



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. (Companion to Item No. 28)

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority (Authority), approve the following appointments/reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for terms ending in February 2025.

- Reappointment of Ms. Becca Tieder as Citizen Representative for Commission District 5.
- Reappointment of Mr. Jorge Mercado as Citizen Representative for Commission District 7.
- Appointment of Ms. Siomara Bridges-Mata as representative for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Ms. Bridges-Mata is the Executive Director for NAMI.
- Reappointment of Chief Chad Pittman as primary representative for Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association. Chief Pittman is the Fire Chief for Largo Fire Rescue.
- Reappointment of Chief Scott Young as alternate representative for Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association. Chief Young is the Fire Chief for Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue.
- Reappointment of Commissioner Kevin Kenney as primary representative for Independent Fire Districts. Commissioner Kenney is a Fire Commissioner for the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District.
- Appointment of Commissioner Casey Cane as alternate representative for Independent Fire Districts. Commissioner Cane is a Fire Commissioner with the Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District.
- Appointment of Dr. Zachary Zimko as a Mental Health Professional or similar representative. Dr. Zimko is a psychiatrist with Gracepoint Wellness.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationship and public outreach.

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support.

Summary:

Ms. Becca Tieder is volunteering to serve a two-year term representing Commission District 5 on the EMS Advisory Council.

Mr. Jorge Mercado is volunteering to serve another two-year term representing Commission District 7 on the EMS Advisory Council.

Ms. Siomara Bridges-Mata is volunteering to serve a two-year term representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the EMS Advisory Council.

Chief Chad Pittman is volunteering to serve another two-year term representing the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association as their primary representative on the EMS Advisory Council.

Chief Scott Young is volunteering to serve another two-year term representing the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association as their alternate representative on the EMS Advisory Council.

Commissioner Kevin Kenney is volunteering to serve another two-year term as primary representative for the Independent Fire Districts. Commissioner Kenney is a Fire Commissioner for the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District.

Commissioner Casey Cane is volunteering to serve a two-year term as alternate representative for the Independent Fire Districts. Commissioner Cane is a Fire Commissioner for the Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District.

Dr. Zachary Zimko is volunteering to serve a two-year term as a Mental Health Professional or similar representative on the EMS Advisory Council.

Background Information:

The Council was created by Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, and is made up of 24 members that constitute a broad spectrum of county representation. It is the responsibility of Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) to fulfill the objectives outlined in the bylaws under Article II, Section 2.1. It is the responsibility of this council to evaluate the County's Emergency Medical Services system from a qualitative point of view, to review the operations of EMS on a countywide basis, to recommend requirements and programs for the contract management firm and monitor performance of same, to review and evaluate studies commissioned by the Authority upon the Authority's request, and to make such recommendations as may be necessary to the Authority on needs, problems, and opportunities relating to emergency medical services, including the financing and establishment of a trauma center or centers, and to carry out such other duties as may be required to insure the delivery of good, countywide EMS at reasonable cost.

Twenty-four members appointed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners acting as the EMS Authority. Members constitute a broad spectrum of the County representation and shall include members of the Emergency Medical Services system and four mayors to be appointed by the Pinellas County Council of Mayors. The term of appointment shall be for two years; however, there is no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve. The Director of Emergency Medical Services for Pinellas County shall be a non-voting member of the Council. The details of the selection process of the various appointed positions are included in the EMS Advisory Council Bylaws, Section 3.1.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

EMS Advisory Council

Attachments:

EMS Advisory Council Roster

Ms. Tieder's Resume

Mr. Mercado's Resume

Ms. Bridges-Mata's CV

Chief Pittman's Resume

Chief Young's Bio

East Lake Fire Rescue Recommendation Letter

Comm. Kenney's Bio

Comm. Cane's Resume

Nomination Letter - Dr. Zimko

Dr. Zimko's CV

EMS Advisory Council Bylaws