

## 10-17-23 CFDMC Board Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Eric Alberts, Lynne Drawdy, Olive Gaye, Alan Harris, Dr. Vincent Hsu (proxy to Eric Alberts), Georganne Kirk, Aaron Kissler, Reginald Kornegay, Dr. Erin Mullen, Ken Peach, 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. Reggie acknowledged Dr. Mullen as the new Pharmacy representative and reported that Clint Mecham has come on board as Emergency Management in Volusia County.

**Approval of August 2023 Board Minutes:** Reggie Kornegay noted the minutes were attached to the calendar invitation. Brittney Tyler moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Lynda W.G. Mason seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or objections and the motion carried.

**Approval of August & September 2023 Treasurer's Reports:** Lynda said both 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. Alan Harris moved to approve both Treasurer's Reports as submitted and Clint Sperber 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 September and approved the Board agenda, discussed the December conference, a Board vacancy and the nominations/election process; these will be discussed later in today's agenda. He advised that the Executive Committee approved three expenditures not included in the approved budget: 1) Mental Health First Aid course materials, 2) a small gift card for the self-care Bingo game at the September meeting, and 3) insurance for the Ebola hood and evacuation cache trailer (in updating our vehicle insurance we found these were needed).

### Old Business:

**Board Engagement:** Reggie advised that the updated Board Engagement report was distributed. He reminded the Board of the importance of attending meetings, and asked the Board to let him know if there are any issues.

**Issues Board/Traffic Light Report:** Clint Sperber advised that the updated report was sent out to the Board and highlighted that all first quarter deliverables were submitted and approved. He advised that the most significant deliverable in the second quarter is updating the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA); this began at the September meeting and will be sent to the Board for approval in December. He advised that the Coalition is working with county emergency management to schedule a family reunification tabletop in each county. Clint stated that we are still searching for warehouse space. Space in Orlando is well outside our budget and Lake and Osceola County Emergency Management are helping in the search. He advised that the Florida Department of Health has purchased Pulsara, a patient tracking platform. Lynne Drawdy stated that a presentation on this was made at today's Healthcare Coalition Task Force meeting and she will schedule a presentation on this for the Board and other stakeholders. Clint asked if this would work with county emergency management and Lynne stated that it is focused on communication at the individual patient level. We have advocated including local users in the planning effort and Dr. Pappas and Dr. Zito are hoping to be part of the planning for implementation of this new system. Erin Mullen asked if Pulsara is interoperable with other federal systems such as JPAC or TRACES; Lynne stated that we do not yet know. Clint reported that Matt Meyers has almost finished the assessment of the region's ACS/MCI caches and a workgroup will put together recommendations for the Board's consideration.

**December Conference Planning:** Eric Alberts advised that the conference agenda and registration link have been sent out to all members and posted on the website. He stated that the goal is 100 registrations and we are currently at 40. We have exceeded the target of three sponsors and are currently at four sponsors. He stated that there is concern over the potential loss of the keynote speaker due to the situation in Israel but we will plan a backup just in case. We have also discussed security with FDLE. Eric advised that Board members will receive recognition at the conference and asked all to try to attend.

**September Coalition Meeting:** Reggie reviewed the survey results from the September meeting; these were shared with the Board. He stated that there was high satisfaction and engagement rates, which demonstrate that we are providing good value at these meetings. Reggie advised that comments showed the most valuable were the active killer and HVA presentations, and the improvement opportunity is to continue to invite speakers on a wide range of topics. He stated there was a balance between in person and virtual attendance and we will continue to offer both options. Lynne reported this was the first meeting using Zoom and although we had a minor issue with Mentimeter, for the first time we had no complaints regarding technology.

**RMAT/Vehicle Updates:** Lynne thanked Alan Harris for the donation of a Ford F-450 vehicle. The title has been transferred, and a tag and insurance secured. The truck has been parked at ORMC until we get new warehouse space. She stated that we have received no additional information on the state medical response vehicle, and she will share the specifications when we receive these.

#### **New Business:**

**Leader & Member of the Year Nominations:** Lynda said we will be sending out a request for nominations to all members for these awards. The Executive Committee votes on the Leader of the Year award and the Board votes on the Member of the Year award. The winners and all nominees will receive recognition at the annual conference. Lynda said these are quite appreciated by those who receive them.

