

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

May 15, 2014

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met in a regular session at the Emergency Medical Services Center, 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. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital  
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center  
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society  
Dr. Jeremy Ingram, Bayfront Medical Center

### **Members Absent:**

Mr. Brian Flynn, Palms of Pasadena Hospital (Vice-Chair)  
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center  
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Secretary)  
Mr. Kris Hoce, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare  
Dr. Henry Kurusz III, St. Petersburg General Hospital

### **Also Present:**

Craig Hare, Emergency Medical Services  
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director  
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director  
Carl Brody, County Attorney's Office  
Greg Woodrum, Emergency Medical Services  
David Hudak, Emergency Medical Services  
Shawn Tatham, Emergency Medical Services  
Mark Postma, Sunstar Paramedics  
Debbie Vass, Sunstar Paramedics  
Kim Lacina, Sunstar Paramedics  
Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center

### **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 six voting members in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Namey motioned for approval. Mr. Degina seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Dr. Jameson briefed all protocol updates to include standardized dosages, multiple verbiage edits, clinical tools, Cyano kits and formulary formats.

Dr. Jameson reported that new protocols to include Tactical protocols would be turned on next week.

Dr. Jameson briefed that the soft launch of the Center for Prehospital Medicine has taken place. This facility will be able to provide high fidelity simulation training for paramedics.

Dr. Jameson said that the Pinellas County EMS system had received its very first American Heart Association Mission Lifeline award. This was significant because it was the first time ever that this award had been given to EMS.

Dr. Jameson discussed the data that he analyzed relevant to airway management. Dr. Jameson stated that he had reviewed roughly 1,000 charts and presented his findings to the Medical Control Board. There was a lengthy discussion of the topic.

Chairman Haire requested a spot check of maybe 100 airway management cases that will take place between now and the end of the year.

Chairman Haire brought up a previous request made by Mr. Flynn to review hospital destinations. Chairman Haire requested a review of what hospitals EMS had transported to over the past three years. Mr. Hare responded that staff would get a report out to the Medical Control Board and would follow up with discussion at the next meeting.

There was discussion and clarification on the Hospital Destination Protocol.

Chairman Haire called for a motion on the updated protocols as presented by Dr. Jameson. Dr. Bellini made a motion to approve the protocol updates. Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **EMS DIRECTOR**

Mr. Hare announced that Dr. Raj Mathur, ER Medical Director at Florida Hospital North Pinellas, would be replacing Dr. Kurusz on the Medical Control Board.

Mr. Hare briefed the status of ongoing projects that support the EMS system to include renewal of the ALS First Responder Agreements with cities and fire districts and International Trauma Life Support re-certifications.

At this point, Dr. Jameson clarified current trauma alert criteria protocols as they are applied locally and efforts to improve upon those criteria.

Mr. Hare reported that May training would be focused on Crew Resource Management. This training is designed to improve on-scene communications to reduce errors and reduce conflicts while caring for the patient.

Mr. Hudak gave an update on the new narcotic control improvement program that uses an electronic key system and would be launched in a couple weeks.

Dr. Jameson reinforced that at any given time there are approximately 1,200 vials of controlled substances out on ambulances and fire vehicles and that every one of them are under his DEA license. This poses a huge liability to him and he thanked the County for being willing to make these improvements to the program.

Mr. Hare added that this project is being funded through a State EMS Grant.

Chairman Haire asked Mr. Hare to comment on recent system awards that had been received.

Mr. Hare reported that the following system awards had been received:

Ms. Kim Lacina, Director of Clinical Services, Mr. Steve Fravel, EMS Data Coordinator and Dr. Jameson contributed the bulk of the work toward achieving the Mission Lifeline Award.

Ms. Terri Griffin from Pinellas County 9-1-1 was awarded the Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year. She was recognized with two others, Ms. Rebecca Rogers and Mr. Patrick Lavender, for their actions toward saving a stroke patient.

Mr. Jay Horne of Sunstar Paramedics was awarded the Emergency Medical Technician of the Year.

Mr. Christopher Eisenhardt, Sunstar Paramedics S.W.A.T. Team Leader, was awarded the Paramedic of the Year.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Haire requested clarification on the current active membership of the Medical Control Board.

Mr. Hare and Mr. Woodrum briefed pending appointments and provided clarification.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the Emergency Medical Services Center, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Haire adjourned the meeting at 10:59 A.M.

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