



General Membership Meeting
December 15, 2021 @ 1pm
Meeting Notes

The December General Membership Meeting of the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition was held via Zoom teleconference technology. A virtual meeting was held due to COVID-19 precautions. The meeting commenced at 1:00pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tim Devin (EMS) with a validation of members, with the following Executive Board members present. Quorum was met for voting.

Baker County – Jose Morales
Duval County – Rochelle Civil & Winston Gibbs (alternate)
Flagler County – Gaetana Carroll
St. Johns County – Noreen Nickola-Williams
Clay County – Sonny Rodgers
Nassau County – Ronnie Nessler
EMS – Tim Devin
Hospitals – Dave Chapman
Long Term Care – Jeff Markulik
Public Health – Meaghan Crowley (alternate)

Absent:

Emergency Management – VACANT
Home Health – Kristy Siebert

A digital sign-in link was provided to virtual attendees. The sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes.

***Approval of Minutes**

The draft minutes from the November 17, 2021, Executive Board Meeting was provided as part of the meeting packet.

Chairperson Tim Devin (EMS) called for a motion. A motion was made to approve the draft minutes by Ronnie Nessler (Nassau). A second was made by Sonny Rodgers (Clay County). Motion Carries.

FINANCIAL

***Budget Report**

The finance report for November 2021 was presented by the Treasurer.

Chairperson Tim Devin (EMS) called for a motion. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Jose Morales (Baker). A second was made by Ronnie Nessler (Nassau). Motion Carries.

Expenditure Requests

None at this time.

Management and Administration Update

- **2021-2022 Project Funding Update:** All projects are in process. One project recipient has already requested reimbursement. All projects are on target to be completed by the January 31 deadline, except for the Disability Expo, which will be held in the spring. This extension was pre-approved by staff.
- **Board Vacancy for Emergency Management:** The EM representative position is vacant due to retirements and job changes. Staff will work with the regional Emergency Managers to appoint a representative and alternate for that discipline.
- **MRSE Exercise** Staff reported that the required Coalition Surge Test (CST) Exercise is now called the Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE). The Alliance will hold this exercise on March 9, 2022. Staff will work with the First Coast Disaster Council (FCDC) for participating hospitals. Two facilities have already expressed interest.
- **BinaxNOW COVID Testing Kits:** FDOH has offered the testing kits to Healthcare Coalition members at no charge. These kits expired 9/30/21 and are under a shelf-life extension until 12/30/21. Each box contains 40 tests and retail for approximately \$499.00. Staff reminded members that they are still boxes available and are located in our offices at WJCT in Jacksonville.

BUSINESS

*Approval of General Membership Requests

As required in the bylaws, the Board must approve all membership requests. There have been two (2) membership requests since the last meeting. The list was provided in the meeting packet.

Chairperson Tim Devin (EMS) called for a motion. A motion was made to approve the membership requests by Sonny Rodgers (Clay County). A second was made by Dave Chapman (Hospitals). Motion Carries.

FIDTN Exercise

Staff reported that The Alliance will participate in the Stateside Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network, FIDTN, Exercise on February 22, 2022. The FIDTN is that State's plan to transport a highly infectious (e.g. Ebola) patient using a 'daisy chain' approach across Florida and then transfer the patient to Georgia EMS for final transport to the Region Treatment Center at Emory. Alachua County EMS will participate in this exercise for the Region. Staff will contact key partners, as needed, for controller/evaluator volunteers.

National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference

The conference was held in Orlando. Six NEFLHCC members attended using scholarship funds provided by the Coalition. While it was a smaller than normal conference, members found it to be beneficial. Members Jeff Markulik and Wes Marsh participated in planning and presenting a pre-conference workshop.

- Mr. Markulik reported that almost 40 people attended the pre-conference workshop (additional charge for registering). The panelist shared lessons learned and lead a discussion with the audience to share ideas and best practices.
- Mr. Devin reported that the conference provided good information and a better understanding of the role of coalitions across the country. He remarked that the Florida coalitions provided several good break-out sessions.
- Staff noted that one of the keynote speakers was Tania Glenn spoke about responder mental health. Staff will investigate to see if we could have her speak at a future meeting.

