

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2020

Zoom Conference Call
COVID-19

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met via Special Virtual Public Meeting utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on the Zoom platform at 1:05 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Comm. Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official – Chair
Chief Scott Ehlers, 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 Woody Brown, Mayors' Council (Largo)
Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayors' Council (Kenneth City)
Mayor Joseph Manzo, Mayors' Council (Belleair Beach)
Karen Mullins, Citizen Representative (District 1)
Larri Gerson, Citizen Representative (District 2)
Jeri Reed, Citizen Representative (District 3)
Becca Tieder, Citizen Representative (District 5)
William Holmes, Citizen Representative (District 6)
Jorge Mercado, Citizen Representative (District 7) – Secretary
Nancy Hopkins, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Chief Terry Tokarz, EMS Leadership Group
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Rosalie Bousher, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Absent:

Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayors' Council (Dunedin)
Mike Jones, Citizen Representative (District 4)
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Steven Epstein, Pinellas County Medical Association
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association

Staff Present:

Jim Fogarty, Safety & Emergency Services
Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate EMS Medical Director
Jason Ester, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration
Lynn Abbott, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Comm. Kevin Kenney, East Lake Fire Rescue
Chief Doug Zimmerman, EMS Leadership Group
Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire Department
Chief David Mixson, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Peluso called the special meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were 19 voting members in attendance.

TELECONFERENCE PROCEDURES

Jason Ester, Senior Assistant County Attorney, provided an overview of teleconference procedures and stated that notice was not properly given, the meeting is limited to a presentation-only format, no member discussion is allowed, and the vote to be taken at a future meeting.

COVID-19 BRIEFING

Dr. Jameson, with input by Craig Hare, referred to a presentation titled *2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) EMS/Fire Pandemic Response Plan, March 2020*, and provided an overview of the following topics:

- Fire/EMS COVID-19 Operational Goals and Objectives
- Unified Command
- Service Level and Workforce Protection
- Operational Approach
 - Response Plan and Protocols
 - Protect Hospital and Healthcare System Resources
 - COVID Units
 - Maximize Transport Resources
 - Preserve Fire Rescue for Life-Threatening Missions
 - Multi-Agency Cooperation on Staffing
 - Unified Command
 - Disclaimer on Priority Dispatch and System Design
 - Consensus of Fire/EMS Professionals
 - EMS Advisory Council and Medical Control Board Review and Approval
 - Executive Policy Group
- Dispatch and Response Actions
- Approach to Suspected COVID-19 Patients
- COVID-19 Critical Care
- Stay-at-Home Care for COVID-19
- EMS – Hospital Plan for Transfer of Patient Care
- Workforce Exposure Plan
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Decontamination

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peluso adjourned the meeting at 2:05 P.M.

Audio and any correspondence received for this meeting is on file at the
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.