



Emergency Medical Services
Advisory Council

June 16, 2017

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Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council in support of the following recommendations discussed and voted upon at our meeting on June 15, 2017.

- We unanimously recommend the appointment of Mr. Donald Turnbaugh and Mr. John Jones to represent the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the Council.
- We unanimously recommend the appointments of Ms. Karen L. Mullins and Mr. Jorge Mercado to fill the two citizen representative vacancies on the Council. These vacancies were properly advertised and all applications submitted were thoroughly reviewed by the EMSAC Selection Committee.
- **We unanimously recommend the sustainment of the Pinellas County Water Rescue Grant Program. It is the Council's position that this will enhance operations, maintenance, equipment and training.**
- We unanimously recommend that the EMS Rules & Regulations be updated to include language that is inclusive of various stakeholder groups. It is the Council's position that this will improve quality assurance initiatives, training plans and other projects by allowing increased stakeholder input prior to implementation.

Please contact me at 727-253-3055 if you have any questions or require additional information from your EMS Advisory Council.

Respectfully,

Dr. David Weiland Jr., Chairman
Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council

cc: Mr. Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator
Mr. John A. Bennett, Assistant County Administrator
Mr. Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety & Emergency Services
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