

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2009

Members Present

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D. (St. Luke's)
Chief Walt VanDromme for Chief Monto
EMS Chief Marty Fuller for Chief McNutt
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Barry Cousino
Jeff Kowalski for Chief Welsh
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing

Hospital Council
Maumee Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Department
Whitehouse CEO
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire
Lucas County Emergency Services Director
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner
I. Kohli
Mike Beazley
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Mayor Tim Wagener
Chief Bill Wilkins
Mayor Marge Brown

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

Attendees

Brent Parquette
Dr. Todd Brookens
Chief Jim Sedlar
Ed Herrick
Chief Brian Byrd
Jay Lowenstein
Steve Memsic
Kent Appelhans
Dr. Neil Yoder
Chief Brian Byrd

LCEMS QA/QI
Sylvania Twp. Fire/PTN
Ottawa Hills Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
St. Vincent
Toledo Fire

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in the Emergency Services Building.

1) Minute Approval

The minutes from the November 4, 2009 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Chief Cousino and seconded by Dr. Crawford to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

2) Medical Committee Report

No meeting to report. Next scheduled meeting is December 7th at 8:30.

3) Paramedic Committee Report

Chief Fuller reported this committee met November 9th. Items of discussion were the H1N1 covered in CE. PEPP will be the topic of CE in March. The ResQGARD use will be included on trauma patients with protocol changes. MDTs mapping issue discussed. It was reported there is a patient locally with the LVAD device. An educational piece was given and mostly attended by Toledo Fire. New rigs were discussed regarding configuration. The sub-committee was to look at the configuration of the Toledo Fire Rescue units.

Dennis Cole reported the rig comparison has been done but the current equipment carried on the life squads will not work in the standard cabinet design.

Brent reported Al is working at stripping down the rigs to encompass new supplies and equipment with the new protocol changes.

4) CE Update

Brent reported there is no CE in November and December. January's CE topic is the trauma protocol. There will be an expansion of the ResQGard protocol to encompass penetrating trauma to augment BP in a non-invasive way. We are planning on expanding the ResQGard to the first responders. The manufacturer is giving us 400 devices. This will help get the device on quicker. Brent said he will be contacting the different departments asking them to identify those paramedics to act as their Train the Trainer to train their first responders.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he is looking at the departments to also help facilitate in capturing the data.

Brent reported there is a form that comes with the device, but currently it is incorporated in the EPCR notebook for the paramedics to fill out the information.

Brent reported he learned the manufacturer is instituting a program similar to ours with Louisville Fire.

Dr. Crawford stated that she would like to see a regional protocol in place.

5) Billing Update

Dennis Cole shared the billing report showing revenue through the end of October. Gross receipts of \$199,956.26. Dennis reported they did identify issues where the money was being deposited incorrectly and this has been corrected. Dennis also reported we are still not consistent with revenue yet.

6) Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom reported Toledo Fire has a new class of paramedics coming out. Dr. Lindstrom said that he and Brent had a four hour orientation with them that encompassed going over protocols, the annex and administration.

Dennis Cole reported that BIO-key delivered software fixes for the mapping issue. Eric will begin installing it next week.

Dennis also reported we are looking at the Zoll update the week of December 14th. He reminded the chiefs that once initiated the ballets will not be able to sync until the techs install software.

Brent reported the end user will see a different look to the report, but the paramedics should be able to finish a report. If there are any questions that arise, he will give the answers in CE. Also a video will be made available.

Dr. Crawford reported having discussions with paramedics and nursing staff regarding the nurse shortage. We have to recognize younger nurses will be in the ER department. A suggestion was made to create an EMS ride along so the nurses know what happens in the field.

Dr. Crawford also said with the onset of STEMI and hypothermia patients, she had discussed with paramedics the idea of cath lab observation to enhance their experience as paramedics. She would like to coordinate with the hospitals to offer this opportunity.

Dr. Crawford said she had a draft letter and a card to send to Mayor Brown thanking her for her service on the Policy Board. Dr. Crawford said she will send them today.

Dr. Crawford thanked Brent and Dr. Lindstrom for what they have brought forth to this community. They truly are leaders in our system. She also thanked everyone involved in the EMS system.

Dr. Crawford reported this has been challenging effort and we have moved forward.

7) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 8:30. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.