

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2019

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital  
Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital - Chair  
Dr. Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young V.A. Medical Center – Vice Chair  
Mr. Lou Galdieri, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare  
Ms. Nancy Hopkins, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare  
Dr. Christos Politis, Largo Medical Center  
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society - Secretary  
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Medical Center  
Mr. Jake Fisher, Palms of Pasadena Hospital  
Dr. Jose Barquin, AdventHealth North Pinellas

Members Absent:

Dr. Steven Epstein, Pinellas County Medical Association  
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital  
Dr. Matt Nelson, St. Anthony's Hospital

Staff Present:

Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director  
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director  
Dr. Andrew Smith, Fellow  
Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration  
Jason Ester, County Attorney's Office  
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration  
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration  
Jazmin Soloman, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Mark Postma, Paramedics Logistics  
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics  
Jeremy Tinter, Sunstar Paramedics  
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics  
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association  
Yajaira Morales, Student  
Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire & Rescue  
Chief Andrew Hughes, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Karen Macauley, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Dr. 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 9 voting members in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Bellini made a motion to approve and Dr. Namey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DIRECTOR, EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION – Craig**

- Jazmin Soloman is the new Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration Training Coordinator, replacing Shawn Tatham, who moved to Georgia
- EMS Academy System Orientation has been doubled to two full weeks for paramedics and one full week for EMT's. Academy Orientation is followed by several months of field internship, and ends with Capstone testing with a physician before being released to the system
- We're on final approach for budget. The last budget hearing is on the 24<sup>th</sup> – We have reached five-year agreements for fire protection and advanced life support first responder services with all the cities and fire districts
- There were four fire districts with reduced millage rates and no increases in millage across the fire districts
- Our next big project – three-year extension of the Ambulance Contractor's contract – Recommendations and a walk through of changes/new programs will be brought before the Board at the December meeting

## **MEDICAL DIRECTOR- Dr. Jameson**

- Dr. Jameson introduced new Fellow, Dr. Smith – Dr. Smith will be MD4
- Dr. Jameson continues to work closely with partners such as the Pinellas County Opioid Task Force, the Department of Health and the Juvenile Welfare Board on important issues such as Opioids, Hepatitis A and Preventable Infant Deaths
- Unfortunately, the system is continuing to see increases in Opioid overdose and deaths
- Nearly all law enforcement in Pinellas County is now trained on how to give Narcan. Training included CPR and First Aid skill refreshment
- Narcan is currently available over the counter across the state of Florida and for free through some programs such as Operation PAR
- Dr. Jameson and partners continue to work on and refresh/relaunch programs for preventable infant deaths such as drownings, non-accidental trauma, and safe sleeping practices
- The system has now transitioned over to accessing the All Children's Trauma Center for pediatric trauma patients – the system participated in joint simulation exercises with All Children's prior to the change and the transition is going well
- ACLS refresher for all medics has begun and that concludes the system's four-year education/training cycle. Evaluation is currently underway regarding what improvements can be made for next cycle
- The two-week Orientation/Academy program has begun. The program was extended in part to enable incorporation of more simulation-based training and to be able to verify a broader suite of skills and get more repetitions. It's been done in partnership with several partners throughout the County
- Dr. Jameson and Dr. Smith will attend a 4-day FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Medical Specialist Training at the State Fire College in Ocala. The training is in preparation of supporting the Pinellas County Technical Rescue Team in widening their medical capabilities. The training also supports the Pinellas County affiliation with Florida Task Force 3 which is a joint task force out of the Tampa Bay area which the system supplies medics to as well

- Dr. Jameson presented data related to new Stroke Protocols – he shared positive effects and improved neurological outcomes, as well as areas of opportunity for improvement. A Public Education campaign is the next step. Specifics of the campaign are still to be determined – a short discussion about the data ensued
- Dr. Jameson passed around the final Tactical and Hazmat Medical Operations Manuals
- New BLS bags will be deployed to the system shortly
- Updated Medical Operations Manuals are going into effect the beginning of January – Dr. Jameson passed copies of the manuals around and gave a short summary of the changes and updates to protocols which have previously been brought before the Board for review/acceptance. Dr. Jameson asked for a motion for approval for the finished manuals

Dr. Namey made a motion for approval of updated Medical Operations Manuals Volumes 1 & 2.

Dr. Gillis seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **OPEN FORUM**

There were no open forum items.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the EMS & Fire Administration, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Haire adjourned the meeting at 10:45 A.M.