

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 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
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Bill Wilkins
Chief Richard Monto
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing

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

Absent

Mayor Mike Bell
I. Kohli
Mike Beazley
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Mayor Tim Wagener
Mayor Michael Seferian

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

Attendees

Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
David Miramontes, M.D.
Neil Yoder, M.D.
Chief Jim Sedlar
Ed Herrick
Chief Brian Byrd
Paul Mullen
Jay Lowenstein
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage
Tammy Kovacs
Cathy Nelson
Kent Appelhans
Jack Morash

LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS Dispatch Supervisor
Toledo Fire/Mercy Partners
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Ottawa Hills Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire Department – EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
ProMedica

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting was called to order at 8:29 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, Wednesday, February 3, 2010 in the Emergency Services Building.

1) Minute Approval

The minutes from the January 6, 2010 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Chief Cousino and seconded by Chief Wolever to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

2) Medical Committee Report

Chief Cousino reported this committee met February 1st. Brent reported the new protocol disk was distributed to the paramedics in CE and to the hospitals. It is also available on the county web page. CE topic for January was trauma with hands-on. February will have Diabetic Emergencies, review of the tablet and the introduction to the EZ-IO having tibial and humerus insertion with the implementation in March. Advanced Circulatory Systems is providing “story” boards for the fire stations for the first responders to refer to regarding the ResQGARD use. There was a H1N1 discussion about the program and the communication issue. Brent also mentioned the ePCR is going through updates. Brent also told the committee Advanced Circulatory Systems is giving the CirQlator to be field tested, which will be done by Brent, Dr. Lindstrom and a couple of physicians. The next Medical Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5th at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he and Brent met with the new nursing director, Hollis Hamilton, from UTMC. They discussed issues paramedics brought up regarding their facility.

The question was raised if the EKG transmission issue had been resolved. Brent reported not as of today. He reported it is a phone issue and the phone has not been resolved. Brent mentioned EMS will be given a LifePak 15 to trial which will have newer technology.

Dr. Crawford mentioned Springfield Fire personnel have been faxing their EKGs from their Phillips and it has been positive.

3) Paramedic Committee Report

Chief McNutt reported this committee met January 11th. They also discussed CE training. They also had an update on the rigs.

Dennis Cole reported the vehicle specs are complete. The issue that needs to be covered with the chiefs is the possible application of a heated/cooling cabinet to be included in the vehicles. It was discussed both. It’s an expensive price tag, around \$300.00 to have this “either way” cabinet installed and do we want to dedicate a cabinet to this.

Dr. Lindstrom told the committee this would be a low frequency issue regarding the IV bags. As for the ICE patients and IV solutions the process currently is place works. The chiefs present were for keeping the specs as they are.

Chief McNutt reported the committee discussed the new airway bags. It was also brought up at the meeting Mercy’s systems new linen cabinets and key fobs to be used to access the linen.

4) CE Update

Brent reported the introduction of the EZ-IO system was given at the first CE session and it went well. Brent reported this will be a welcome addition to the care of patients.

The trial of the LifePak 15 will be given to a couple of stations. This LifePak is similar in use as the LifePak 12. Brent said he is working with cardiology groups regarding the transmission piece of the LifePak and received positive feedback. He first met with the UTMC cardiologists and they are pleased with the reporting mechanism. Brent said he is meeting with Northwest Ohio Cardiology Group end of February. Brent reported the CirQlator is in the same family as the ResQGARD. This device adds a suction component to the impedance threshold technology. This device will be used by him, Dr. Lindstrom and a couple other physicians. It will be used on intubated cardiac arrest patients. This device is currently used in surgery.

5) Billing Update

Dennis Cole reported \$676,095 has been generated to date. Dennis stated at the rate we are collecting, we will collect 2 million in revenue, which is one-third below projected income. We still have not collected on Medicaid patients or Anthem. The sales tax is down and in the red. Dennis recommended to move forward with the purchase of four new life squads. We need to save some monies to focus on the 12-lead.

Chief Wolever asked about the prospect of leasing vehicles. Dennis Cole reported it is not our preference to lease. Leasing is basically borrowing money, but it's a doable option. A discussion of the purchase and cost of maintenance to the existing vehicles. The decision to purchase four vehicles was approved

6) Zoll e-PCR

Brent reported the tablets are in the midst of a software upgrade. The server has been updated. Working on this upgrade has had its issues. We are working through them. We are also working on the communication piece. There will be a Sprint card that will help the paramedics sync the report right away. An In Motion device will be installed in the truck to be able to transmit from the truck and we will be wireless in the future.

Dr. Lindstrom reported all the roadblocks we have incurred are with Zoll. The IT people here have worked long and hard to help rectify the problems.

7) Open Discussion

Chief Wilkins reported this is his last meeting and that he is retiring February 12th. Chief Wilkins reported he will be working at the State Fire Marshall's office. Chief Wilkins thanked everyone. Chief Wilkins also reported Paul Mullen will be the acting chief until one is appointed.

Dennis Cole reported we are looking forward to filling the position Tom Couture vacated. Dennis also said we are still looking at deciding on filling Gary Orlow's position.

8) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 8:30. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.