

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

May 16, 2013

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met in a regular session at Public Safety Services, First Floor Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital (Chair)  
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital  
Dr. Cecele Murphy, St. Anthony's Hospital  
Mr. Keith Neeley, Bay Pines Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Mr. Brian Flynn, Palms of Pasadena Hospital (Vice-Chair)  
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society  
Dr. Hiten Upadhyay, Bayfront Medical Center

### Members Absent:

Dr. Henry Kurusz III, St. Petersburg General Hospital  
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Secretary)

### Also Present:

Craig Hare, Public Safety Services  
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director  
Don Crowell, County Attorney's Office  
Greg Woodrum, Public Safety Services  
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics  
Debbie Vass, Sunstar Paramedics  
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics  
Vicki Glenn, Sunstar Paramedics  
Anthony Degin, Largo Medical Center  
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, Bay Pines Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Kelly Cullen, Morton Plant Mease  
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital  
Assistant Chief William Scott, Largo Fire Rescue  
Matt Marshall, HCA West Florida  
Jennifer Pearson, Bay Pines Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Karen Macauley, All Children's Hospital

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

Chairman Haire called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. A roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were seven voting members in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Neeley motioned for approval. Dr. Bellini seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **UPDATE- MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Dr. Jameson updated the Medical Control Board on the following projects and initiatives:

- Clinical Operating Guideline Action Team
- Crew Resource Management Training Discussion
- Q-CPR and Pit Crew Management of Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- EMS Hospital Data Sharing Agreement

Dr. Jameson briefed and sought approval for the following protocol updates. Chairman Haire called for a motion immediately following discussion of each item.

- Extraglottic Airway Field Trial: Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve and Mr. Neeley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- EMS Destination and Hospital Divert Protocols: Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve and Dr. Upadhyay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a detailed discussion related to Hospital Bypass Protocol and then Chairman Haire allowed comments from the audience on this subject.

Dr. Bellini made a motion to delay changes to the current Hospital Bypass Protocol pending further discussion. Dr. Namey seconded the motion. On call for a vote the motion failed four to three.

Dr. Murphy made a motion that the Hospital Bypass Protocol be changed to state that if there is a delay that extends beyond 30 minutes, the hospital will be placed on a two (2) hour bypass condition with compromise language that the hospital can request to be removed from bypass when they feel they are ready. Dr. Upadhyay seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **UPDATE- EMS SYSTEM**

Mr. Hare briefed that Fitch & Associates recommended that staff not pursue implementation of Phase 3 Priority Dispatch at this time.

Dr. Jameson agreed with the Fitch opinion and made a recommendation to the Medical Control Board that Phase 3 Priority Dispatch be delayed until 45 days after the conclusion of the Fitch study.

Chairman Haire called for a motion. Dr. Namey made a motion to support Dr. Jameson's recommendation. Mr. Neeley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson briefed and sought approval for the use of "On-Star" for Medical Priority Dispatch (Protocol 3.1). Chairman Haire made a motion to approve and Mr. Neeley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson briefed and sought approval of updates to the Patient Care Report (Protocol 7.1). Dr. Bellini made a motion to approve and Mr. Flynn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hare briefed the Medical Control Board on recent staff additions within the EMS Division of Public Safety Services.

Mr. Hare updated the Medical Control Board on the progress of the Fitch & Associates study.

### **MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. Woodrum briefed that correspondence was received from Mr. Glenn Waters of his intent to step down as a member of the Medical Control Board. A nomination was also received for Mr. Kris Hoce of Morton Plant Mease to replace Mr. Waters.

Mr. Woodrum also stated that a letter of resignation had been received from Mr. Stephen Daugherty along with a letter of nomination for Mr. Anthony Degina of Largo Medical Center to replace Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Hare briefed that staff would prepare those nominations to go to the EMS Authority.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Hare announced that staff would poll for a quorum on the next meeting date because that seems to work better for the members. All were in agreement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Namey seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

An audio recording of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at Public Safety Services – EMS Division.