

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 16, 2021

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council Executive Committee met using the Zoom online meeting platform and in person at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Eric Carver, St. Petersburg College - Chair
Commissioner Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official
William Holmes, Citizen Representative (District 6)
Mayor Joseph Manzo, Mayors' Council (Belleair Beach)
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics

Staff Present:

James Fogarty, Bureau Director, Safety and Emergency Services
Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Carver called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a physical quorum in the room as well as others joining virtually.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

FY22 FUNDING FOR CONSOLIDATED COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM

Mr. James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety & Emergency Services gave a presentation on the state of computer aided dispatch systems within Pinellas County. Mr. Fogarty described the public safety benefits of consolidating the eight various CAD systems into one system. He described that current systems from a technological standpoint were beyond their useful life. Mr. Fogarty stated that there is currently Federal funding available toward the procurement of a consolidated system, however, there is a short window of opportunity for Pinellas County to submit their request and he requested support from the EMS Advisory Council toward that goal.

Mr. Holmes asked about the useful life of a CAD system and how they currently communicate between each other. Mr. Fogarty stated that the useful life is generally ten to fifteen years based on technological advances. CAD communication between agencies, although not problematic now, would be improved through consolidation by allowing each responding agency to see the status/location of their fellow responders.

Mr. Peterson asked what the next steps would be should funding be approved. Mr. Fogarty clarified that this project was already in progress and that this funding would help lessen the financial burden to the Fire/EMS system.

Mayor Manzo stated that he represents the Mayors' Council of Pinellas County and sees the public safety value to this system for our citizens. Mayor Manzo stated that he would make this presentation to the Mayors' Council and seek support from that body.

Mr. Fogarty thanked Mayor Manzo for his support and stated that he would be available to the Mayors' Council to answer any questions they may have.

After discussion, Dr. Carver called for a motion. Comm. Peluso made a motion that a letter of support be drafted on behalf of the EMS Advisory Council to Congressman Bilirakis and that the Chair be authorized to sign. Mayor Manzo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be a full EMS Advisory Council meeting and is scheduled for June 18, 2021. The format is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Carver adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

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