

MINUTES
Palm Beach State College
Fire/EMS Programs
Partnership Council Meeting
April 30, 2013

ITEM 1. Welcome and sign in – Public Speaker, Kenneth Woodcum, welcomed members.
Discussion: None
Action: None

ITEM 2. Adoption of Agenda –
Discussion: Motion made and seconded to adopt.
Action: The agenda for April was adopted without change.

ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes -
Discussion: Motion made and seconded to approve.
Action: The minutes for October 2012 were approved.

ITEM 4. Old Business – Public Safety Complex update
The Public Safety Complex is up and running; members had the opportunity of touring the facility.

ITEM 5. Program Status/updates –

a. EMS Director Everette Vaughan reported:

EMS – John Treanor has resigned his EMS faculty position due to his Fire Department work schedule but will continue to work as an adjunct with the Paramedic Program as a Fire Rescue Instructor for the Night class. Congratulations were given to Instructor Treanor for achieving his Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety from Palm Beach State College.

EMT – The EMT class in Palm Beach Gardens has been canceled permanently; all classes will be held at the Lake Worth campus.

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for the EMT Faculty vacancy. The EMT Summer program will have 3 classes and the Fall day program will move to a shift schedule; A, B & C shift.

The College purchased two LUCAS Chest Compression System from their Capital list.

Instructor Woodcum reported that an EMT student was shopping at Costco when another customer collapsed due to a Cardiac Arrest, the student successfully performed CPR and got the customers pulse back.

Treanor reported that the EMT program was restructured to have more skills and more CPR training.

Dean Cipriano reminded the members that the College offers 11 credits automatically and free of charge to everyone that brings their EMT license; John Treanor confirmed that he had worked with several students in implementing this credit toward their degree since this procedure took place.

Paramedic – B&C Shift classes are in their last semester and their graduation will be August 21, 2013, at 6:00 pm in the Duncan Theater at the Lake Worth campus. The A shift class is in their second semester and the Night class is in their first semester.

Clinical – The College purchased four Laptop Computers for the Fire Rescue Instructors in order to provide students with faster response and more accurate Typhon information/feedback.

First semester: the new A Shift class started out on their first day working a code, doing CPR and BVM, witnessing a stroke alert, 4 trauma alerts, and 1 OB call.

Second semester: one student participated in the delivery of a baby girl while at fire rescue clinical rotation; his first and mom's second. Most successful ET so far is 12. Combination of OR and at fire rescue also.

A B-shift student was a huge asset at BRRH; a patient presented with lethargy was unable to communicate with the staff. Our student quickly identified the patient was deaf and she was able to sign with him. She did the entire interview and assessment and determined he was hypoglycemic before the staff interpreter was called down; she elected to take sign language in high school instead of Spanish or French.

Clinical students participated in the Muck Olympics in Belle Glade; students assisted in two first aid tents over a 5 day period performing patient assessments, vitals, and assisting PBCFR. Clinical students partnered with St. Mary's Hospital for an event in March, students assisted with first aid during an Honor Guard/Color Guard competition in Jupiter.

Clinical Coordinator, Bruce Arbeit, is exploring some additional clinical rotations in area cardiologist offices; this would allow for one on one instruction/supervision as our students shadow a cardiologist. They would be directly involved with assessment and management of the cardiac patient; including heart sounds, lung sounds, and 12 lead interpretations.

- b. Fire Academy Director James Schaffner reported:** the initiative of the Fire Training Consortium of increasing the levels of education with in the Fire Departments. Proved of this, is the reopening of the Fire Academy in Valencia College. Director Schaffner also reported 15 graduates for this current Spring Term and two classes will be offer in the Summer Term.

ITEM 6. New Business –

- a.) Dr. Scheppke reported the success of the Magna Program “Train the Trainers”; the goal is that in four years everybody in the High School system will have CPR training.
- b.) David Summers reported that there were no clinical sites issues at St. Mary's Hospital.
- c.) Instructor Glen Jordan reported the recent achievement of Palm Beach State College EMS Club. The Panther Medics earned first place honors in the Chief Mike Haygood 2013 Broward Invitational, a paramedic competition held in Hollywood April 26 as part of the 17th annual First There First Care Conference sponsored by the Fire Chiefs' Association of Broward County and the Broward Regional EMS Council. In the Advanced and Basic Life Support contest the EMS Club teams raced against time, and each other, to save the lives of their "patients" (both live and human patient simulators) in mock-up trauma scenarios. The Palm Beach State team finished first in the BLS division, outperforming paramedic students from other schools. As BLS winners, the team also was permitted to compete against professional paramedics in the ALS competition, and as a result, came in second overall in total ALS/BLS points scored.

ITEM 7. Other Business –

No Summer meeting will be held.

ITEM 8. The next meeting date is **TBD**.

ITEM 9. The meeting was adjourned at **3:07 pm**.

Attendance:	Kenneth Scheppke	Barbara Cipriano	Kenneth Woodcum
	Everette Vaughan	James Schaffner	John Treanor
	Glenn Jordan	David Summers	

Submitted by:
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