



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board. (Companion to Item No. 6 and 7)

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority (Authority), approve the following appointment/reappointments to the EMS Medical Control Board for a two-year term ending February 2025.

- Appointment of Dr. Meghan Martin as a Pediatric Physician to represent a hospital with pediatric services within Pinellas County. Dr. Martin is a Pediatric Emergency Physician at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital.
- Reappointment of Ms. Amelia Russell as a Hospital Administrator primary representative for HCA Largo Medical Center. Ms. Russell is a Chief Nursing Officer at HCA Largo Medical Center.
- Appointment of Ms. Lacey Rains as a Hospital Administrator alternate representative for HCA Largo Medical Center. Ms. Rains is an Assistant Chief Nursing Officer at HCA Largo Medical Center.

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 relationships and public outreach.

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

Summary:

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Background Information:

The Pinellas County Code, Section 54-60, established a Medical Control Board (MCB) consisting of four licensed physicians specializing in emergency medicine from facilities in Pinellas County, four Pinellas County hospital administrators, one pediatric emergency physician from a Pinellas County facility, one emergency physician appointed by the Pinellas County Osteopathic Society, and one (1) emergency physician from a trauma center located within Pinellas County.

The MCB is an advisory body to the Authority and to the EMS Medical Director. The MCB is given specific review and approval authority pursuant to Section 54-60 of the Pinellas County Code subject to overriding Florida Law. The objectives of the MCB include the following:

- a. Advise the Authority on matters pertaining to emergency medical services.
- b. Advise the EMS Medical Director on issues of clinical policy and practice.
- c. Review and approve applicable protocols and procedures.
- d. Review the performance of all system components to include the EMS Medical Director, the ambulance contractor, the first responder contractors, and the Continuing Medical Education contractor.
- e. Provide a liaison between the medical community at large and the EMS system.
- f. Provide opinions regarding medical community consensus to the Authority and the EMS Medical Director.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

EMS Medical Control Board
EMS Medical Director

Attachments:

EMS Medical Control Board Roster
Nomination Letter - Dr. Martin
Dr. Martin's Curriculum Vitae
Amelia Russell's CV
Nomination Letter - Lacey Rains
Lacey Rains' CV