

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2020

Zoom Conference Call
COVID-19

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met via Special Virtual Public Meeting utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on the Zoom platform at 9:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital - Chairman
Dr. Jose Barquin, AdventHealth North Pinellas
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Mr. Lou Galdieri, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Dr. Christos Politis, Largo Medical Center

Members Not Present:

Dr. Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young V.A. Medical Center – Vice Chairman
Dr. Steven Epstein, Pinellas County Medical Association
Mr. Jake Fisher, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Andrea Apple, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg (Alternate)
Mr. Jonathan Ashford, Palms of Pasadena Hospital (Alternate)

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Matt Nelson, St. Anthony's Hospital (Alternate)
Ms. Nancy Hopkins, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare (Alternate)
Brian Eells, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Haire called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were 6 voting members in attendance.

TELECONFERENCE PROCEDURES

Jason Ester, Senior Assistant County Attorney, provided an overview of teleconference procedures and stated that notice was not properly given, the meeting is limited to a presentation-only format, no member discussion is allowed, and the vote to be taken at a future meeting.

COVID-19 BRIEFING

Dr. Jameson, with input by Craig Hare, referred to a presentation titled *2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) EMS/Fire Pandemic Response Plan, March 2020*, and provided an overview of the following topics:

- Fire/EMS COVID-19 Operational Goals and Objectives
- Unified Command
- Service Level and Workforce Protection
- Operational Approach
 - Response Plan and Protocols
 - Protect Hospital and Healthcare System Resources
 - COVID Units
 - Maximize Transport Resources
 - Preserve Fire Rescue for Life-Threatening Missions
 - Multi-Agency Cooperation on Staffing
 - Unified Command
 - Disclaimer on Priority Dispatch and System Design
 - Consensus of Fire/EMS Professionals
 - EMS Advisory Council and Medical Control Board Review and Approval
 - Executive Policy Group
- Dispatch and Response Actions
- Approach to Suspected COVID-19 Patients
- COVID-19 Critical Care
- Stay-at-Home Care for COVID-19
- EMS – Hospital Plan for Transfer of Patient Care
- Workforce Exposure Plan
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Decontamination

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Haire adjourned the meeting at 10:05 A.M.