

**PINELLAS COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES - **DRAFT**

December 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 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  
Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College – Chair  
Mayor Woody Brown, Mayors' Council (Largo)  
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department  
Karen Mullins, Citizen Representative (District 1)  
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  
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society  
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics  
Comm. Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official – Vice Chair  
Rosalie Bousher, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Absent:

Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayors' Council (Dunedin)  
Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayors' Council (Kenneth City)  
Mayor Joseph Manzo, Mayors' Council (Belleair Beach)  
Larri Gerson, Citizen Representative (District 2)  
Jeri Reed, Citizen Representative (District 3)  
Mike Jones, Citizen Representative (District 4)  
Becca Tieder, Citizen Representative (District 5)  
Dr. Steven Epstein, Pinellas County Medical Association  
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association

Staff Present:

Lourdes Benedict, County Administration  
Jim Fogarty, Safety & Emergency Services  
Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration  
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director  
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate EMS Medical Director  
Dr. Andrew Smith, EMS Fellow  
Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office  
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration  
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Comm. Kevin Kenney, East Lake Fire Rescue  
Julie Bacon, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital  
Chief Scott Sanford, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue  
Chief Mark Zipeto, Dunedin Fire Department  
Chief Doug Zimmerman, EMS Leadership Group  
Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire Department  
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics  
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics  
Chief Brett Schlatterer, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Chief Andrew Hughes, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Chief Alex Bowlby, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Chief Rob Angell, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Lt. Nate Gilroy, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Capt. Allen Smay, Lealman Fire Department

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Dr. Eric 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 16 voting members in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the September 20, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Mayor Woody Brown made a motion, seconded by Chief Terry Tokarz, to approve the September 20, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**

Craig Hare made the following introductions and recognitions:

- Holly Estep and Brenda Dixon, newly hired with EMS and Fire Administration Administrative Support Specialists, who are long-time employees with Sunstar and Pinellas County, respectively.
- Julie Bacon, All Children's Hospital Chief Flight Nurse. Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Pediatric Trauma Center successfully passed its full site evaluation with glowing reviews.

Chairman Carver announced that he will be moving to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on January 2 to pursue economic development opportunities between Chattanooga State and the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. Mr. Hare and Dr. Angus Jameson recognized Dr. Carver for his outstanding dedication, passion, and leadership while serving as the EMSAC Chairman.

Mr. Hare and Dr. Jameson recognized David Hudak, EMS Protocol and Equipment Coordinator, for his outstanding leadership and dedicated coordination of the 2020 Medical Operations Manual (MOM) protocol updates.

## **PROPOSED EMS RULES & REGULATIONS UPDATES APPROVED**

Commissioner Julie Peluso reported that the EMS Management Committee met earlier this morning to review the proposed changes to the EMS Rules and Regulations. Mr. Hare briefed the EMS Advisory Council on the tentative revisions and requested approval. Following discussion, Ms. Karen Mullins made a motion, seconded by Chief Scott Ehlers, to approve the proposed changes to the EMS Rules and Regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS:**

- Director, EMS & Fire Administration: Mr. Hare, with input by Jim Fogarty, provided a system update.
- EMS Medical Director: Dr. Jameson presented a clinical system update.
- First Responders: Chief Tom Jamison, with input by Dr. Jameson and Mr. Hare, provided a Priority Dispatch overview.
- Sunstar: John Peterson discussed ambulance operations and transport statistics.
- Affiliates and Stakeholders: There were no Affiliate or Stakeholder reports given.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Workforce Development: Mr. Hare briefed the Board on the Training Strategic Planning Workshop held earlier this week and presented information regarding participants, topics of interest, collaborative activities, accomplishments, and long-term goals. Discussion ensued on succession planning and funding support.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dr. Kenneth Webster announced the opening of Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Tampa Bay Regional Campus, a 320,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, noting that its first class has 162 osteopathic surgeon students, Pinellas County students are given priority consideration, and three scholarships were given to local applicants last week. He thanked the Patel family's contribution and invited EMSAC members to tour the campus.
- EMSAC Board members are invited to attend the *First Responders and Human Trafficking: Identifying Victims from a Survivor Perspective* conference at the Allstate Center on Friday, January 17, 2020, noting that the Florida Dream Center and Work Alive have been collaborating on human trafficking initiatives.
- Mr. Hare announced that the EMS Today National Conference is coming to Tampa in March of 2020, and he will be hosting EMS Directors from the Academy of International Mobile Healthcare Integration (AIMHI), noting that he is a member.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on March 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774. This will be an annual meeting with election of officers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Carver adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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