



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 2023.

- Reappointment of Dr. Jennifer Pearson as a primary Hospital Administrator representative. Dr. Pearson is an Emergency Department Section Chief at C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs 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:

Reappointment to the EMS Medical Control Board for a two-year term ending November 2023.

Dr. Pearson is an Emergency Department Section Chief at C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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

Dr. Pearson's Curriculum Vitae

EMS Medical Control Board Bylaws