

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

August 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. Raj Mathur, Florida Hospital North Pinellas
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center
Ms. Kelly Cullen, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Ms. Sharon Hayes, Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Beth Girgis, Bayfront Medical Center

Members Absent:

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital (Chairman)
Dr. Brian Charity, Morton Plant Hospital
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center (Secretary)
Ms. Penny Vigneau, Largo Medical Center

Staff Present:

Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate EMS Medical Director
Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Don Crowell, County Attorney's Office
Melissa Hiles, EMS & Fire Administration
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics
Brian Eells, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Pell 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 nine voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Namey motioned for approval. Dr. Bellini seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Hare briefed the Medical Control Board on the system need for a Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance Program and the updates to the EMS Ordinance and Pinellas County Code that are required to implement that program. Mr. Hare sought approval and support to move forward with those proposed updates to the EMS Ordinance.

Mr. Hare outlined updates to the EMS Rules & Regulations that would be required to allow wheelchair transport providers to provide stretcher van services and discussed the benefits of allowing this service. Mr. Hare sought approval and support for these updates to the EMS Rules & Regulations.

Mr. Crowell provided input from a legal standpoint on the process of bringing local ordinance into conformity with State Law and answered questions related to the origins of the EMS Medical Control Board.

After discussion, Dr. Pell called for a motion on the updates to the EMS Ordinance. Dr. Namey made a motion to approve the updates to the EMS Ordinance as presented and recommend adoption by the Board of County Commissioners. Dr. Feilinger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Pell called for a motion on the updates to the EMS Rules & Regulations allowing for the use of stretcher vans by wheelchair transport providers. Dr. Bellini made a motion to approve the updates to the EMS Rules & Regulations. Dr. Thuriere seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jameson briefed the Medical Control Board on the following protocol updates:

- AD1 Priority Dispatch and Response Modes to 9-1-1 Calls
- AD2 Ambulance Requests on a Non-Emergency Line
- AD3 Poison Information Center Consultation
- AD4 Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) Local Options
- AD5 Mental Health Transport Unit (allows deletion of AD14)
- CS5 Hospital Destination Policy

After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Pell called for a motion on the protocol updates. Ms. Cullen made a motion to approve the protocol updates. Dr. Namey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Hare announced that there would be individual pictures taken after the meeting for inclusion in the EMS System Commemorative Album.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on November 17, 2016 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Pell adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

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