EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

July 14, 2016

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 (Chairman)
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony’s Hospital
Dr. David Ball, St. Anthony’s Hospital
Dr. Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center
Ms. Kelly Cullen, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children’s Hospital (Vice-Chair)
Ms. Sharon Hayes, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center (Secretary)
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Medical Center

Members Absent:
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Dr. Raj Mathur, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Dr. Jeremy White, Florida Hospital North Pinellas

Staff Present:
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Don Crowell, County Attorney’s Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:
Karen Macauley, All Children’s Hospital
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Pell 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 nine voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Degina motioned for approval. Dr. Pell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jameson updated the Medical Control Board on the following protocol additions and asked for a motion for approval.
- CS21 Medical Operations at Incidents with Ongoing Threats (Active Shooter Response)
- CP23 Hyfin Vent Compact Chest Seal
- CP24 Wound Packing with QuikClot Combat Gauze & Emergency Trauma Dressing (ETD)

Dr. Pell called for a motion. Mr. Degina made a motion to approve the additions. Dr. Namey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson briefed the Medical Control Board on the following protocol updates and asked for a motion for approval.
- T1 General Trauma Care
- T2 Traumatic Cardiac Arrest
- CP16 CAT Tourniquet

Dr. Pell called for a motion. Ms. Cullen made a motion to approve the additions. Dr. Namey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson briefed the Medical Control Board on the following protocol deletions and asked for a motion for approval.

Dr. Pell called for a motion. Dr. Feilinger made a motion to approve the deletions. Ms. Cullen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Hare briefed the Medical Control Board on the following EMS System updates:
- Progress of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program
- Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital LIFELINE Program
- BLS Ambulance Program
- Hospital Information Exchange Project
- Water Rescue Program improvements
- EMS Budget summary
- Recent Walmart fire event

OPEN FORUM

Dr. Haire asked what was being done from an EMS standpoint to prepare for the continued increase in transport volume in the coming year.

Mr. Hare replied that six new paramedic positions were being funded out to the cities. Additionally, the BLS Ambulance Program will augment the existing fleet by ten (10) ambulances and will divert approximately 20% of current call volume away from 9-1-1 responses.
Dr. Jameson discussed the benefits and lessons learned from the System Status Management approach to managing high call volume during periods when hospitals are on divert.

At Dr. Haire’s request, there was a lengthy discussion on the prehospital use of Versed and its pros and cons.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on August 18, 2016 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 11:20 A.M.

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