

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2010

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Rick Monto
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Ed Ellis
Acting Chief Jeff Kowalski
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Whitehouse Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Emergency Services
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent:

Mayor Tim Wagener
Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Carol Contrada
Leslie Kohli
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Peter Ujvagi

City of Maumee, CEO Mayor
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor
Sylvania Twp. CEO
Springfield Twp. CEO
Village of Whitehouse CEO
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Lucas County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Lucas County Administrator

Attendees:

Pat Moomey
Brent Parquette
Chief Jim Sedlar
Julie Goins
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage
Captain Jeff Romstadt

LCEMS Communications Manager
LCEMS QA/QA/CE
Ottawa Hills Fire Department
Life Flight
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the September 1, 2010 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Monto made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Cousino. Minutes accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported this committee met October 4th. Items discussed were CE topics for September and October, with no CE being held November and December. There was a discussion regarding the use of Procainamide vs. Amiodarone and LCEMS following AHA guidelines. Brent had reported on the delay of Life Core Technology in getting out the Sandhu collars to trial and evaluate along with the cost. Discussion regarding the monitor/defibrillators being evaluated which will be discussed at the next Paramedic Committee meeting and their choice to be brought back to the Policy Board. Field trials on CPR devices and the CirQulator. There was discussion regarding the transport of traumatic arrest patients to the closest as opposed to a trauma hospital. The next Medical Committee meeting is December 6th.

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported this committee met September 13th. Articles for discussion were the rig status, Auto Pulse, drug list for budget, power costs for new rigs, the monitors being trialed (Phillips, Zoll, LP15). Dennis mentioned Brent requested quotes from all three vendors and has only received Physio's. The hospital lockers were discussed because of missing supplies.

Dennis Cole reported there have been multiple reports from St. Vincent where the lockers are left open and stock taken out. Since the last meeting Dennis said he has asked Al to look at the stocking of the hospitals. Al had the locks changed and the keys can't be duplicated. To date the lockers are still being left open. Dennis asked the chiefs for assistance with this issue.

The next Paramedic Committee meeting is October 18th at 9:00 am.

The question was asked what the cost of the power cots. Dennis Cole replied \$138,000 for 12 cots. Dennis reported Stryker is not on the state term pricing and they may have to go out for bid.

CE Update

Brent reported he had no more to add that was reported in the Medical and Paramedic reports.

Budget

The 2011 draft proposed budget was distributed for review. Vicki gave an overview of the budget and answered questions about any of the line items.

The question was raised regarding any work needed to be done to the tower. Pat reported new guy wires were being installed this year and it will need to be painted next year.

The question was raised about the filling of the positions of the EMS Manager and Support Services Manager. Dennis reported that administration preferred to keep it vacant for now but eventually it will need to be filled.

It was reported the CE Instructors position went over budget this year due to the addition of another CE class per month.

Chief Sedlar asked about the vehicle maintenance cost. He asked if EMS contracts with the garage or is it hourly. Dennis reported hourly. Chief Sedlar questioned with the new vehicles did he think the costs would go down. Dennis reported yes.

Dr. Crawford asked Brent if he would be interested in volunteer physicians helping with CE to help offset costs. Brent said yes, but it's hard to have consistency with physicians because of schedules and their knowing the protocols. He would still need instructors in the break-out sessions.

The question was raised regarding the Emergency Room Diversion Cert. Dennis reported they were approached by Donnie Miller from the Neighborhood Health Association to consider application for a grant to provide an emergency room diversion program. This would involve redirecting non critical calls for service to a nurse who would then re-direct the patient to a 24-hour non-emergency center..

Open Discussion

Dennis Cole reported Mobile Care has asked to open another station. Dennis said they meet all the requirements. Also MedCorp has closed a station.

Chief McNutt reported a letter has gone out from the State notifying of the change in state certifications. It will be a one card system. Individuals with certifications will renew all their cards, on their birth date. Some will gain time and some loose time.

Dennis Cole reported we are aware of the issues with the ePCR tablets. Dennis said they have had discussions with Dell and have a direct line with Dell research team. Dennis reported that they have given them two weeks to resolve the issue and if it is not resolved they will take back the tablets. Two old CF19s have been given back to LS6 & 7. Dennis said that two new CF19's are on order. Also if the tablets from Dell do not work out, new CF19's will be ordered.

Dr. Lindstrom reported because we are billing, proper fields in the ePCR need to be filled out correctly. Dr. Lindstrom made note of the where it says transported by to make sure the paramedics fills out if they went via life squad or another municipalities/ambulance vehicle.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 3rd at 8:30 a.m.**