

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2019

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774 at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire Department
Chief Ian Womack, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Capt. Eric Dinan, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Chief David Mixson, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Capt. Michael Leiner, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College – Chair
Mayor Woody Brown, Mayors' Council (Largo)
Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayors' Council (Kenneth City)
Mayor Joseph Manzo, Mayors' Council (Belleair Beach)
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department
Larri Gerson, Citizen Representative (District 2)
Jeri Reed, Citizen Representative (District 3)
Mike Jones, Citizen Representative (District 4)
Becca Tieder, Citizen Representative (District 5)
William Holmes, Citizen Representative (District 6)
Jorge Mercado, Citizen Representative (District 7) – Secretary
Nancy Hopkins, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Chief Terry Tokarz, EMS Leadership Group
Chief Doug Zimmerman, EMS Leadership Group
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Dr. Steven Epstein, Pinellas County Medical Association
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association
Comm. Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official – Vice Chair
Comm. Kevin Kenney, East Lake Fire Rescue

Absent:

Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayors' Council (Dunedin)
Karen Mullins, Citizen Representative (District 1)
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Rosalie Bousher, National Alliance on Mental Illness
Denise Whitfield, 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
Jazmin Soloman, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Officer Joel Quattlebaum, Largo Police Department
Lt. Ann Starling, Largo Police Department
June Van Scoyoc, Belleair Beach Park & Recreation
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics
Josh Works, Sunstar Paramedics
Chief Brett Schlatterer, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Chief Rob Angell, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Lt. Nate Gilroy, Pinellas Park Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Carver called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were 20 voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 21, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Comm. Peluso made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

PRESENTATION: YELLOW DOT PROGRAM – Officer Joel Quattlebaum

Officer Joel Quattlebaum, Senior Services Officer with the Largo Police Department gave a presentation on the Yellow Dot Critical Motorist Medical Information Program (Yellow Dot Program). Officer Quattlebaum explained the program was a benefit to the safety, health and welfare of participating citizens and shared that the program would need to be created by the Board of County Commissioners as the governing body per Florida Statutes. Officer Quattlebaum asked for the support of the EMS Advisory Council toward that recommendation.

After discussion Comm. Peluso made a motion that the EMS Advisory Council support the Yellow Dot Program and that the Chair be authorized to sign a letter of support to be sent to the Commission Chair. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- Director, EMS & Fire Administration – Mr. Hare gave a system update and introduced Ms. Jazmin Soloman as the new Training Coordinator for the EMS & Fire Administration.
- EMS Medical Director – Dr. Jameson provided a system clinical update.
- First Responders – Ch. David Mixson gave an update on first responder operations.
- Sunstar – Mr. Peterson provided an update on ambulance operations and transport statistics
- Affiliates & Stakeholders - None

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation: System Workforce Briefing

Mr. Hare, Ch. Schlatterer, Ch. Tokarz, Dr. Jameson, Dr. Carver, Ch. Womack and Mr. Peterson all contributed to provide a very detailed presentation on system workforce. The presentation team covered system design, workforce progression within healthcare, impact of retirements,

system utilization increases, EMS Academy & Continuing Medical Education, innovative programs, expansion of EMS supervision, Sunstar staffing, industry comparisons, Sunstar attrition, Sunstar employee perception, salary information and strategic initiatives.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on December 20, 2019 at 10 A.M. at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Carver adjourned the meeting at 12:10 P.M.

Any correspondence received for this meeting is on file at the
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.