

**PINELLAS COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

ANNUAL MEETING

March 16, 2017

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 Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire Department  
Chief Ian Womack, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue  
Chief Tom Jamison, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Capt. Michael Leiner, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department  
Mayor Max Elson, Mayors' Council (South Pasadena)  
Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayors' Council (Kenneth City)  
Rev. Dean Young, Citizen Representative  
William Holmes, Citizen Representative  
Kelly Cullen, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter  
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics  
Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College  
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society – Secretary  
Dr. David Weiland, Pinellas County Medical Association – Vice Chair  
Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official

Absent:

Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayors' Council (Dunedin)  
Beth Rawlins, Citizen Representative  
Joy Lewis, Citizen Representative  
Anne Scofield, Citizen Representative  
George McCarthy, Citizen Representative  
Chief Rob Angell, EMS Leadership Group

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Ashley Hoskins, Pinellas County Health Department  
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics  
Chief Rick Graham, Lealman Special Fire Control District  
Chief Guy Keirn, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Chief Terry Tokarz, Largo Fire Rescue  
Chief Joe Accetta, Safety Harbor Fire Department  
Chief Heather Burford, Seminole Fire Rescue  
Chief Scott Sanford, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue

Lt. Doug Zimmerman, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue  
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics  
Jay Alexander, Lealman Special Fire Control District  
Kelly Cisarik, Citizen  
Capt. Charlie Caulk, Florida Highway Patrol

### **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 present. There were 16 voting members in attendance. All minutes were unanimously approved.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens that wished to speak.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following slate of officers were unanimously elected:

**Chair** – Dr. David Weiland Jr.

**Vice Chair** – Kelly Cullen

**Secretary** – Dr. Webster

**Executive Committee** – Mayor Max Elson and Chief Ian Womack

The Selection Committee will be refreshed at the next meeting under the new Chair.

### **PRESENTATION – DATA DRIVEN FOCUS GROUP – CHIEF TOM JAMISON**

Chief Rick Graham discussed the recommendations for this year.

- Fund current contractor units that their system relies on.
- Lock in foundation units
- Fund EMS Coordinators based on need and workload
- Fund all ALS Equipment
- Streamline Narcotic delivery system
- Place a hold on new programs until current are up and running
- Address new units based on response time and work loads

Chief Tom Jamison gave a presentation on the growth/increases over the past few years with fire incidents, transports, responses, systems, water rescue and training. Chief Jamison requested that the Council support and approve the recommendations. These recommendations would cost approximately \$3.5 million.

### **ALS FIRST RESPONDER RECOMMENDATIONS FY17/18**

Mayor Palladeno called for a motion to support the ALS First Responder recommendations. Rev. Young made a motion to approve the recommendations and provide a letter of support to the EMS Authority. Dr. Weiland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **UPDATES TO THE EMS RULES & REGULATIONS**

Mayor Palladeno called for a motion to approve the updates to the EMS Rules & Regulations. Chief Jamison made a motion to approve the updates and provide a letter of support to the EMS Authority. Ms. Cullen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **AMENDMENT TO THE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS**

Mayor Palladeno called for a motion to approve the amendments to the EMS Advisory Council bylaws. Dr. Weiland made a motion to approve the amendments and provide a letter of support to the EMS Authority. Dr. Webster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a 2/3 majority quorum present.

## **REPORTS**

### **Director, EMS & Fire Administration: Mr. Hare**

- Welcomed Fire Commissioner Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official.
- Congratulations to Chief Anthony Tedesco, who has been named as the Rescue Chief for the City of Clearwater Fire Department.
- There will be a BLS ambulance outside for all to view after the meeting.
- There will be more stretcher van ambulances out and about.
- Wellness - we have more stress related (cumulative and PTSD) online training and classroom training. Fourteen (14) system clinicians have also attended the Franciscan Center Operation Restore Trauma Workshop with more scheduled to attend in the coming months thru EMS Grant funding.
- Bid for new Medical Direction services has gone out.
- Working on BP funding projects. (Be Safe, Inc., M57 and FB22)

### **EMS Medical Director: Dr. Jameson**

- Pinellas EMS presented at a national conference.
- Improvement cycles are doing very well.
- Documenting data with hospitals is getting better.
- Continuing Medical Education Program continues to operate well.
- Wellness as discussed earlier for first responders is critical. There have been a number of first responder/clinician suicides in the system.
- Northside hospital in the process of becoming a trauma center.

### **Sunstar: Mr. Postma**

- New BLS ambulance outside for all to view after the meeting. Only used for non-emergency transport.
- Provided a report on and discussed the year-to-year comparison of ALS Transport Volume.

### **First Responders:**

Ch. Jamison had already provided a report in his previous presentation.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Hare and Dr. Jameson presented a Certificate of Achievement to Mayor Palladeno for his service as EMS Advisory Council Chairman.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on June 15, 2017 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 12:05 P.M.

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