



NCFHCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 16, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the North Central Florida HealthCare Coalition Special Meeting for Project Funding Priorities was held in-person and virtually on December 16, 2021, at 1:30 at Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville 32606 and via Zoom Join Zoom Meeting <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/89168661472>

Documents provided to the NCFHCC Board via email:

Agenda; Validation of Board Members; Minutes from October 2021; Financial Reports for October and November 2021; FIDTN Handouts; New Member Requests; Proposed Board of Directors and Slate of Officers; Virtual Training handout for January-March 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jim Lyons with a validation of a quorum, with the following new Board members present:

Hospitals: Suzanne DeKay

At-Large Representative: Jason Long

At-Large Representative: Jeff Taylor

EMS: Matt Ferguson

At-Large Representative: Jim Lyons

Others in Attendance: See Zoom report attached.

Absent:

Long-Term Care: Logan Andrews

Public Health: Tom Moffses (excused)

Emergency Management: Ralph Smith (excused)

Welcome

The Chair welcomed members.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 2021 were provided to Board members via electronic mail.

The Chair called for a motion of approval. moved approval; Ms. DeKay seconded; Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Finance Report

Staff presented the finance report for October and November 2021.

The Chair called for a motion of approval. Ms. DeKay moved approval; Mr. Long seconded; Motion carried.

Management and Administration

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference:** The conference was held in Orlando. Six NEFLHCC members and one NCFHCC member attended using scholarship funds provided by the Coalition. While it was a smaller than normal conference, members found it to be beneficial. NEFLHCC LTC Members Jeff Markulik and Wes Marsh participated in planning and presenting a pre-conference workshop for Long-Term Care. Four other Florida presentations were offered during the conference.
- **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

New Members

Seven (7) new members requests were presented for membership.

The Chair called for a motion of approval of the members. Ms. DeKay moved approval; Mr. Long seconded; Motion carried.

Board Vacancies

The EMS discipline presented Matt Ferguson (Dixie) as the EMS Discipline Board Member. The Board welcomed Mr. Ferguson and look forward to working with him.

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. Staff will research purchasing copies of these books.

- 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.

Following the presentation, HCC members discussed the challenges of mental/behavioral health for first responders and healthcare. Smaller county EMS agencies request assistance from Alachua County but there continues to be a fear of stigma for needing assistance. Staff informed the membership that the American Rescue Act funding provided to counties across the county have a priority for funding mental behavioral health projects. Members are encouraged to reach out to their County Commissioners with ideas for projects to fund.

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/>

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN

The Chair announced the next meeting will be a Board of Directors meeting on January 26, 2021 at 1:30. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting; both in-person and Zoom options. The in-person meeting will be tentatively be held at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. Masks will be required for anyone that plans to attend. The same link will be used for all meetings.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.



Attendance Recorded in ReadyOp: General Membership Meeting – 12/16/2021

First	Last Name	Facility Name	Facility Type	Other
Ina	Boyd	Haven Hospice	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social services, faith-based organizations)	Hospice
Mark	Johnson	DOH Gilchrist	Select option from dropdown	
Tommy	Capobianco	FDLE	Jurisdictional partners, including cities, counties and tribes	
Sandi	Courson	FDOH	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Rel	Perea	DOH-Suwannee	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Casey	Ditter	DOH-Lafayette	Public Health Agencies (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.)	
Jim	Lyons	FLDOH Bradford Union	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Jason	Long	Lafayette County Sheriff's Office	Emergency Management Organizations (Core HCC Member)	
Fred	Eichler	Levy Gilchrist HD	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Lola	Butler	FDOH-Dixie	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Chris	Westmoreland	Putnam CHD	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	
Matthew	Ferguson	Dixie County Fire Rescue	EMS (Including inter-facility and other non-EMS patient transport systems; Core HCC Member	
Suzanne	DeKay	UF Health	Acute Care Hospitals (Core HCC Member)	
Kamelia	Klejc	Gainesville Fire Rescue	EMS (Including inter-facility and other non-EMS patient transport systems; Core HCC Member	
Robert	Linnens	FDOH ALACHUA	Public Health Agencies (Core HCC Member)	