

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2018

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met at the SPC Allstate Center, Desoto Room AC103, 3200 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711 at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society – Vice-Chair
Chief Scott Ehlers, Clearwater Fire Department
Chief Ian Womack, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Chief Tom Jamison, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Capt. Brian Browne Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department
Mayor Woody Brown, Mayors' Council (Largo)
Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayors' Council (Kenneth City)
Karen Mullins, Citizen Representative (District 1)
Jeri Reed, Citizen Representative (District 3)
Jorge Mercado, Citizen Representative (District 7)
Chief Terry Tokarz, EMS Leadership Group
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College
Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official - Secretary

Absent:

Mayor Max Elson, Mayors' Council (South Pasadena)
Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayors' Council (Dunedin)
Larri Gerson, Citizen Representative (District 2)
Mike Jones, Citizen Representative (District 4)
Jason Dorr, Citizen Representative (District 5)
William Holmes, Citizen Representative (District 6)
Nancy Hopkins, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Brenda McCarthy, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association
Donald Turnbaugh, National Alliance on Mental Illness
John Jones, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Staff Present:

Jim Fogarty, Safety & Emergency Services
Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate EMS Medical Director
Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
Liz Fogo, EMS & Fire Administration
Brooke Coslett, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Chief David Mixson, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Chief Doug Zimmerman, EMS Leadership Group
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Brian Eells, Sunstar Paramedics
Stephen Glatstein, Sunstar Paramedics

Penni Eggers, St. Petersburg College
Chief Rob Angell, EMS Leadership Group
Chief Mike Burton, Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue
Chief Alex Bowlby, Pinellas Park Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Webster called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were 15 voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 21, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Mayor Dudley motioned for approval of the minutes and Chief Jamison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION Craig Hare, Dr. Webster, Dr. Jameson, Comm. Peluso
Recognition awards for individuals and agencies that responded to the Panhandle to assist during and after Hurricane Michael were given with the following inscription:

"In appreciation for your outstanding performance, dedication, and commitment during deployment to the Florida Panhandle, your assistance after the devastating impact of Hurricane Michael deserves recognition. On behalf of Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration and the Office of the Medical Director, we commend your efforts and teamwork."

TOUR OF THE SPC ALLSTATE CENTER Dr. Eric Carver

Dr. Eric Carver provided a short tour of the components of the SPC Allstate Center that are specific to supporting their new EMS Program.

PRESENTATION ON GROWTH MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES Jim Fogarty

Mr. Fogarty provided a presentation via Power Point on Growth Management Initiatives.

Priority dispatch is an important part of Growth Management, but it is just one component. Several pilots which have been running for the last year are addressing other aspects of Growth Management, including prevention programs that reduce the number of 911 calls, and directing 911 calls appropriately. Mr. Fogarty reviewed the positive results of those programs.

Discussion about clarifying points and questions ensued after presentation.

DATA DRIVEN FOCUS GROUP PRESENTATION Craig Hare, Ch. Jamison, Ch. Womack
Mr. Hare, Chief Jamison and Chief Womack provided a presentation via Power Point on the findings of the Data Driven Focus Group which is comprised of Clearwater, East Lake, Largo, 911 Center, Pinellas Suncoast, Safety Harbor, Seminole, Lealman, St. Petersburg and Sunstar Paramedics

It is a group that is collaboratively looking at collected data, analyzing how we evaluate the response performance and workload of first responder units as well as the Medical Director and 911 Center.

Presentation reviewed those findings and made recommendations regarding what may be needed to further support certain areas, and create sustainability system wide going forward.

Questions and discussion ensued after the presentation.

A motion to support the proposed recommendations was made by Mr. Mercado. Mayor Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 14 votes in favor, and 1 vote against.

REPORTS

- Director, EMS & Fire Administration – Craig Hare
 - Introduced Brooke Coslett, Logistics Coordinator
 - Fire Coordinator, Keith Murray has resigned
 - John Murphy has been promoted to Personnel Certification Coordinator
 - Final approach on a couple of new units, Tech Rescue 48 for Clearwater, Hazmat 33 Truck/Trailer for Pinellas Park
 - Space Needs – Currently out of space at EMS
 - Pinellas County Sheriff lead, and all agencies participated in, an active assailant Memorandum of Understanding which memorializes the approach discussed at previous Medical Control Board meetings. This approach utilizes ballistic vests and helmets for fire rescue and EMS. Using a Rescue Task Force is a national concept of getting paramedics in right behind law enforcement, as soon as law enforcement determines it's safe. MOU is out for review for the County and agencies to sign.

- EMS Medical Director – Dr. Jameson
 - Currently, and continuously working with PEMHS to clarify vocabulary, protocols, and will be analyzing flow of mental health patients from facility to facility
 - 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
 - Metrics for our system vs. other systems around the country are very good
 - Critical Care program protocol updates in process for next year
 - Tech Rescue Medic protocols will be completely re-written as Hazmat Protocols have been
 - Continue to work on Growth Management and strengthening partnership with USF for data analysis and research

- First Responders – Ch. Tom Jamison
 - System demand for EMS calls alone over a five year period has grown by 18% despite the numbers for the last year showing flatness, or slight decline. Too early to call that a trend.

- Sunstar – John Peterson
 - Contract year - October 1st to September 30th, did 184705 ambulance transports which is 0.37% increase year over year
 - October 2018, 2.5% increase, November 2c018, 2% compared to last year – still watching to see if trend continues

- Affiliates & Stakeholders – Dr. Webster
 - Osteopathic Medical Society is building a new medical college on Courtney Campbell Causeway where Clearwater Christian College used to be. A benefactor donated 200 mil to project. First building is underway, Osteopathic Offices and Administration, 320,000 sq. ft. building. It will be ready for utilization and the first classes will start in August. Future components will be Nursing College, a Physician Assistant Program, and a Health Sciences Program.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Announcement: Pinellas County has turned on text to 911.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting will take place on March 15, 2019 at 10 A.M. at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Webster adjourned the meeting at 12:05 P.M.

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