



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Amendment to the bylaws of the EMS Advisory Council. (Companion to Item No. 29)

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority (Authority), approve the amendment to the bylaws of the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC).

- The EMSAC is an advisory body to the Authority and to the EMS Medical Director.
- The EMSAC is given specific review and approval authority pursuant to Section 54-30 of the Pinellas County Code subject to overriding Florida Law.
- This item amends the bylaws of the EMSAC to add a mental health professional or similar representative to its membership. This seat replaces the Pinellas County Medical Association seat as that organization was recently dissolved.

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

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

The EMS Advisory Council recommends that the EMS Authority approve this amendment of the EMSAC Bylaws as indicated by the attached letter of support. At their last meeting on December 16, 2022, the Council thoroughly reviewed and discussed the membership needs of the council and unanimously support adding a mental health professional or similar representative to replace the seat left vacant by the dissolution of the Pinellas County Medical Association.

Background Information:

The EMS Advisory Council was created by Pinellas County Code, Section 54-30. 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 operation of EMS on a countywide basis, to review and evaluate studies commissioned by the Authority, and to make such recommendations as may be necessary to the Authority on needs, problems, and opportunities relating to emergency medical services.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

The Council's membership is comprised of citizen representatives and officials representing the Mayors' Council, the City of Clearwater Fire & Rescue, the City of St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue, the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association, EMS Coordinators, Sunstar Paramedics, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, St. Petersburg College, the Pinellas County Health Department, the Emergency Nurses' Association, the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society, and the Independent Fire Districts.

Attachments:

EMS Advisory Council Roster

Letter from the EMS Advisory Council

EMS Advisory Council Bylaws - CLEAN

EMS Advisory Council Bylaws - MARKUP