

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

September 9, 2015
MINUTES

The Pinellas County EMS Management Committee held a meeting at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration
Chief Robert Weiss, Clearwater Fire & Rescue - Chair
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Chief Bob Markford, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Ruthie Doles, Regional 9-1-1 Center
Dr. Eric Carver, CME Steering Committee
Robert Stanley, Ambulance Contractor Labor Representative

Also Present

Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
Mike Carroll, Citizen

Call To Order

Chief Weiss called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were eight members present.

Approval of Minutes from 8-26-15

The minutes of the 8-26-15 EMS Management Committee were presented for approval. Chief Markford made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Stanley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Future Initiatives

Mr. Hare updated the committee that he had developed a timeline thru which the EMS Advisory Council could be involved in the budgetary process to allow for program needs to be identified and included for consideration by the EMS Authority. Mr. Hare stated that he would need to brief County Administration first and then bring the proposed timeline back to the EMS Management Committee for discussion.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the development of an annual report that would explain the various components of the EMS System and that would be easy for the average citizen to understand. There was consensus that the report should be citizen focused. The discussion covered such topics as publishing timeline, division of responsibility for compiling, content of report and formatting.

Dr. Jameson with input from Ms. Doles gave an overview of version 13 of Priority Dispatch.

Mr. Peterson gave an update on Critical Care Transport improvements such as video laryngoscopes, new IV pumps and other new equipment that will go into service soon. Mr. Peterson also briefed that four of nine new ambulance units have been received as well the first shipment of new bariatric hydraulic stretchers.

Mr. Hare briefed that \$150,000 in funding for water rescue had been approved in next year's budget and that the Water Rescue Committee would be meeting to discuss where the funding could be best used to improve technology, training or equipment related to water rescue.

Mr. Hare said that Technical Rescue is approved for a funding increase that will bring it parallel to the Hazardous Materials Team.

Dr. Jameson briefed ongoing efforts to improve trauma scene times through a focus on clinician decision making and additional language being added to the trauma protocols.

Chief Weiss recommended that the EMS Management Committee move forward with a review of the level of service criteria to determine whether or not we are allocating resources appropriately. Chief Weiss suggested that the issue be presented to the EMS Advisory Council for their input on how best to proceed.

Mr. Hare advised that there is also funding available in the next budget for Optima Simulation software. This software will allow the data set from the 9-1-1 CAD to be refreshed and will support the next round of simulation studies that will help to identify additional service area improvements.

Chief Weiss recognized a Clearwater citizen named Mr. Mike Carroll who requested to make a brief presentation to the EMS Management Committee.

Mr. Carroll gave a brief presentation related to balanced billing and out-of-network coverage for ambulance transports.

Mr. Stanley asked for clarification as to whether the annual report would be directed to just the EMS Advisory Council or to the public.

Chief Weiss suggested that the report be directed to the public as our end customer so that they are able to understand what the system does.

Mr. Hare reinforced that he also sees the report being transmitted from the EMS Advisory Council to the EMS Authority for citizens, elected officials and stakeholders as a means of conveying the status of the EMS system clinically, operationally and financially.

Chief Weiss requested that staff collect and compile feedback from the EMS Advisory Council members as to what they would like to see included in an annual report based on their individual organizations and perspectives and provide that feedback at the next EMS Management Committee meeting.

Mr. Woodrum acknowledged for the record that Dr. Eric Carver was replacing Dr. Phil Nicotera on the EMS Management Committee and that Chief Bob Markford was also replacing Chief Bill Scott.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

Adjournment

Chief Weiss adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

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