

## EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ 13:30-15:00

Health Education Center

7200 66<sup>th</sup> St. N. Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Provost Conference Room

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### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Nelson, EMS Program Medical Director & Chairperson  
Diane Conti, Director of Emergency Services & Respiratory Therapy, St. Pete General  
Craig Hare, Director, PCEMS & Fire Administration (via teleconference)  
Richard Graham, Fire Chief, Lealman Fire Control District  
Lt. Christopher Shane Henderson, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue  
David Holler, Chief (ret.), Community Member  
Sean Dwyer, Deputy Chief, Manatee County EMS (replacing Jerome Ruffing)  
Dr. Laurie Romig, Community Member  
Robert Stanley, Employee Support & Dev. Coordinator, representing Sunstar  
Greg Taylor, Resource Teacher, Pinellas County Schools

### SPC EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Eric Carver, Provost, Health Education Center  
Glenn Davis, EMS Program Director  
Penni Eggers, EMS PSAV (Non-Credit) Coordinator  
Michelle Hampton, Career Outreach Specialist  
Dr. Rebecca Ludwig, Dean, College of Health Sciences  
Scott Pelletier, EMS Program Support Coordinator

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Division Chief Robert Angell, Pinellas Park Fire Department  
Dr. Donna Dooley, Assistant Medical Director, Pinellas County EMS  
Kevin Forsythe, Director, Emergency Department, Blake Medical Center  
James Humphrey, EMS Graduate  
Merrill Seabury, Quality Assurance Manager, TransCare, Crisis Center of Tampa

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- Call to order, welcome, and introductions – Dr. Nelson
    - 1:33 pm meeting called to order
      - Approval of last meeting minutes
        - Chief Holler 1<sup>st</sup>, Greg Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed
      - Nomination of new Chairperson candidates
        - Looking for committee to be a little more independent of the program and free of external institutional influence
        - Members voted by ballot, Chief Holler was elected as the new chairman for one year
  - Substantive Changes
    - New team member: Marcia “Marci” Martinez, Administrative Services Specialist
      - Welcome, Marci! 😊
    - Instructor Hiring – Update
      - Adjunct Interviews
        - Scheduled this month for both credit and PSAV

- Full-time Faculty (Interim) Interviews
  - Chief Wallace is retiring and moving to adjunct
  - Lead paramedic instructor will now be Ralph Sibbio
  - New AHA Coordinator will be John Todaro
- EMS Support Coordinator Report – S. Pelletier – **Refer to Attachment A**
  - Funding for replacement and repairs of training equipment
    - All megacode kelleys are either completely non-functional or in severe disrepair with varying degrees of deficiency, 14-16 years old (way past their shelf life)
    - Megacode Kelleys are crucial to support major student learning outcomes
    - Henderson: Let's move forward with whatever it takes to get these simulators operational
    - Purchase vs. Lease – cannot repair, must replace
    - Chief Graham 1<sup>st</sup>, Chris Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed
      - ACTION: Motion carries, Dr. Carver will move forward and share EMS equipment needs with the executive team and will advise at the next meeting
  - Clinical Contracts
  - Fisdap preceptor accounts (Grant)
    - Congratulations to Scott for securing \$2,500 from the SPC Foundation's Innovation Grant! Thank you to our Dean, Dr. Rebecca Ludwig, for matching this amount.
    - Next step: Training for preceptors which will be implemented in phases
    - Main goal: integration between students and preceptors; live real-time response which will most likely result in better evaluation and review
    - Dr. Nelson mentioned what a valuable resource it was to use the Apollo replay system in recent end of term testing
- Program Goals and Learning Objectives
  - CoAEMSP Standards

II.C. Paramedic:

*“To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels.”*

- Annual Report
  - Submitted December 2016
    - Feedback takes a while, but will be shared when it becomes available
  - Program Surveys – moving to an electronic format that is disseminated via email
    - Graduate
    - Employer

- Program Changes
  - Course Changes
    - PSAV Update – P. Eggers
      - **Refer to Attachment B**
      - PSAV Benefits
        - Accredited
        - Can articulate into a college credit program
        - Free tutoring
        - Able to use all campus resources
        - Mirrored
      - Working on payment plan
      - Reaching out to Workforce department for financial support
    - Development, Logistics, Planning, Staffing
      - Paramedic
      - EMT
  - Paramedic Program Update – G. Davis
    - **Refer to Attachment C**
    - December graduates
    - Credit Program planned changes for 2017
      - Course(s) format update
        - No more dynamically dated classes; will go back to a three semester program; one year to completion; evening classes only
      - Textbook update
        - Since 2015 AHA update was released, it would behoove us to update our textbooks
        - Whatever textbooks we use/implement need to integrate well with our learning management system, Desire2Learn
        - Dr. Ludwig will supply verbiage from textbook distributor regarding accessibility language that must be available
      - Trauma Certification

Discussion ensued...Going from ITLS to PHTLS?

        - Dwyer: prefer PHTLS
        - Holler: prefer PHTLS
        - Romig: Has county adopted one over the other?
        - Hare: PHTLS with option to convert once ITLS expires
        - Henderson: ITLS; the academic rigor ensures complete understanding
        - Stanley: Doesn't make a difference; will convert to PHTLS if they have ITLS
      - Clinical/Field rotations
      - Future plans
        - Firming up details on the PSAV medic to respond to the interest
        - Schedule Info Sessions for PSAV vs. Credit for paramedic
  - EMT Program Update – T. Rogers **Refer to Attachment D**

- Final thoughts
  - Chief Graham thanked Glenn Davis and Penni Eggers for attending the recent chiefs meeting. Chief Graham mentioned he hopes they both consider attending future meetings and sharing important information in this valuable, collaborative forum. There has been a noticeable reduction in complaints due to open communication and we want that to continue.
- Robert Stanley motioned to adjourn, Greg Taylor seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1500.
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- Next meeting – Fall Advisory Committee Appreciation Event, Sept. 2017, Location: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

*Krista Fusari*

Krista Fusari, Recorder

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