

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

ANNUAL MEETING

March 14, 2017

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 Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center
Ms. Sharon Hayes, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Vice-Chair)
Ms. Kelly Cullen, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Medical Center

Members Absent:

Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital (Chairman)
Dr. Brian Charity, Morton Plant Hospital
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center (Secretary)
Ms. Penny Vigneau, Largo Medical Center
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Raj Mathur, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Dr. Jeremy White, Florida Hospital North Pinellas

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Dr. David Ball, St. Anthony's Hospital
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics
Karen Macauley, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
Kathryn Gillette, Bayfront Medical Center
Lisa Nummi, Bayfront Medical Center
Joe Scotchlas, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center

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 six voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Cullen motioned for approval. Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
 - Mr. Woodrum stated he had received a nomination for Dr. Haire, and proceeded to turn the nominations to the floor. A vote to re-elect Dr. Haire as Chair, unanimously approved.
 - Dr. Pell was nominated as Vice-Chair, unanimously approved.
 - Ms. Hayes was nominated as Secretary, nomination was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR, EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION

- Update – EMS System
 - Mr. Hare reported things have been doing well, call volume has been up.
 - Mr. Hare said they are feeling the full effects of the health reform, denials have gone up, specifically in areas considered non-emergencies. We may need to start preauthorizing them before transferring.
 - Mr. Hare said that the Data Driven Focus Group meetings are concluding. Requests for additional 5 paramedic positions in the fire departments, 1 Clearwater, 2 Largo, 1 Pinellas Park, 1 Lealman. This will go to the EMS Advisory Council on Thursday. Mr. Hare noted we are in the next steps for getting Budgets in.
 - Mr. Hare updated the council on the data exchange program, ESO is onboard and all the County's EMS data is being sent to the service provider. Dr. Pell felt that we need to articulate why we are doing this, so that there is better understanding. Security issues were also discussed.

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Jameson

- Approval – Trauma Transport Protocol
 - Northside Hospital will be submitting an application. Updates to TTP draft distributed to council for their review.
 - Dr. Feilinger made a motion to approve. Ms. Cullen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Update – PreAct
 - Working in conjunction with the AHA, here and in California, piloting at Northside, other hospitals are showing interest.
- Update – Protocol T4: Deletion of Tetracaine
 - Pulling off regular line trunks
 - Dr. Feilinger made a motion to approve. Ms. Cullen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Discussion of PTSD Awareness level training for the first responders.
- Improvement cycles – Pediatrics and specialty team, i.e., Hazmat, tactical rescue, etc.
- New online Medical Control Physician joining – Dr. Semmons.

OPEN FORUM

- Mr. Hare stated that we are at the end of the 5 year Medical Direction contract and are ready to go out to bid for medical direction services. Will request for 2 Medical Control Board members to sit on the evaluation committee.
- Mr. Woodrum said that EMS Professional awards are coming and requested a member of the Medical Control Board to be an evaluator of those award recommendations. Both Dr. Feilinger and Dr. Pell volunteered.
- Dr. Thuriere – VA has a lot of PTSD experience and would like to collaborate with EMS on training and education in that area.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on June 13, 2017 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Pell adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M.

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