

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

August 30, 2016

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met at EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Mayor Travis Palladeno, Mayors' Council (Madeira Beach) – Chair
Chief Robert Weiss, Clearwater Fire Department
Capt. Eric Dinan, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Chief Joe Accetta, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Capt. Brian Browne, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department
Beth Rawlins, Citizen Representative
William Holmes, Citizen Representative
George McCarthy, Citizen Representative
Chief Bob Markford, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College

Absent:

Mayor Chris Arbutine, Mayors' Council (Belleair Bluffs)
Mayor Doug Bevis, Mayors' Council (Oldsmar)
Mayor Maria Lowe, Mayors' Council (St. Pete Beach)
Rev. Dean Young, Citizen Representative
Ray Neri, Citizen Representative
Joy Lewis, Citizen Representative
Anne Scofield, Citizen Representative
Dr. Scott Kuebler, Citizen Representative
Kelly Cullen, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Susan Byrd, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society – Secretary
Dr. David Weiland, Pinellas County Medical Association – Vice Chair
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association – Vice Chair
Kathleen Litton, Independent Fire District Elected Official
David Root, Independent Fire District Elected Official

Staff Present:

Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate EMS Medical Director
Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
Craig Queen, EMS & Fire Administration
Rita Brickey, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Chief Guy Keirn, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Chief Rob Angell, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association
Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire Department
Chief Sal D'Angelo, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics

Barry Niemann, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Palladeno called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were 12 voting members in attendance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No statements from citizens.

POSITION STATEMENT – EMS ORDINANCE

Mr. Hare briefed the EMS Advisory Council on proposed updates to the EMS Ordinance that would authorize basic life support ambulance transport as well as wheelchair/stretchers van service.

The request was made and there was agreement to revise the definition of First Responder to include special districts.

After discussion, Mayor Palladeno called for a motion. Chief Weiss made a motion to support the proposed updates. Chief Markford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

POSITION STATEMENT – EMS RULES & REGULATIONS

Mr. Hare briefed the EMS Advisory Council on proposed updates to the EMS Rules & Regulations that would allow for wheelchair/stretchers van service.

After discussion, Mayor Palladeno called for a motion. Ms. Rawlins made a motion to support the proposed updates. Ms. Guidash seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

POSITION STATEMENT – WATER RESCUE PROGRAM

Mr. Hare briefed the EMS Advisory Council on the creation of an EMS Water Rescue Grant Program.

After discussion, Mayor Palladeno called for a motion. Chief Weiss made a motion to support the EMS Water Rescue Grant Program. Chief Accetta seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

No discussions

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on September 15, 2016 at 10 A.M. at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Palladeno adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

An audio recording of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at the Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.