

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES - **DRAFT**

December 19, 2019

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

Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital  
Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital - Chairman  
Dr. Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young V.A. Medical Center – Vice Chairman  
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital  
Ms. Nancy Hopkins, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare  
Dr. Christos Politis, Largo Medical Center  
Dr. Jose Barquin, AdventHealth North Pinellas

Members Absent:

Mr. Jake Fisher, Palms of Pasadena Hospital  
Mr. Jonathan Ashford, Palms of Pasadena Hospital  
Dr. Steven Epstein, Pinellas County Medical Association  
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society  
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg  
Dr. Andrea Apple, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Matt Nelson, St. Anthony's Hospital  
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics  
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics  
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics  
Brian Eells, Sunstar Paramedics  
Karen Macauley, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital  
Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire & Rescue  
Chief Andrew Hughes, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Capt. Allen Smay, Lealman Fire Department  
Lt. Nate Gilroy, Pinellas Park Fire Department

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Haire called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were 7 voting members in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Bellini made a motion to approve, and Dr. Barquin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Chairman Haire shared information about his recent visit to New York City and Staten Island's work with various community agencies to combat opioid overdoses and addiction in their area, and discussion ensued.

Dr. Jameson discussed the Fusion Group's creation of the Law Enforcement Naloxone Program and participation in the Pinellas County Opioid Task Force, noting grant funding opportunities. He shared that he completed his DEA X waiver in the fall and noted work at Tampa General ER on overdose prevention with Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Lengthy discussion ensued relating to local substance abuse programs, treatment barriers, cost/reimbursement, demographics, and current trends. Members are invited to attend quarterly Fusion Group meetings.

## **DIRECTOR, EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION**

Craig Hare provided updates on the following items:

- EMS Strategic Training Planning: Conducted a workshop in December and discussed participants, collaborative activities, and results.
- EMS Academy: Program expansion with changes to the paramedic and EMT classroom schedules, structured internship program, and improved Capstone testing.
- Board of County Commissioner (BCC) approval of EMS grant, waiting on State approval to begin purchase process for controlled substance tracking and inventory management system. Software implementation plan to be brought forward to Medical Control Board (MCB) in March.
- Proposed Changes to EMS Rules & Regulations: Briefed the Board on the changes and requested approval, and discussion ensued. Dr. Feilinger made a motion to approve, and Dr. Bellini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hare related that the revisions to the EMS Rules & Regulations will be presented for approval to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee tomorrow, December 20, and the BCC in January.

## **MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Dr. Jameson presented updates on the following items:

- Planned protocol projects for Pediatric King Airways, Junctional Tourniquets, and Technical Rescue Team.
- Research Assistant hired to assist with multiple ongoing projects.
- National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP): Plans to attend the January conference in San Diego with Dr. Andrew Smith.
- Reanimate Conference: Scheduled to attend the hands-on ECMO training for the prehospital arena in the spring.
- EMS Academy: Successfully relaunched, continuing to refine and improve the program.
- 2020 Medical Operations Manual Version 2: Briefed members on revisions and requested approval of the Board. Following discussion, Chairman Haire called for a motion. Dr. Barquin made a motion to approve, and Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hare recognized David Hudak, EMS Equipment and Protocol Coordinator, for his outstanding work on this project.
- ED/Nurse Manager/STEMI/Stroke: Meeting is going well, and members continue to share best practices.

- Shared that the Florida Stroke Registry has created a Pinellas County Regional Dashboard, a valuable tool to help manage our stroke care performance. He distributed a document containing 2018 Registry data and provided statistical information related stroke triage analysis and endovascular intervention, noting significant improvement in the percentage of ER patients that get TPA with within 30 minutes of arrival. He related that 2019 dashboard data should be coming out soon and modified ranking scales may show improved neurologic outcomes.
- State Sample Stroke Triage Form: Discussed substantive language changes to the document and state statute, noting that the changes may impact stroke triage going forward.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Hare announced that the EMS Today National Conference is coming to Tampa in March of 2020, noting that he will be hosting EMS Director members from the Academy of International Mobile Healthcare Integration (AIMHI), of which he is a member.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Haire adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.