

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2011

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The Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council Executive Committee held a meeting on August 11, 2011, in the Public Safety Services Center, Conference Room 130, First Floor, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 AM on this date with the following members present:

Chief Michael Wallace, Chairman
Craig Hare, Public Safety Services
William Israel, South County Consumer Representative
Chief Jean Pierre Medani, Clearwater Fire Department
Ray Neri, South County Consumer Representative
Donald Sayre, PALS (Tarpon Springs Fire)
Sgt. Chris Taylor, Law Enforcement Representative
Richard Williams, Public Safety Services

Also Present

Maureen Freaney, Asst. County Administrator
Carl Brody, Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Sally Israel
Janet Long
Jack Powell
Debbie Vass, Sunstar Paramedics

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM.

Moe Freaney clarified the consultant's marginal cost for paramedics on medical first response (MFR) units as being the average paramedic salary in the county times the 72 units to be funded would be the cost to the system for the MFR component of EMS. This would mean no rescues unless the operational study determined that something needed to be done in addition to the proposal by the consultant.

Salaries currently range from \$80,000 to \$134,000.

There was discussion as to how ambulance transports might handle a mass casualty without MFR transport units. There are mutual aid agreements throughout the State of Florida for just this purpose. Also the system would suspend non emergent transports until the emergency was over. There are sufficient employees to handle the additional ambulances that would be placed in service in this situation.

The next phase is an operational component to determine if the theoretical model will work. It is anticipated to be completed by the first of the year and may include changes if there are specific geographical areas that need to be adjusted.

The Executive Committee voted to support:

1. The IPS Consultant Study.
2. The Average Pay Concept.
3. Medical Priority Dispatch.
4. The Marginal Engine Funding approach contingent on the Deployment Study validation.

Overall there was support for moving the system forward in a sustainable and reasonable manner.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.