

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

June 10, 2015

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met in an annual meeting at the EMS & Fire Administration, First Floor Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 1:30 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital (Chair)
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center
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. Raj Mathur, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Dr. Beth Girgis, Bayfront Medical Center

Members Absent:

Ms. Sharon Hayes, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society

Staff Present:

Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration Director
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director
Jason Ester, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration
Shawn Tatham, EMS & Fire Administration
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Kim Lacina, Sunstar Paramedics
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Haire called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. A roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were eight voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Woodrum announced that the officer positions up for election are Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and that he had received one nomination for Dr. Haire to serve another term as Chair.

For the position of Chair, Dr. Pell nominated Dr. Haire and Mr. Degina seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

For the position of Vice-Chair, Dr. Feilinger nominated Dr. Pell and Dr. Haire seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

For the position of Secretary, Dr. Feilinger nominated Mr. Degina and Dr. Thuriere seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

The newly elected slate of officers for the EMS Medical Control Board is:

Chair: Dr. Stephen Haire
Vice-Chair: Dr. Paula Pell
Secretary: Mr. Anthony Degina

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jameson provided a briefing on updates to the Pinellas County Trauma Transport Protocols as required by the State. After discussion, Dr. Haire called for a motion to approve. Dr. Feilinger made a motion to approve the protocols as presented. Dr. Thuriere seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson then briefed updates made to the local Medical Operations Manual to match the Trauma Transport Protocols provided to the State. Dr. Haire called for a motion to approve. Mr. Hoce made a motion to approve the protocols as presented. Mr. Degina seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson presented an update on improvements made to the Controlled Substance Handling protocols. After discussion, Dr. Haire called for a motion to approve. Mr. Hoce made a motion to approve the protocols pending legal review. Mr. Degina seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Hare announced that the EMS System was awarded the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline gold award.

Mr. Hare stated that ambulance dispatch had been relocated to the Regional 9-1-1 Center. This collocates 9-1-1, Sheriff's dispatch, fire dispatch and ambulance dispatch at one facility.

Mr. Hare briefed that the Ambulance Service Agreement had been renewed with Paramedics Plus. It is an initial five-year agreement that includes improvements such as an increase in the ambulance fleet, improved disaster response capability, a new critical care unit, new training equipment, improved response time requirements, improved clinical orientation, provides for a community paramedic program and updates the striping of the ambulances for safety and appearance.

Mr. Hare said that the contract with Dr. Jameson and his physician team had been extended.

Mr. Hare described ongoing challenges with the Continuing Medical Education Program and mentioned that Dr. Eric Carver is the new provost that will lead health education at the college. A task force is being assembled to review and approve potential solutions.

Mr. Hare provided an overview of the revised EMS Rules & Regulations. He stated that the EMS Management Committee had worked for over a year to update the EMS Rules & Regulations. The revised document was presented to the EMS Advisory Council and received unanimous support.

Dr. Haire called for a motion to approve. Mr. Hoce made a motion to approve the EMS Rules & Regulations. Dr. Thuriere seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hare briefed updates to the EMS Medical Control Board bylaws that had not been revised since the mid-nineties. Mr. Hare said that in addition to updating and simplifying the document the primary revision was to add language allowing alternate membership.

Dr. Haire requested that the term "rank" be removed from the document in reference to an alternate nominee and that the term "category" remain.

After review, Dr. Haire called for a motion to approve. Mr. Degina made a motion to approve the bylaws after striking the words "and rank." Dr. Mathur seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hare announced that Dr. Moeller would be leaving the organization as of July 3rd and would be teaching part-time for the University of Florida and doing some consulting.

OPEN FORUM

There were no items for discussion under this section.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on August 20, 2015 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Haire called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Thuriere motioned to adjourn and Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

An audio recording of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.