



Executive Board Meeting
January 19, 2022 @ 1pm
Meeting Notes

The January Executive Board 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, January 19, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Dave Chapman (Hospital) with a validation of members, with the following Executive Board members present. Quorum was met for voting.

Baker County – Jose Morales
Duval County – Winston Gibbs (alternate)
Flagler County – Gaetana Carroll
St. Johns County – Noreen Nickola-Williams
Clay County – Sonny Rodgers
Nassau County – Ronnie Nessler
Hospitals – Dave Chapman
Long Term Care – Jeff Markulik
Emergency Management – John Blanchard

Absent:

EMS – Tim Devin
Public Health
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 December 15, 2021, General Membership Meeting was provided as part of the meeting packet.

Vice-Chair Dave Chapman (Hospital) called for a motion. A motion was made to approve the draft minutes by Sonny Rodgers (Clay). A second was made by Jose Morales (Baker). Motion Carries.

FINANCIAL

***Budget Report**

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

Vice-Chair Dave Chapman (Hospital) called for a motion. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Sonny Rodgers (Clay). A second was made by Jose Morales (Baker). Motion Carries.

Expenditure Requests

None at this time.

Management and Administration Update

- **2021-2022 Project Funding Update:** All projects are in process. Several projects have requested reimbursement. These reimbursements will show on next month's finance report. All projects that will not be completed by the January 31 deadline have been pre-approved by staff.
- **Northeast Florida Regional Council Overdose Summit:** Staff reported that the NEFRC will be conducting an Educational Summit on Overdoses (focusing on opioids/fentanyl). The summit will bring together key stakeholders and policy makers to discuss overdose related data in Northeast Florida. The summit will highlight several successful programs that have been implemented by counties in the region, in hopes they can be replicated in other communities. The focus will be on sharing best practices, understanding needs, and identifying gaps as we start the conversation on a regional level. The summit will include information from behavioral and mental health facilities, hospitals, health departments, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the National District Attorneys Association, local fire rescue departments, law enforcement and others.
This educational summit will be held at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL on Thursday, March 31st, 2022.

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.

Vice-Chair Dave Chapman (Hospital) called for a motion. A motion was made by Jeff Markulik (LTC) to approve the new members by. A second was made by Sonny Rodgers (Clay). Motion Carries.

Board Vacancy for Emergency Management

John Blanchard, Emergency Manager in Baker County, was introduced as the EM discipline representative.

FIDTN Exercise

Staff reported that the Stateside Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network, FIDTN, Exercise has been postponed. The new date is tentatively March 24, 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. At this time, there are no requests of the NEFLHCC for this exercise.

Medical Response & Surge Exercise: MRSE

The MRSE exercise, formerly known as the CST, was scheduled for March 9, 2022. This exercise is postponed until later in the spring. Staff is waiting for additional documentation from the State and ASPR about the new exercise format.

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/>

Alliance Sponsored Exercises

The Alliance is finalizing details on the virtual and in-person tabletop exercises. The virtual exercises will have a supply chain scenario and will be held in March. In-person tabletop exercises will use a COOP scenario and will take place in April.

Registration opportunities will come soon.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- DOH-Clay – It was reported that hospitals were having challenges releasing patients that needed to return to LTC facilities. Many of the LTC were not allowing patients hospitalized with COVID to return to the facility. Jeff Markulik will work with Clay to find a solution.
- Hospitals – The First Coast Disaster Council is beginning in-person meetings again. In general, hospitals reported that the Omicron surge had a high number of patients, but the severity of illness was greatly decreased from the Delta surge. The average hospital stay during Delta was 6.3 days and was 1.7 for Omicron.
- EMS – It was reported that there is a lack of ALS coverage because there is a shortage of paramedics in the system. This is an issue across the state and nation. Many local EMS are taking on more ALS calls, which may slow down response times. This is not critical at this time, just an issue to monitor.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm

NEXT MEETING

March 16, 2022

General Membership Meeting



General Membership Meeting Attendance
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Name	Name (Last)	Facility Name	Facility Type	'other'
Dave	Chapman	Ascension St. Vincent's Southside	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
Steven	Gardner	River Gardner	Skilled nursing, nursing, and long-term care facilities	
Sandi	Courson	DOH	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Sonny	Rodgers	DOH-Clay	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Wes	Marsh, NHA, FACHE	Lanier Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	Skilled nursing, nursing, and long-term care facilities	
Jose	Morales	DOH-Baker	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Gaetana	Carroll	Florida Dept of Health - Flagler County	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Winston	Gibbs	FDOH-Duval	Select option from dropdown	
Monica	Dominguez	NEFRC	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social services, faith-based organizations)	
jeff	markulik	Baker County Medical Services	Select option from dropdown	
Noreen	Nickola-Williams	DOH-St. Johns County Health Department	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Kevin	Kotsis	Ascension St Vincent's	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
Mary	Boutte	DOH St Johns County	Select option from dropdown	