

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

September 5, 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:

Mr. Brian Flynn, Palms of Pasadena Hospital (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Secretary)
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Hiten Upadhyay, Bayfront Medical Center

Members Absent:

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital (Chair)
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Dr. Henry Kurusz III, St. Petersburg General Hospital
Mr. Kris Hoce, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare

Also Present:

Dr. Bruce Moeller, Safety & Emergency Services
Craig Hare, Emergency Medical Services
Dr. Angus Jameson, Associate Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director
Don Crowell, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, Emergency Medical Services
Shawn Tatham, Emergency Medical Services
Kelly Cullen, Morton Plant Mease
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Kim Pickett, Sunstar Paramedics
Ryan Mitchell, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Ashley Fleming, University of Iowa

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Flynn 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 May 16, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Upadhyay motioned for approval. Dr. Namey seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

UPDATE- MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jameson updated the Medical Control Board on the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline and a cardiac arrest conference being planned for November.

Dr. Jameson briefed and sought approval for amendments to the following protocols:

- Protocol 5.4 Cardiac Arrest Perfusion Program (CAPP)
- Protocol 5.6 Medical Cardiac Arrest
- Protocol 5.10 Adult Post-Resuscitation Care
- Protocol 8.1 EMS Equipment References
- Protocol 8.2 Intubation Specifics

After discussion, Vice-Chairman Flynn called for a motion. Dr. Pell made a motion to approve the protocol amendments and Mr. Degina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At the request of the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Moeller gave an overview of the Fitch Report as it relates to Priority Dispatch Phase 3 for the benefit of the new members of the Board.

Dr. Jameson stated that it is his recommendation that Priority Dispatch Phase 3 be eliminated at this time and that the issue be sent back to the EMS Management Committee for further discussion and that the EMS Management Committee should provide a recommendation back to the Medical Control Board. A letter from the EMS Advisory Council to the Medical Control Board echoed Dr. Jameson's recommendation.

Vice-Chairman Flynn asked staff to explain the relationship between the EMS Advisory Council and the Medical Control Board and how they interact under the EMS Authority.

Mr. Hare replied that both groups are appointed by the EMS Authority. The Medical Control Board is the more technical advisory and approves all protocols while the Advisory Council is comprised of laypersons, Mayors, fire chiefs and professionals. The EMS Management Committee is a subcommittee of the Advisory Council and is comprised of stakeholders.

After discussion, Vice-Chairman Flynn called for a motion. Mr. Degina made a motion to accept Dr. Jameson's recommendation regarding Priority Dispatch and Dr. Namey seconded the motion. Dr. Pell interjected at this point that she is concerned with the lack of a timeline. Ms. Cullen who is the current Chair of the EMS Advisory Council stated that she would make sure that the Medical Control Board is given a progress report by the end of the year. Upon call for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson provided an executive summary of the anticipated 2014 Clinical Operating Guidelines and stated that it will be made available in hard copy and electronically so that crews can pull it up on their electronic devices.

UPDATE- EMS SYSTEM

Mr. Hare briefed the Medical Control Board on a minor revision to Protocol 6.1 Hospital Destination Policy.

After discussion, Vice-Chairman Flynn called for a motion. Dr. Pell made a motion to approve the revision. Dr. Namey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hare gave the following EMS system updates:

- Staff will be meeting with the ER Nurse Managers group on a more regular basis now that a QA Coordinator is on board.
- ALS First Responder Agreements will be extended for another year with direction from the Board of County Commissioners to the process of negotiating a multi-year agreement.
- The system will be 100% electronic patient care reporting by early November.
- A standardized narcotic control system is currently being developed. A full plan and policy will be brought to the Medical Control Board for approval in December.
- Dedicated ambulance standby policy for high school sporting events.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Woodrum briefed that Dr. Upadhyay would be stepping down as a member of the Medical Control Board and that Dr. Jeremy Ingram has been nominated as his replacement.

Dr. Upadhyay gave some parting comments and Mr. Hare thanked him for all his dedication to the Medical Control Board over the years.

Vice-Chairman Flynn also thanked Dr. Upadhyay for his service to the Medical Control Board.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Upadhyay made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Namey seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

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