

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

HYBRID REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2021

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

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital - Chairman
Dr. Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young V.A. Medical Center - Vice Chairman
Dr. Jose Barquin, AdventHealth North Pinellas
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg
Ms. Patti Squires, Largo Medical Center (Alternate)
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Mr. Lou Galdieri, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Dr. Aron Schlau, Pinellas County Medical Association
Dr. Matt Nelson, St. Anthony's Hospital (Alternate)

Members Not Present:

Mr. Michael Irvin, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Mr. Raynard Ware, Palms of Pasadena Hospital (Alternate)
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society - Secretary

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Stephen Haire called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll call was taken, and Greg Woodrum determined that a quorum was present. There were 7 voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon presentation by Dr. Haire, Lou Galdieri moved, seconded by Dr. Jose Barquin and carried unanimously, that the minutes of the March 17, 2021 Medical Control Board meeting be approved.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

SYSTEM UPDATE - DIRECTOR, EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION

Craig Hare provided the following information:

- Expressed appreciation for the great working relationships between hospitals and the EMS system.
- Presented an overview of First Responder and Fire budgets and discussed various contract amendments and funding requests.
- Pinellas County EMS has transitioned to Pandemic Plan Condition Green and discussed updates to COVID-19 guidelines.
- Provided information regarding call volume and discussed hospital staffing issues and bed delays. John Peterson presented statistical information regarding 2020 versus 2019 month- and year-to-date call volume and discussed staffing challenges, impacts to Sunstar operations, and strategies being implemented to recruit and retain employees.
- Thanked Jeremy Tinter and the hospitals for their collaborative efforts collecting and submitting required documentation to the American Heart Association, noting that Pinellas County once again was awarded AHA Mission Lifeline Gold Plus recognition.
- Presented information on Ambulance accreditation, noting the process is currently underway and on track.
- Reported that the Tower Replacement project is almost complete.
- Recognized Commissioner Kenneth Webster for his distinguished career spanning 34 years, with service as Executive Director of the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society and dedication to Pinellas County's Emergency Medical Services System and EMS Advisory Council for the last 10 years.
- Recognized Radio and Technology Director Jackie Weinreich for reaching 35 years of employment with Pinellas County.
- Reported on the design and construction progress of various fire stations.
- Provided updates on the Controlled Substance Protocol/PSTrax rollout/related training, Cyberlock system, and CACTUS medical waste container installation.

Growth Management Expansion – Sick Person Omega – APPROVED

Referring to page 6 of the agenda packet, Craig Hare provided an operational overview of Growth Management expansion and discussed participating agencies, priority dispatch and billing processes, statistical information regarding ambulance/First Responder transports, and EMD sub-determinant codes, noting how the level of service changes will improve the EMS system as a whole. Dr. Jameson reviewed the clinical standards regarding the use of determinant cards and process for designating response types, and the members provided input.

Following lengthy discussion, Mr. Hare presented the item for approval; whereupon, Dr. Barquin moved, seconded by Dr. Krista Gillis, that the Board approve Growth Management expansion with the Sick Person Omega upgrade and review on a semi-annual basis. The motion passed unanimously.

CLINICAL UPDATE – EMS Medical Director

Dr. Jameson presented new and updated clinical information on the following topics:

- Controlled Substances Protocols – APPROVED

Referred to pages 7 through 45 of the agenda packet and reviewed the core principles of administration and operation of the Pinellas County EMS Master Controlled Substance Security Plan, and discussion ensued; whereupon, upon presentation by Dr. Haire, Dr.

Barquin moved, seconded by Dr. Aron Schlau, that the Board approve the Pinellas County EMS Master Controlled Substance Security Plan.

- Pandemic Condition Green (Dispatch, PPE, and clinical changes): Referred to pages 46 through 64 and provided information regarding Medical Control Directive 2021-07, Implementation of Pinellas County EMS Pandemic Plan Condition Green and COVID-19 Guidelines Updates.
- 2022 Protocol Plan: Referred to pages 65 through 70 and provided information regarding updates to Medical Control Directive 2021-08, Medical Operations Manual Section CS19.14 Revisions.
- Continued Bed Delays/Utilization of System Status Management (SSM): Referred to pages 71 through 75 and provided information regarding Medical Control Directive 2021-09, Protocol CT24 Interfacility Transport Levels of Care, CCT-CT2 Interfacility Transport Guidelines, and CCT-AP3 Accessing Critical Care Team (CCT/CCP) Interfacility Transport. Members presented input regarding protocols for facility transports, freestanding emergency rooms, and communication of patient acuity.
- Pediatric age ranges for various clinical conditions, trauma/psych/medical: Referred to page 76 and discussed pediatric-specific considerations. Paramedics may give a notification card to family members regarding patient location.
- COSSAP Grant – Operation PAR referral and Leave Behind Narcan: Presented information about the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Grant, noting that the purpose of the funding is to connect patients with Opioid Use Disorder to treatment across disciplines. Discussed plans and support for implementation of an Opioid Use Disorder Provider program.
- Noted that Comprehensive Stroke facility certification deadline is July 2, 2021.

OPEN FORUM

- Craig Hare provided an update regarding the EKG Monitor Replacement Project, noting that three bids have been received.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021, format to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Haire adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M.

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