



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Reappointment to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve the following reappointment to the EMS Medical Control Board for a two-year term ending November 2021.

- Reappointment of Dr. Jennifer Pearson as Hospital Administrator representative.
- The EMS Medical Control Board is an advisory body to the EMS Authority and to the EMS Medical Director.
- Appointments are made by Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority based upon submission of names from groups listed below.
- The EMS Medical Control Board was established by Pinellas County Code, Section 54-60, and its' membership consists of four licensed physicians specializing in emergency medicine from facilities in Pinellas County, four Pinellas County hospital administrators, one emergency physician appointed by the Pinellas County Medical Association, one emergency physician appointed by the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society and one emergency physician from a trauma center located within Pinellas County.

### **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:**

Per Section 3.2, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority Medical Control Board bylaws, Dr. Pearson has volunteered to serve another two-year term on the EMS Medical Control Board.

Dr. Pearson will become the primary representative replacing Dr. Thuriere who retired this year.

### **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 emergency physician appointed by the Pinellas County Medical Association, 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