

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

October 24, 2013

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met at Public Safety Services, First Floor Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Ray Neri, Citizen Representative (Secretary)  
William Israel, Citizen Representative  
George McCarthy, Citizen Representative  
Anne Scofield, Citizen Representative  
Dr. Scott Kuebler, Citizen Representative  
Mayor Travis Palladeno, Mayors' Council (Madeira Beach)  
Chief Robert Weiss, Clearwater Fire Department  
Chief Joe Accetta, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Chief William Scott, Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Assoc.  
Vicki Glenn, Sunstar Paramedics  
Dr. Phillip Nicotera, St. Petersburg College, Health Education Programs  
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department  
Kelly Cullen, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter (Chair)  
Dr. David Weiland Jr., Pinellas County Medical Association

#### Absent:

Blake MacPherson, Citizen Representative  
Carl Lavender, Citizen Representative  
Major Sean Jowell, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
Capt. Glenn Luben, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society  
James Terry, Independent Fire District Elected Official  
Kathleen Litton, Independent Fire District Elected Official  
Mayor Chris Arbutine, Mayors' Council (Belleair Bluffs)  
Mayor Doug Bevis, Mayors' Council (Oldsmar)  
Mayor Patricia Gerard, Mayors' Council (Largo)  
Chief Steve Knight, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue  
Capt. Ian Womack, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue

#### Also Present:

Craig Hare, Emergency Medical Services  
Dr. Angus Jameson, Associate Medical Director  
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director  
Don Crowell, County Attorney's Office  
Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office  
Greg Woodrum, Emergency Medical Services  
Chief Tom Jamison, East Lake Fire Department  
Chief Guy Keirn, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Chief Bob Markford, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue  
Chief Jeff Parks, Dunedin Fire Department  
Chief Joseph Connors, Clearwater Fire Department  
Debbie Vass, Sunstar Paramedics  
Shelby Rivera, Bayfront Medical Center  
Susan Byrd, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Cullen called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum present. There were 14 voting members in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 29, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Israel made a motion to accept the minutes and Mayor Palladeno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**EMS Administration:** Mr. Hare reported that numerous agencies were supporting the funeral of Congressman Young that morning to include Largo Fire Rescue, Sunstar Paramedics and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Hare reported that the rollout of electronic Patient Care Reporting was near completion and that all agencies would be live by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Hare stated that discussions with fire chiefs would begin in November toward the renewal of the ALS First Responder Agreements with cities and districts.

Mr. Hare briefed that two nominations had been received to fill labor representative positions on the EMS Management Committee. The nominees were Robert Stanley and Richard Pauley.

**EMS Medical Director:** Dr. Jameson briefed that update of the Medical Operations Manual is nearing completion and the goal will be to make it available to the field in electronic format.

Dr. Jameson reported on outcomes of recent protocol updates.

Dr. Jameson announced that on November 22<sup>nd</sup> Pinellas County EMS would be hosting a symposium on advanced care for cardiac arrest patients. This symposium will be in partnership with the American Heart Association and will host numerous nationally known speakers.

**Sunstar:** Ms. Glenn briefed that FY13 transports were 140,710 compared to FY12 transports of 138,419 and that overall responses this year were 186,000 compared to 183,000 last fiscal year.

Ms. Glenn also reported on efforts that Sunstar is involved in to support Breast Cancer awareness.

**First Responders:** Chief Accetta announced that with the retirement of Chief James Angle, he would become the primary Fire Chiefs' Association representative on the Advisory Council and that Chief Jeff Parks of Dunedin would be the alternate representative.

Chief Accetta briefed the 2013 incident statistics provided by 9-1-1 Division.

Chairman Cullen congratulated Chief Angle on his new position at the Fire Academy and stated that staff would draft an official letter thanking him for his service to the Advisory Council.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE NOMINATION**

Chairman Cullen thanked the members of the Selection Committee that met prior to the current meeting to select a nominee to fill the vacant Citizen Representative position on the Advisory Council.

Mr. Woodrum announced that the Selection Committee had selected Ms. Joy Lewis to be nominated to fill the existing vacancy and had also selected Ms. Beth Rawlins and Mr. William Holmes as alternates to fill future citizen vacancies that may come available.

Chairman Cullen called for a motion to approve Ms. Lewis to fill the existing position. Dr. Kuebler made a motion to approve the nomination and Ms. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Cullen appointed Mr. Robert Stanley and Mr. Richard Pauley to serve on the EMS Management Committee and called for approval. Ms. Scofield made a motion to approve and Dr. Weiland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hare informed the Council that due to Chief Angle's retirement, a new Vice-Chair of the Advisory Council would need to be selected. Mr. Hare advised that traditionally the Vice-Chair was also the Chair of the EMS Management Committee so that should also be considered when making a recommendation.

Chairman Cullen said that the Vice-Chair nomination would be added to the next meeting's agenda and that any nominations should be given to Mr. Woodrum for presentation at the next meeting.

Mr. Hare announced that staff would be bringing a nomination packet to the EMS Authority to allow Chief Bob Markford to fill the alternate PALS representative position on the Council.

Ms. Scofield requested that the First Responder incident report be categorized by age to reflect pediatric incidents.

Mr. Hare requested that the EMS Management Committee take on the task of making recommendations to update the EMS Rules & Regulations.

Ms. Scofield stated that Mr. Grasso of the Pinellas County Schools Administration asked her to express his appreciation for the community support in reaction to the issue of EMS coverage during school sporting events.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on December 19, 2013 at 10 A.M. That meeting will be held at the Public Safety Services Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Neri made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Weiland seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

An audio recording of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at Emergency Medical Services Division.