

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2011

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Barry Cousino
Matt Mathias for Chief Rick Monto
Chief Brian Byrd for Chief Santiago
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Ed Ellis
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole

Representing:

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

Absent:

Mayor Tim Wagener
Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Leslie Kohli
Peter Ujvagi

City of Maumee, Mayor
City of Oregon, Mayor
City of Toledo, Mayor
Lucas County Fire Chief's Association
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Lucas County Administrator
Sylvania Twp. Trustee

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Vicki Malinoski
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Lt. Terrence Glaze
Kent Appelhans
Chris Schultz
Charlene Phillips
Steve Memsic
Ken Coutcher
Eric McAllistes
Joe Wallace

LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS Communications Manager
Administrative Specialist
Whitehouse Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
First Care Ambulance
Mobile Care
Mobile Care

Call to Order

Dr. Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 3, 2011 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Cousino made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Kowalski. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

No meeting to report. Next Medical Committee is scheduled for October 3rd.

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported this committee met August 8th. Items discussed were the CirQLator, new equipment list for next year and issues with hospital lockers. Next meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 9:00.

CE Update

Brent reports there was no CE July and August. September's CE is ACLS, an 8 hour class. AHA guidelines will be addressed and the cardiac protocols revised to reflect the changes. This information is being handed out in CE. October CE will be the last for the year. Brent reported he will publish the CE dates for next year in the next month or so.

Brent reported on the CirQLator trial phase citing LCEMS is one of the first using the device. 12 uses to date in cardiac arrest patients with 9 patients having return of pulses. A publication is being done to be presented at the AHA scientific sessions to be held in Nov. 2011.

Brent reported LCEMS has been approached by TFD to look at the possibility of training with Owens in teaching new paramedic. Dennis reported the cost will be neutral to the EMS program. Dennis also reported this has not gone before the commissioners.

Chief Kowalski asked if this was open to other departments and it was reported yes.

EMS Billing Update

Vicki reported it has not yet been identified why billing is down. A Revenue Report was made available which showed how much was received in August and the projected revenue for 2011. Vicki reported there is a meeting with Med300 September 13th to discuss issues. It was noted one of the issues of non-payment is paramedics not capturing signatures and also the interfacing with the hospitals. In May we found 200 run reports without signatures. Dennis reported that we are going to have to get face sheets and Brent is instructing in CE to do so. A discussion of billing ensued.

Vicki reported she is working with an intern from EMA looking at the runs billed out and comparing with the runs in the ePCR trying to figure out what the issues are.

EMS Monthly Reports

Pat Moomey reported that at the last meeting a packet of material was distributed which shows the monthly reports EMS generates. Pat said with the new CAD coming in the future she would like the chiefs to look at what types of reports they would like.

Open Discussion

2012 Budget - The Draft 2012 Proposed EMS Budget was made available. Vicki reported on some of the items, i.e., 0% increases in salaries, new equipment requests from Pat and Brent. As well as the replacement of the Microwave System. It was cited it is over 20 years old. Dennis reported repair parts are no longer supported. We still need to research the replacement cost.

Mayor Kuhn asked about the open positions getting filled. Dennis reported administration asked him to do without as long as possible. Mayor Kuhn suggested this might be a source of funding another dispatcher.

Chief McNutt asked what does the microwave system do. Pat reported it is for hospital communication and for the Med Channels 9 and 10.

Mayor Kuhn also inquired about the purchase of two life squads and Chevy Tahoe. Dennis reported they are replacement for the older vehicles. Dennis reported four new life squads are due in October but we will still have four old back-ups.

Chief Kowalski asked about unit reimbursement. It was reported 2006 was the last increase. Dennis reported increases are dependent on sales tax and there has been no increase.

Hospital Lockers – Dennis reported he has received reports lockers are still being left open and it was noted at UTMC and Luke's. Dennis asked the chiefs to remind the paramedics of keeping them closed.

Lt. Glaze reported a communication has been sent out to Toledo Fire paramedics reminding them to lock them up when they are finished.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. The next meeting will be **Wednesday October 5th at 8:30 a.m.**