 pm.