

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2010

Members Present

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

Representing

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

Absent

Mayor
I. Kohli
Mike Beazley
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Mayor Tim Wagener
Chief Bill Wilkins
Mayor Michael Seferian
Chief Richard Monto

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
Maumee Fire Department

Attendees

Brent Parquette
Gary Orlow
Jonathan Ziehr
Chief Jim Sedlar
Ed Herrick
Chief Brian Byrd
Chief Robert Krause
Ken Kantura
Jay Lowenstein
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage
Tammy Kovacs
Jack Morash

LCEMS QA/QI
EMS Manager
LCEMS CE
Ottawa Hills Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire Department – EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department – EMS Bureau
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MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
ProMedica

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, Wednesday, January 6, 2010 in the Emergency Services Building.

1) Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 2, 2009 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Chief Cousino and seconded by Jeff Kowalski to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

2) Medical Committee Report

Chief Cousino reported this committee met December 7th. Brent reported in the meeting there was no CE in November and December and January's CE will be on trauma skills. They will be expanding the use of the ResQGARD in the trauma patients. Dr. Lindstrom reported at the meeting the next protocol change will include the use of the EZ-IO. Brent also reported in the meeting October's CE training was on the H1N1 administration and there were 291 paramedics who participated. Brent went over his presentation he gave at the AHA conference. A discussion regarding post arrest patients and the ICE protocol and it's discontinuation at the hospital. Dr. Lindstrom expounded on this saying he's checking to see if it's appropriate or not. Dr. Lindstrom reported at the meeting Dr. Crawford's suggestion about paramedics viewing patients while they are in the cath lab to expand their knowledge. The next Medical Committee meeting is scheduled for February 1st at 8:30 a.m.

3) Paramedic Committee Report

Chief McNutt reported this committee met December 14th. The 2010 CE schedule was discussed. The ResQGARD was discussed in relation to the trauma protocols. Dennis reported on the comparison of the county rigs and Toledo Fire rigs with reference to the cabinet layout. A lengthy issue regarding the 20 minute out of service time was discussed. The EZ-IO and it's introduction into the system.

4) CE Update

Brent reported the protocol disk is complete. Brent reported the EZ-IO was purchased and in stock. The training will be in February with the implementation in March. Dr. Lindstrom approved the use of the EZ-IO insertion in the proximal humeral access. He's leaving the option to the paramedic's discretion. Brent reported he wants to move forward with the training piece for the ResQGARD for the first responders. He said he would utilize the part time CE paramedics to do the train the trainer. Brent reported there is a representative from each entity he can use.

5) Billing Update

Gary Orlow reported the Medicare application is moving forward and is about a month away to be completed. The county has entered into a contract with Anthem where the insurance company would send the county the money in lieu of the patient. To date we have received \$501,546. Gary also reported there is a six month lag to hold submission of claims for Anthem.

6) Open Discussion

Ken Kantura reported there is a 22 y/o female in East Toledo who has a LVAD device. A nurse from Cleveland Clinic came and trained Toledo's paramedics on three shifts along with Oregon Fire, Life Flight and Kenan Mylander from St. Vincent's. The paramedics are taught to take this patient to St. Vincent Mercy Hospital. The session went well.

Gary Orlow announced his retirement.

Dennis Cole reported the Zoll software server update is completed and Bob is working on updated the life squads.

Dennis reported they have installed the In Motion device wireless router in Maumee and Sylvania life squads and looking to expand that.

Dr. Crawford asked about the EKG transmissions. Brent reported there are three life squads that do not have the capability to do that. The cell phone transmission has a high failure rate. It is a work in progress.

Dennis Cole reported they are looking at the In Motion device as an alternate means to provide the information to the hospital

Dr. Lindstrom reported the hospital owned printer at UTMC is not working. He is working with the IT person and to date, no resolution.

7) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010 at 8:30. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.