

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2018

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. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Dr. Brian Charity, Morton Plant Hospital
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, C.W. Bill Young V.A. Medical Center
Ms. Nancy Hopkins, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center - Secretary
Dr. Paula Pell, Pinellas County Medical Association - Vice Chair
Mr. Jake Fisher, Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Members Absent:

Dr. Raj Mathur, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Dr. Jeremy White, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Medical Center
Dr. Beth Girgis, Bayfront Medical Center

Staff Present:

Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director
Dr. Stephanie Tershakovec, EMS Fellow
Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Jason Ester, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration
Brooke Coslett, EMS & Fire Administration
Liz Fogo, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Brian Eells, Sunstar Paramedics
Chief Alex Bowlby, Pinellas Park Fire Department

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 8 voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Degina made a motion to approve and Dr. Charity seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR, EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION

- Currently searching for a replacement for Dr. Pell who is retiring, and an alternate. Dr. Epstein from Bayfront is interested in serving, working on that with the Medical Association, looking for a Pediatrician as an alternate from the Medical Association.
- Introduction of Brooke Coslett, Logistics Coordinator
- Kris Hoce, Medical Control Board member has left Morton Plant Hospital. His alternate is Nancy Hopkins. Lou Galdieri, new president of Morton Plant will be taking Kris's place
- John Murphy, EMS & Fire Administration, has been promoted to EMS Credentials Coordinator
- Keith Murray, EMS & Fire Administration Fire Coordinator, has resigned

APPROVAL: GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN – PRESENTATION

Mr. Hare gave a Power Point presentation on proposed Growth Management Plan

- This Growth Management Plan is a joint project of the County with the Cities and Fire Districts. Initial partners include Clearwater, Largo, East Lake, Regional 9-1-1, Pinellas Suncoast, Lealman, Seminole, Safety Harbor, St. Petersburg and Sunstar Paramedics.
- Utilizing performance metrics gathered and analyzed by the Data Driven Focus Group, it is proposed to implement the Medical Priority Dispatch System which will be a voluntary opt-in inter-local agreement preserving First Responder resources for life threatening emergencies and fire protection, and ambulance for transport mission. Cities will have to sign first to show buy-in, then the County will sign.

Discussion about clarifying points and questions ensued after presentation.

A motion to support implementation of the Medical Priority Dispatch System was made by Dr. Bellini. Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

- Approval – Update to AD2 911 Call Processing and Response Assignment
- Approval – Update to AD4 Non-Emergency Line Call Processing and Ambulance Response Assignment
- Approval – Update to AD6 Specialty Transport Unit Utilization (Combines previous AD6 BLS and AD7 MHT and adds bariatric)

A motion to approve updated Administrative Protocols was made by Mr. Degina. Dr. Thuriere seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Sent 1000 paramedics through EPC (Emergency Pediatric Care). It was a 16 hour hybrid class with 8 hours online and 8 hours in the classroom. It was extremely successful and our most comprehensive pediatric emergency training to date in our system.
- In service training is underway for all of the new protocols that were approved during the last Medical Control Board Meeting which go into effect January 2nd.
- Partnership to bring CAMLS over and leverage their expertise is on track – CME instructors will be receiving direct simulation, scenario based training from the director and some of the faculty at CAMLS sometime in January or February
- Currently, and continuously working with PEMHS to clarify misunderstandings regarding vocabulary and protocols, and will be analyzing flow of mental health patients from facility to facility
- Despite numbers currently being flat, the system is still very busy and metrics for our system vs. other systems around the country are very good
- Data exchange is now partially implemented
- Critical Care program protocol updates in process for next year
- Tech Rescue Medic protocols will be completely re-written as Hazmat Protocols have been
- Transformed Nurse Managers work group to include Stroke/STEMI with newly appointed chairs for Stroke/STEMI. Group will be driving community wide improvement for systems of care for patients suffering from Stroke/STEMI
- Will be looking at the next several years of programming for CME
- Actively working to strengthen ability to ask and answer clinical questions through partnerships with USF research assistants, residents and med students , and looking at bringing on a contract based Ph.D. researcher to do some data analysis

OPEN FORUM

No items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

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