

# **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** **MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD**

## Minutes of April 20, 2004 meeting

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A meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Medical Advisory Board was held on April 20, 2004, at the Volusia County Fire Training Center on Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

### Members present:

- John Shedd, M.D., FACEP, Chair, Volusia County EMS Division
- Thomas Beaver, M.D., Volusia County Medical Examiner
- Paul Martin, M.D., Florida Hospital – Fish Memorial
- Arlen Stauffer, M.D., Bert Fish Medical Center
- Tracey Weiner, D.O., Florida Hospital – DeLand

### Guests Present:

- Steve Cousins, Edgewater Fire
- Dave McCallister, New Smyrna Fire
- Chris Phelps, Ponce Inlet Fire
- Russ Rafferty, Port Orange Fire
- Matt Zavadsky, Volusia County EMS

### Welcome and Introductions:

The Chair opened the meeting with introductions.

### Medical Advisory Board Mission:

Dr. Shedd reviewed the purpose and mission of the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) and referenced materials reproduced in the MAB Member Manual, specifically Article III, Ch. 46 Volusia County Code, the County Council Resolution creating the MAB and MAB member contact list.

### Overview of the Sunshine Law:

Dr. Shedd asked Mr. Zavadsky (in Ms. Schnebly's absence) to review the rule for the MAB as it pertains to the Sunshine Law. Matt stated that since the MAB is appointed by public officials and may make official recommendations to public officials, the MAB must operate in the "Sunshine". Matt specifically referenced the "Guide to Government in the Sunshine" included in the MAB Member Manual and highlighted the following:

- All meetings of the MAB are open to the public and any person may address the MAB by communicating with the Chair in advance of the meeting. Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes, unless an extension is granted by the Chair, and will occur at the beginning of the meeting.
- All meeting dates, times, locations and agenda items of the MAB will be publicly 'noticed' using the guidelines in place for Volusia County Government.
- Members are prohibited from discussing issues privately which they have a reasonable belief will be discussed and voted upon at a MAB meeting.

**EMS System Overview:**

Matt Zavadsky provided an overview of the EMS system using a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

**Current Projects:**

Dr. Shedd gave an overview of current projects in the works:

*Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP):*

- Dr. Weiner stated that he was thrilled to see CPAP on the ambulances and feels that this is a major clinical improvement to the EMS system.

*Advanced Airway Management Program:*

- All agreed that this was a valuable program.

*Automated External Defibrillator Program:*

- Dr. Stauffer expressed his support of continuing to advance the AED program.

*Revivant Autopulse:*

- Dr. Stauffer expressed some concern regarding patients receiving pulmonary contusions from the device. Dr. Shedd indicated that although some pulmonary contusions may occur with the device, the same is usually true from external chest compressions.

**Goals & Priorities for 2004 - 2005:**

Several MAB members expressed concern regarding the regional Trauma Center accepting patients. The members suggested the possibility of establishing a Trauma Agency for the region and asked Matt to put together summary information regarding this issue and provide it at the next meeting.

Dr. Stauffer recommended establishing consistent quarterly meeting dates / times and location to assist with scheduling, for example, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each quarter, etc. Matt agreed to arrange the standard dates.

Members were asked to bring other ideas and topics to be reviewed to the next meeting.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.