

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 3, 2008

Members Present

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D. (St. Luke's)  
Brandon Loboschewski for Chief Richard Monto  
EMS Chief Martin Fuller for Chief Daryl McNutt  
Mayor Angela Kuhn  
Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Bill Wilkens  
Assist Chief Tom Eisel for Chief Fred Welsh  
Pam Hanley  
Mayor Marge Brown  
Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing

Hospital Council  
Maumee Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire Department  
Whitehouse CEO  
Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Oregon Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire  
Sylvania Twp. CEO Trustee  
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor  
Lucas County Emergency Services Director  
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner  
Chief Mike Wolever  
I. Kohli  
Chief Kevin Bernhard  
Mayor Tim Wagener  
Mike Beazley

City of Toledo, CEO  
Toledo Fire Department  
Springfield Twp. CEO  
Lucas County Fire Chiefs' Association  
City of Maumee, CEO Mayor  
Lucas County Administrator

Attendees

Brent Parquette  
Gary Orlow  
Pat Moomey  
Chief Jim Sedlar  
Acting Captain Ken Kantura  
Ed Herrick  
Chief Brian Byrd  
David Miramontes, M.D.  
Steve Memsic  
Fred Isch  
Jay Lowenstein  
Jeff Kish  
Jack Morash  
Kent Appelhans  
Cathy Nelson  
Lori Mizla  
Dan Desmond  
Tammy Powell

LCEMS QA/QI  
LCEMS Manager  
LCEMS Communications Manager  
Ottawa Hills Fire Department  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire  
TFD/Mercy Health Partners  
MedCorp Ambulance  
MedCorp Ambulance  
MedCorp Ambulance  
Rumpf Ambulance  
ProMedica Ambulance  
Life Star Ambulance  
Life Star Ambulance  
Life Flight  
Toledo Fire Local 92  
Toledo Fire Local 92

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, Wednesday, December 3, 2008 in the Emergency Services Building.

**1) Minute Approval**

The minutes from the November 5, 2008 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**2) Medical Committee Report**

Dr. Lindstrom reported the committee met Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Brent reported on December's CE topic which consists of the web ePCR, King LT Airway and case studies. There was a discussion on the drug license. Dr. Lindstrom reported there will no immediate changes in the 2009 drug license. However, a change may be made later in 2009 after the protocols are reviewed. Once the Renewal State Board of Pharmacy License applications have been turned into the State, they won't necessarily be at the hospitals by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a long discussion regarding the geriatric protocol with representatives present from both Level 3 hospitals. The State did act on a study and it showed an increased mortality and morbidity for geriatric head patients. The State revised their Ohio's protocol to be delayed and information points to be available for approval January 1<sup>st</sup> if it goes thru JACAR. Dr. Lindstrom reported we trained our paramedics based on projected guidance from the State. Flower and St. Charles, being Level 3 Trauma Centers, are concerned that they can provide appropriate care of some of these patients. Their representatives will bring back suggested spot triage points appropriate for cases going to Level 3. Dr. Lindstrom reported the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) will also have to give input for the regional geriatric protocol and the protocols will need to be forwarded to the State with our variance for approval if more conservative.

**3) Paramedic Committee Report**

EMS Chief Martin Fuller reported Chief McNutt was unable to attend this meeting and he will be giving the report. Chief Fuller reported this committee met November 10<sup>th</sup>. They talked about the EPCR and radio communications. They also discussed trauma and the three classifications as well as the minimal information given to the hospitals regarding these types of patients. Also, if the hospitals have an issue with the report given, they are to contact Dr. Lindstrom. Committee members discussed the mapping system and the MDTs dropping off line. The next Paramedic Committee meeting is Monday, December 8, 2008 at 9:00 am.

**4) CE**

Brent reported the December portion of CE is the web EPCR, King LT Airway and case studies. Brent mentioned he also had a wish list for products for CE and the new protocols.

**5) EMS Billing**

Dennis Cole reported the Commissioners approved EMS Third Party Billing. Gary Orlow reported he has received a preliminary number for licensure to apply for Medicare and Medicaid. Also working on the RFP for the third party billing

**6) Life Squad radios and mobile data computers update**

Dennis Cole reported we have resolved the issues with the radio programming. The new mobiles are continuing to disconnect. We believe it's in the internal modem and they are taking measurements at the towers. We are currently working toward fixing the problem and we understand the frustration in the field and working hard to resolve it.

**7) Open Discussion**

Mayor Brown asked how the disbursements for Third Party billing revenue will be done. Dennis reported he is holding off on this until the first of the year since we wouldn't see revenue until June. Mayor Brown suggested resources to contact that have done billing RFPs. Dennis reported Gary has contacted several agencies. Dennis commented that billing is a short term solution and asked the Policy Board to continue researching other system solutions to fix the long term need. Dr. Crawford asked if Dr. Lindstrom had a chance to look at the Questions and Answer sheet that was given at the Commissioner's meeting and he reported yes. Gary Orlow reported this information was given to the media. Dr. Crawford asked if this will be a link in the EMS site. Gary reported yes.

**8) Adjournment and Next Meeting**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 am. The next scheduled Policy Board meeting is January 7, 2009.