PRESENTATION

Ann Hill, Executive Director Emerald Coast Healthcare Coalition, spoke to the group about the work of the Emerald Coast Crisis Stress Team. Her team deploys to assist healthcare workers and first responders dealing with high-stress impacts following emergencies of disasters. The team has been activated for multiple months to assist with the challenges from the long-term response to COVID-19, as well as hurricanes and other traumatic events in the Emerald Coast region. The Team has written two books that are targeted to first responders.

- Book 1: *The First Responder Community: A Psycho-Social Report During Pandemics and Protest*
This book is a must read for every First Responder. It is an academic piece that reads easy and pulls no punches. Whether you are EMS, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Medical Emergency or a volunteer First Responder, this book gives you history, personalities, organizations in a way few of us have looked at these subjects.
- Book 2: *First Responder Suicide: A Psychological Perspective and Resource Guide*
Suicide is killing First Responders at a rate three times the national average for civilians. This book not only addresses a national need, it explains in detail historical facts and influences, contemporary factors, psychological perspectives on individual cases and sets the record straight on misconception about First Responders. But just as important, this book provides the reader and every First Responder with an in-depth analysis and contact for 24 First Responder Hot Lines and resources.

TRAINING AND EXERCISES

Virtual Training

A new schedule of virtual classes for January 2022-March 2022 has been posted to the statewide training website. <https://www.floridahcc.org/training/>

OPEN DISCUSSION

- DOH-Duval – Additional COVID testing kits are available through the health department. Contact Winston Gibbs, if interested.
- Hospitals – The First Coast Disaster Council continues work on a regional AAR for the

response to the COVID-19 Delta variant surge in hospitalizations. They are also updating the FCDC website.

- St. Johns County – In routine calls to LTC facilities, staff encourages facilities and partners to join the NEFLHCC.
- Chair – Should the Board consider expanding seats to include representatives for mental-behavioral health?

ADJOURN

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Name	Name (Last)	Facility Name	Facility Type	'other'
Richard	Ward	OPMC	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
Ann	Hill	Emerald Coast Healthcare Coalition	Non-governmental organizations (e.g. American Red Cross, voluntary organizations active in disaster, amateur radio operators, etc.)	
Timothy	Devin	First coast EMS Advisory Council	EMS (Including inter-facility and other non-EMS patient transport systems; Core HCC Member)	
Eric	Anderson	NEFRC	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social services, faith-based organizations)	
Dave	Chapman	Ascension St. Vincent's Southside	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
Deena	Ellis	AdventHealth-Palm Coast	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
patrick	welch	St. Johns County Fire Rescue	Local public safety agencies (e.g. law enforcement and fire)	
Sandi	Courson	Region 3 FDOH	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
M.	Cooke	JFRD	Emergency Management Organizations (Core HCC Member)	
Sonny	Rodgers	DOH-Clay	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Ronnie	Nessler	Florida Department of Health -Nassau	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Aida	Washburn	FDEM	Emergency Management Organizations (Core HCC Member)	
Ryan	Nash	FDOH-Nassau	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Leah	Guthrie	Mental Health Resource Center	Behavioral Health Services and Organizations	
Kevin	Kotsis	Ascension St. Vincent's	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
Sam	Young	Baptist Health	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
Pam	Tempson	Florida Department of Health	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Andrew	Powell	Florida Department of Health	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Janet	Dickinson	ElderSource	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social services, faith-based	Area Agency on Aging

			organizations)	
Jose	Morales	DOH-BAKER	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Rochelle	Civil	DOH-Duval	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Kirby	Wedekind	DHS / CISA	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social services, faith-based organizations)	Federal govt representative / no facility
Robert	Linnens	FDOH	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Meaghan	Crowley	DOH-Baker	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Noreen	Nickola-Williams	Florida Department of Health in Saint Johns County	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Gaetana	Carroll	FL Dept of Health - Flagler County	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Charlotte	Temple	The Arc Jacksonville	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social services, faith-based organizations)	Developmental Disabilities Services
Winston	Gibbs	DOH-Duval	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	