

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2009

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
Ed Herrick
Chief Robert Krause
Rich Ellett
Kenan Mylander
Dr. Neil Yoder
Chief Rick Helminski
Jeff Nissen
Tim Treadaway
Dan Desmond
Chad Premo
Jim Fenn
Rob Martin

STAFF

Dave Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Gary Orlow
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Al Moenter

ABSENT

Jodi Livecchi
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack
Matt Homik
Mark Briggs

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Maumee Fire – LS 7
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Springfield Fire
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 2
ProMedica
Nurse/Managers Flower Hospital EC
St. Vincent – Life Flight

Medical Director
Emergency Services Director
EMS Manager
QA/QI
Communications Manager
Support Services Supervisor

Toledo Fire – LS 1
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire – LS 5
Sylvania Twp. – LS 6
Whitehouse Fire – LS 9
Springfield Twp. – LS 10
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Monclova Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from November 9, 2009 meeting were available for review. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported there is no CE in November and December. The schedule for 2010 is on the county web site. January's CE is trauma scenarios and skills. Also, the scope of the ResQGARD protocol will include trauma presentations. Additionally, first responders will have a hands-on training piece in January.

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a smattering of individual cases. He is communicating with individual chiefs and their personnel.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there have not been any recent meetings with dispatch. We are currently looking at the dispatch protocol regarding sending the life squads too often.

Dr. Lindstrom also reported he had a meeting with the new Toledo Fire paramedics giving them an orientation on the protocols, annex and administration.

Old Business

Rigs – It was reported the specifications are complete and we are waiting on funding. Dennis Cole reported we did a comparison with the Toledo Fire rigs and county rigs. It was decided we couldn't go with their format.

We are re-assessing the equipment carried on the life squad and cutting down on supplies/inventory carried. We will be moving forward on having the same box.

E-Z IO – Rich Ellett asked if the county was going to get the E-Z IOs. Brent reported we got the approval and have purchased them. There will be training in February's CE. The decision is to be made where they will be placed in the bag. The question was raised regarding the protocol to go along with it. Brent reported he is working on it.

New Business

Ed Herrick inquired in to the monies collected with the billing. Gary Orlow reported we have received 260,000 through the end of November (before paying MED3000. There is still one insurer that we don't have an agreement with.

Tim Treadaway reported he wants to re-visit the 20 minute out-of service time. He reported he created a time table to demonstrate it takes longer than the 20 minutes. As follows:

- Off loading patient at the hospital – 1 to 2 minutes
- Patient signing for transport on the tuff book – 1 to 2 minutes
- Waiting on room assignment – 2 to 5 minutes, longer at Toledo and St. Vincent
- Giving the nurse report – 5 minutes
- Downloading the LifePak – 2 to 3 minutes
- Getting times from EMS dispatch - < 1 minute
- Writing the report – 10 to 15 minutes
- Getting a face sheet from clerk – 3 to 5 minutes
- Waiting for report to print – 1 minute

With his addition, it's anywhere from 29 to 34 minutes

Dr. Lindstrom commented some stuff need to overlap. He reported it was unacceptable for the nurse to show up after 5 minutes and that they should be assigning a room ahead of time and for the report, it is given before the patient gets to the hospital and it should only be a minute or so when the patient gets there.

Dennis Cole reported that this is not adversarial. There is an escape clause if the paramedics need more time they are to call in to dispatch with the appropriate reason

Dr. Lindstrom expanded that the 20 minute decision was made based on the number of units and the number of calls. The decision was made to err on the side of the patient and the next call coming in to be more efficient. There were discussions where paramedics were not reporting there time at the hospital to expand on their time. Dr. Lindstrom said this is to focus on the system.

There was a lengthy around the table discussion.

Brent suggested the use of a drop sheet, which just documents vitals and meds used and then do the report later.

Dr. Lindstrom said the hospitals are under scrutiny from JACO and documentation is needed in a timely manner. JACO would like documentation in 20 minutes. It's an administration concern with the charting issue.

Dr. Lindstrom reported it could change the workflow and system. Paramedics could take the drop sheet with them to do the Zoll tablet later, but this is doing more work and may solve one problem but create another issue.

Dr. Lindstrom said it was reported the printer was not working at UTMC. Dr. Lindstrom said he talked to Dr. Brickman and was told Churton Budd was the IT person who was unaware of the situation. Churton worked on it and it worked for awhile, but currently it is not working.

Open Discussion

Rich Ellett asked if there was a definitive care facility for strokes. LS 7 was told by St. Luke's Hospital to divert a patient to a stroke facility.

Dr. Lindstrom reported UTMC is the only facility that is designated as a stroke hospital. There are other facilities that are working on it. There is no protocol in place for a stroke facility as there is for STEMI's and the paramedics are to follow on-line medical control

A discussion ensued.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, **January 11th** at 9:00 a.m.