**Board Terms/Election:** Eric advised this is a Board election year. Many Board member terms will expire in December 2023 and he asked the Board members present if they would agree to serve an additional two-year term on the Board. All present agreed and Lynne will reach out to those not present to confirm their willingness to serve another term. Eric advised that we have one vacancy on the Board and the Executive Committee agreed to seek an organization to focus on mental health capacity/capabilities. A request for nominations will go out to all members, and the Executive Committee will prepare and send out a ballot for all members to vote. Lynne thanked the Board members for their service. She stated that the Coalition has been recognized as one of the best in the nation and this is due to the Board's leadership. Reggie agreed and thanked all.

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

**Hospitals:** Eric Alberts advised hospitals remain very busy, are still seeing COVID, and with flu season they are conducting flu shot campaigns with staff. He stated that we continue to see expansion with new hospitals and free standing emergency departments. He advised that Orlando Health opened the first orthopedic hospital in Florida at their downtown campus. He stated that there is still concern regarding the escalation of violence in the community and continued cyber threats. He encouraged all to remain vigilant.

**Emergency Management:** Alan Harris welcomed Clint Mecham to the Board; he is the new Volusia County emergency manager. Alan stated that Marion and Sumter Counties have been added to the emergency management region. He reported that the state has continued Everbridge until next summer, and WebEOC has also received funding to continue. He stated that he sent staff to the Big Bend area to support their hurricane response and emergency management is continuing to monitor threats and hazards.

**EMS:** Chief Rhodes said providers are busy with the NEMSIS rollout. We are entering mass gathering season and they are preparing for these. There will be a full scale exercise at the Orlando airport in December.

**Public Health:** Clint Sperber stated the Florida Department of Health created program councils made up of county health officers and subject matter experts for each of the public health pillars. The Preparedness Program Council is working on standardizing position descriptions for regional preparedness positions, such as the RERAs, special needs shelter coordinators and regional planners. These are currently aligned to the FLDE/Coalition regions and they are looking at whether these should align to the new emergency management regions. They are also evaluating a proposal on whether to make the statewide registry intake module mandatory. Aaron Kissler stated that the county health departments are planning for infrastructure grants from CDC and are undergoing a data modernization initiative.

**Trauma:** Lynne reported that the Trauma committees met earlier this month and the focus is on increasing engagement. A request was sent to all members/trauma stakeholders to offer opportunities to serve on the committees. She advised that Dr. Zuver is scheduling a meeting with the EMS medical directors to discuss EMS engagement.

**Long Term Care:** Brittney Tyler reported that the Coalition is funding NIPP training in early 2024; this is a three-day infection prevention training for nursing homes. She stated that we are continuing to provide support to long-term care facilities through the CEMP trainings.

**Medical Examiner:** Lynne will follow up with Dr. Zydowicz.

**Business/Community:** Ken Peach said he is seeing a lot of information pushed out on emergency preparedness, continuity of operations, communications, and providing employees with support and resource following events. He is continuing to watch what is happening in the insurance industry.

**Dialysis:** Wayne Smith stated they have sent team members to Israel.

**Disaster Behavioral Health:** Lynda advised there is a crisis response virtual training on Grief, Gratitude and Spirituality sponsored through NOVA and she will forward the information to Lynne. Wednesday is stand up to bullying day and all are encouraged to wear orange. Thursday is domestic abuse awareness day and all are encouraged to wear purple.

**Community Health Centers:** Georganne Kirk said getting the health centers are receiving COVID and flu vaccines. She stated they are still dealing with Medicaid issues with patients being dropped and having to be re-enrolled. She stated that they are continuing to watch the federal government regarding funding.

**Home Health:** Olive Gay experienced technical difficulties during the call but sent the following information: The home health agencies are busy preparing the "shut ins" and families with special needs kids for the hurricane season, working with community resources as well as vital services agencies to make them aware of the residences with special needs. Creating Awareness: As a new member, still familiarizing myself with the operation of the coalition, I have focused on educating the home health care agencies on the coalition and the resources available to them. Most are unaware of the many resources available from the coalition and expressed interest in many of the programs available to them.

**Pharmacy:** Erin stated that it is respiratory virus season and pharmacies are busy providing vaccinations. She stated that the National Academy of Medicine is running a series of sessions on medical countermeasures and public/private partnerships. Today's session was on pharmacies partnering with public health on threats.

**Other Updates:** Lynne stated that the Coalition submitted a UASI project to sustain EMResource and thanked Alan and Eric for their championship of the project. This was ranked as #3 in the priority list and so funding should be assured to continue this.

Alan said county emergency management has started the integrated preparedness plan process, and encouraged all to get with the county emergency managers if you have any training to add. Lynne said FDOH is doing their IPPW workshop in January and she will attend.

**Adjourn:** Reggie thanked all for participating and asked all to stay safe. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** December 19th at 4 p.m. via Zoom