

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 4, 2009

Members Present

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D. (St. Luke's)  
Chief Richard Monto  
Chief Daryl McNutt  
Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Bill Wilkins  
Tom Eisel for Chief Fred Welsh  
Pam Hanley  
Mayor Marge Brown  
Mayor Tim Wagener  
Mayor Angela Kuhn  
Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing

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

Absent

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

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

Attendees

Brent Parquette  
Gary Orlow  
Pat Moomey  
Chief Jim Sedlar  
Captain Ken Kantura  
Ed Herrick  
Steve Memsic  
Jack Morash  
Kent Appelhans  
Tammy Kovacs  
Kent Appelhans  
Julie Goins

LCEMS QA/QI  
LCEMS Manager  
LCEMS Communications Manager  
Ottawa Hills Fire Dept.  
Toledo Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Department  
MedCorp Ambulance  
ProMedica Ambulance  
Life Star Ambulance  
Life Star Ambulance  
Life Star Ambulance  
Life Flight

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, Wednesday, March 4, 2009 in the Emergency Services Building.

**1) Minute Approval**

The minutes from the February 4, 2009 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Chief Monto and seconded by Chief McNutt to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**2) Medical Committee Report**

No meeting to report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**3) Paramedic Committee Report**

Chief McNutt reported this committee met February 9<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion regarding medications to be carried and or deleted and the list is not completed yet. Also discussed was the Phillips monitors.

Brent reported he has obtained all the fax numbers from each of the hospitals and have passed on that information to the Phillip's representative. LCEMS's piece is done and just waiting on Phillips to finish.

Chief McNutt reported the CE scheduled was discussed and the ePCR web piece is up and running. The next Paramedic Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

**4) CE**

Brent reported the web ePCR editor is up and running. There were a few glitches, but they have been worked through. The month of March, the paramedics are being updated on the cardiac protocols, Tab 800, in which there were changes. In reference to the Pulmonary Edema protocol, we are eliminating Lasix and adding Captopril, an ace inhibitor. Additionally the paramedics will be reviewing 12-lead EKG, acquisition and interpretation skills.

Dr. Crawford asked if there have been any over reads of the 12-lead EKGs since the time she and Dr. Brookens did it. Brent reported he spot checks and over reads them, but none have been sent to any physicians for their interpretation.

Brent reported the company Advanced Circulatory System are going to continue supplying the ResQGard free of charge to continue the project. This will be covered again in CE.

Dr. Crawford inquired into the poster presentation done in Florida.

Brent reported the presentation went very well. Brent said we were the first EMS to trial this product and the company is working with a number of hospitals to see if it's an effective tool there as well.

## 5) Other

Trauma Triage Protocol – A draft of the protocol is available to review. Gary Orlow reported he spoke with Tim Ersten from the State EMS. Gary reported this protocol is a combination of the Lucas County Trauma Triage Protocol, Region 4 and the new State Geriatric protocol.

Gary reported the State indicates that LCEMS does not need to modify the existing previously approved protocol, but just needs to incorporate the geriatric piece. Much discussion has previously occurred regarding how to incorporate the Level 3 hospitals with the geriatric head injuries. The Level 3's have not responded with any suggestion as to where to draw the division of geriatric trauma patients. This draft follows the State outline for geriatric head injuries of GCS 14 associated with TBI to go to a Level 1 or 2 from the State document. GCS13 to Level 1 or 2, hip injuries not associated with other trauma are not trauma diverse cases, but go to the closest appropriate hospital as in LCEMS last protocol. Dr. Lindstrom reported the last RPAB was cancelled and anticipates the draft will be discussed at the next RPAB meeting.

RFP – Dennis Cole reported the RFP bid opening for billing is scheduled for Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Dennis invited someone from the committee to review the bids. Mayor Brown suggested the fire chiefs who are currently or have been involved with billing to help in this process. The committee volunteered Chief Wilkens and Chief Cousino to review bids.

Dennis Cole addressed the issues brought up by MedCorp at the last meeting. He reported the county is looking at the cases specifically and carefully.

Gary Orlow reported the target date for the implementation for billing is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Gary reported some larger cities had obstacles they encountered and had to re-bid.

Mayor Brown asked when the billing is implemented and monies come in, will the yearly reimbursement drop. Dennis Cole reported the percentage will be the same.

Mayor Brown asked when did they think the monies will be seen. It was reported 2010. She also asked if the money was earmarked. It was reported no. It was also reported the monies will not go in the County's general fund.

Life Squad Mobile Data computers Update – Dennis Cole reported we are still fighting the battle. Motorola has isolated the problem and replicated it in their shop. In certain conditions the data collides with the modem. A couple of modems have been sent back to the manufacturer in Australia. We have gone back to BioKey for the software work around.

Dennis reported this is specific to the internal modem and we're the only ones who have brought up the issue to Motorola. The law enforcement doesn't experience the problem, due to their shutting the computer off after each shift.

Service Contracts – Gary Orlow reported LCEMS went out to bid for service contracts for our defibrillators and monitors. We have a bid from Physio Control that will expire in 2012. We have learned from them the LP10 will not be supported after March 31, 2010. This will affect some jurisdictions. Plans should be made for them after that period of time. The many Physio 500 AEDs (yellow) monophasic will no longer be supported after March 31, 2010. The service contract diminishes in price when the supplies diminish. It costs \$16,000 each quarter for PM. Gary Orlow also reported the monophasic AEDs can not be upgraded and they are no longer being manufactured.

ICE Presentation - Mayor Brown inquired about the ICE patient presentation done at Toledo Hospital.

Brent reported the presentation went very well. It was presented at the nursing grand rounds. The presentation started with him giving the pre hospital setting and the involvement from Toledo Hospital staff from the Emergency Department to CCU and all the staff involved with the patient's care. The patient was there for the presentation.

It was mentioned this was a huge plug for the system.

Dr. Lindstrom reported Brent represented EMS very well and he is a top notch presenter. Dr. Lindstrom also mentioned this was one of the best organized presentations he has attended.

Dr. Crawford commended Brent for a job well done.

## **6) Adjournment and Next Meeting**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am. The next scheduled Policy Board meeting is April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am.