

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

August 20, 2015

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

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital (Chair)
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center (Secretary)
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Beth Girgis, Bayfront Medical Center
Ms. Sharon Hayes, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital

Members Absent:

Dr. Dominique Thuriere, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center
Mr. Kris Hoce, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Dr. Raj Mathur, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society

Staff Present:

Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration Director
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director
Don Crowell, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Kimberly Lacina, Sunstar Paramedics
Brian Eells, Sunstar Paramedics
Larry Marshall, Sunstar Paramedics
Karen Macauley, All Children's Hospital

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Haire called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. A roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were seven voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Degina motioned for approval. Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Ms. Kimberly Lacina, Director of Clinical Services for Sunstar and Mr. Larry Marshall, Critical Care Team member gave a presentation on Critical Care Team operations and new equipment being used such as video laryngoscopes.

Dr. Jameson briefed the Medical Control Board on the following proposed protocol updates and requested approval of the updates.

- AP10 Maintenance of Equipment: update of new medical equipment and addition of cleaning procedures for reusable equipment
- AP14 Phillips MRX Configuration: new protocol delineating the configuration of the Phillips MRX monitor
- CP1 Airway Management: update to RSI procedures, addition of video laryngoscopy
- CT3 RSI Medications Clinical Tool: new clinical tool
- CS7 Invasive Hemodynamic Monitoring
- CS11 Medical Ventilation: update to new ventilator operations
- CP2 Swan-Ganz Catheters: update to remove authorization to wedge

Dr. Haire made a motion to approve the protocol updates and Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson briefed the Medical Control Board on updates to the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) and requested approval to move from Version 12 to Version 13.

Dr. Bellini made a motion to approve moving to MPDS Version 13. Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brian Eells, Director of Communications for Sunstar, briefed the Medical Control Board on beta testing of Protocols 45, 46 and 47. Dr. Jameson then requested approval of the beta testing.

Dr. Pell made a motion to approve the beta testing of Protocols 45, 46 and 47. Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson briefed updates to the Hospital Destination protocol and requested approval of those updates.

There was a discussion concerning hospital destination protocols. Dr. Jameson clarified the definitions for Divert versus Closed status.

Dr. Bellini made a suggestion that EMS ask the patient if they have received in-patient care recently and if so, would the patient not be better served to be transported to that facility. Dr. Bellini said that sometimes that information is not revealed until well into the ER examination. This situation then results in a transfer to another facility.

Mr. Hare agreed and said that the practice could be integrated into future training.

Dr. Feilinger made a motion to approve the Hospital Destination protocol updates. Mr. Degina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson requested feedback from the Medical Control Board related to allowing a hospital to go on Divert status except for a specialty service, specifically trauma.

Dr. Girgis shared that at Bayfront they have their own dedicated trauma surgeon, trauma nurse and trauma team that is available even when the ER is saturated.

Ms. Hayes agreed with Dr. Girgis and said that from her experience there typically is a dedicated trauma team available where there might not be a dedicated STEMI team or stroke team, etc. Ms. Hayes said that while trauma nurses may assist in the ER when they are not busy, they are dedicated specifically to trauma care.

Mr. Hare agreed with the exception for trauma in this instance but cautioned against allowing the protocol to extend into other specialty services. Dr. Bellini agreed.

Dr. Pell requested that the data related to the trauma divert cases be brought back for review at the next meeting.

After further discussion, Dr. Bellini made a motion to allow Dr. Jameson to craft language that would allow a trauma center that is on Divert status to make an exception and remain open for trauma alert patients. This protocol would remain in effect until it is evaluated again at the next regularly scheduled Medical Control Board meeting. Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Hare reported that Mr. John Bennett had joined County Administration as the newest Assistant County Administrator. Mr. Bennett will oversee nine departments to include EMS & Fire, Regional 9-1-1, Animal Services and Health & Human Services.

Mr. Hare briefed that the County was able to land all of the EMS and Fire budgets without the need for millage increases and would be partnering with cities to build five new fire stations.

Mr. Hare said that funding is being provided to the Technical Rescue Program that will provide training and equipment.

Mr. Hare stated that the EMS Advisory Council recommended that a countywide water rescue program be developed. A group of fire chiefs are working with EMS & Fire Administration to create a Water Rescue Committee and identify areas for improvements. Funding of \$150,000 has been identified to support those improvements.

Mr. Hare said that the EMS Authority would be allowing the contract for Continuing Medical Education with St. Petersburg College to expire on September 30, 2015 in favor of bring that function in-house under the oversight of the EMS & Fire Administration.

Mr. Hare introduced Mr. John Peterson as the new Chief Administrative Officer for Sunstar who has replaced Ms. Debbie Vass who was promoted to a corporate level quality improvement position.

OPEN FORUM

Dr. Jameson shared that a discussion is underway for he and Dr. Dooley to join up with the Tampa General Fellowship. This will provide an academic home for the Office of the Medical Director and will create an academic affiliation with the University of South Florida. This will also allow for one or two EMS Fellows to join our system starting in June 2016.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on November 19, 2015 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Haire adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

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