

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

February 18, 2016

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Dr. Brian Charity, Morton Plant Hospital
Dr. Raj Mathur, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Ms. Kelly Cullen, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Ms. Sharon Hayes, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center (Secretary)
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Beth Girgis, Bayfront Medical Center

Members Absent:

Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Dr. David Ball, St. Anthony's Hospital
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center
Dr. Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Vice-Chair)

Staff Present:

Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director
Don Crowell, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
Elliot Carhart, EMS & Fire Administration
Melissa Hiles, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Karen Macauley, All Children's Hospital

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Degina 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 eight voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Bellini motioned for approval. Ms. Cullen seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jameson updated the Medical Control Board on the following items.

- Trauma Alert Transports to Trauma Centers that are on Divert/Bypass
- 2016 Medical Quality Management (MQM) Plan
- Statewide Cardiac Arrest Data
- PreAct Project

Dr. Jameson introduced the following new employees within the EMS & Fire Administration:

- Dr. Elliot Carhart, EMS Performance & Research Coordinator
- Mr. Shawn Tatham, EMS Training Coordinator
- Mr. John Murphy, Administrative Support Specialist

Dr. Jameson provided an update on the restructured Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program and the progress that has been made thus far under that program.

Dr. Jameson gave an update and answered questions related to Active Shooter and Tactical EMS training and equipment.

EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Hare was attending an EMS Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Woodrum briefed the Medical Control Board on revisions to the EMS Rules & Regulations related to the restructuring of the Continuing Medical Education Program and requested approval of the revisions and authorization for the Chairman to sign a letter of support that would accompany the revision packet to the EMS Authority for approval.

Mr. Degina called for a motion. Ms. Hayes made a motion to approve the revisions and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support. Dr. Mathur seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Dr. Mathur requested a discussion related to freestanding ED transports.

Dr. Jameson provided information on the current hospital destination protocol and discussed his concern with utilizing a freestanding ED for a patient that has a high probability of being admitted.

Mr. Crowell provided input as to the role of the EMS Authority in approving a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for transport services within Pinellas County.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the utilization of freestanding EDs.

Dr. Mathur thanked the group and encouraged continued efforts and discussion toward better utilizing the freestanding facilities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on May 19, 2016 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Degina adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

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