

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2011

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Barry Cousino
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
Kent Appelhans
Chris Schultz
Charlene Phillips
Julie Goins
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage
Valerie Lint, D.O., FACEP
Ken Coucher
Eric McAllistes
Jim Hightower
Todd Brookens, M.D.
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Loren Boykin, Sr.
Jeff Harwick
Jim Briggs
Ralph Shearn

LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS Communications Manager
Administrative Specialist
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Flight
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance/UTMC Residency
First Care Ambulance
Mobile Care
Mobile Care
ProMedica
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
LCEMS Dispatch
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Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the September 7, 2011 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Cousino made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief McNutt. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported this committee met Monday, October 3rd. Items discussed were CE, with the paramedics just completing ACLS in September and October's topic is Cardiovascular Emergencies with skills labs. Also being added is the retraining of the signature piece in the ePCR. No CE in November and December. Brent reported to the committee in October's CE protocols will have revised medication, pulling off Lidocaine and Valium and decreasing the supply of Atropine and bumping up Epinephrine. Brent also told the committee of two abstracts that were approved on ResQGard and CirQLator to be presented at a conference. Also discussed at the meeting was the utilization of the Sandhu collars. Dr. Lindstrom reported at the meeting that LCEMS is looking at pediatric education in the future. Dr. Lindstrom citing there are parts in both PEPP and PALS courses that would benefit the paramedics but there are portions of the programs that are not needed for pre-hospital care. We are considering development a hybrid course combining the best of both courses. Dr. Lindstrom also reported to the committee about the UPMC Residency Program and the three residents that will be out in the streets. Also at the meeting Dr. Brookens brought up the suggestion of a countywide protocol and setting up a meeting with the medical directors involved to discuss. Also discussed at the meeting was the LUCAS device and tissue breakdown. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5th at 8:30.

Introduction

Dr. Lindstrom introduced Dr. Valerie Lint. Dr. Lint expounded more on the Emergency Residency Program and how the Residents could be riding in her MedCorp Echo Unit and responding to 911 calls. Dr. Lint said they will not be out everyday and only one resident a month, starting October through December. Dr. Lint also reported they have already met with Dr. Lindstrom.

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported this committee met September 12th. Items discussed were the CE and items for next year's budget. Dennis went through the billing issue. Next meeting is scheduled for October 17th, due to the holiday on October 10th.

CE Update

Brent expounded on the medication changes citing the reason for removing Lidocaine is that it is not used very often and removing Valium, citing that Versed is used for sedation and seizures now.

Brent reported we have good data on the use of the ResQGARD with 250 uses to date. We are combining data from uses in Texas and New York to be presented at a conference in January. The data for the CirQLator had limited use in the field with 12 uses collectively to date with positive results.

Sandhu Collar - Dr. Lindstrom reported the Sandhu Collar most likely be phased out. Dr. Lindstrom we have not had good use, the capture rate being less than 50%. There has been frustration with the product in itself, i.e., fitting, stiffness. It's not inexpensive so we will phase out the ones we have and go back to ice packs and iced saline.

PEPP – Dr. Lindstrom reported he is trying to evaluate if we continue with the credit card course of PEPP. Dr. Lindstrom reported it is a ridged course and paramedics can not go over the date, so it would be a creep forward status each time it is put on. Unlike American Heart which give a 30 day grace period. PEPP requires lectures and the price for the books have gone up from \$35 to \$50. Dr. Lindstrom reported we could make a custom course and pull from PALS & PEPP, with the downside of stepping away from a structured course

EMS Billing Update

Vicki reported September collections up. To date we have received just over 2 million dollars but we are still down from last year. We met with MED3000 and discussed issues we were having. The biggest problem we are now having is the signature issue.

Dennis requested to go into Executive Session to discuss operating jurisdiction contracts.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m. The next meeting will be **Wednesday November 2nd at 8:30 a.m.**