

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2012

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Tom Wagener for Chief Monto
Assistant Chief Paul Mullen for Chief Ellis
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Mayor Angela Kuhn
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole

Representing:

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

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Leslie Kohli
Mayor Richard Carr
Chief Luis Santiago

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

Peter Ujvagi

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Vicki Malinoski
Captain Mark Benadum
Chief Brian Byrd
Jeff Harwick
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
Dr. Daniel Neumeyer
Curt Wamer
Jack Morasch
Dr. Todd Brookens
John Barnes
Josh Weinstein
Julie Swartz
Kent Appelhans
Charlene Phillips

QA/QI
LCEMS Administrative Specialist
Toledo Fire – EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire – EMS Bureau
LCEMS Dispatch
St. Vincent Mercy
St. Vincent Mercy
First Care Ambulance
ProMedica
ProMedica
Air Guard Fire
Mobile Care Group
St. Vincent Emergency
Mercy/Life Star
Mercy/Life Star

Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the November 7, 2012 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 the committee Monday, December 3rd. Chief Cousino reported Jon Ziehr highlighted on November's CE. The topics were Infectious Diseases, drowning and blood product administration, a requirement for the State, and to be compliant for 2012. January's CE topic is pediatric and OB emergencies.

Brent reported at the meeting the CPAP and EZ IO have been distributed to the first responders. There was discussion regarding Basic EMTs using the CPAP and will be addressed in the future.

Chief Cousino reported the issue of drug shortages were discussed and it continues to vary on the different medications. Dr. Lindstrom reported at the meeting that he and Brent are still working on putting Versed on the First Responders and they are still working on the protocols and documentation. Dr. Lindstrom reported Etomidate is one of the shortage drugs. Dr. Lindstrom also reported there is an app on the I Phone available to check on drug shortages.

It was reported at the meeting there are two new vehicles in service for physician response in the field.

The next scheduled Medical Committee Meeting is February 4, 2013.

Paramedic Committee

Chief Kowalski reported the Paramedic Committee discussed some of the same things, but they also revisited the 20 minute in-service time. Also discussed was the OB issue with the two life squads delivering the mother and child in two different squads. The Annex has added tags to the OB kit. Also Dr. Lindstrom reviewed/revisited the c-spine protocol.

CE Update

Brent reported he introduced a new gaming software to CE, which was well received.

Dennis Cole reported it measures responses so that we get a feel for how successful the training session is.

Brent reported the CE schedule for 2013 is out on the web, but does not contain the topics for each month.

Brent also reported that he attends the educational JEMS conference every year which normally is held in Baltimore. In 2013 it will be held in March in Washington, D.C. Brent reported it will feature JEMS Games Competition composing of paramedic teams. There are three members to a team plus one alternate. The teams will compete against one another. There will be eight stations, half hour long. Brent reported he would like to see teams sent from here.

Dennis noted that participation should improve our training and give us a perspective how other agencies perform.

Brent reported the Team entry fee is \$150.00 plus travel and lodging for four days. Brent reported initially thirteen people had shown interest and it has dwindled down to eight. Brent said he is also looking at a selection process.

Dr. Crawford mentioned she would like to see all the costs involved citing Washington, D.C. is expensive. She suggested some kind of fund raiser to show faith.

Brent reported the deadline to register is January 13th with the conference being March 5th through the 9th.

Dennis Cole reported EMS could pay for the conference and stay if the agencies involved would pay the salary and per diem. Dennis said he would like to see just one team attend next year.

A motion was made by Chief Byrd to send a team to the JEMS games, which was seconded by Chief Cousino. Motion carried.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported November's revenue was \$320,796.67 and year to date \$4, 400,486.86.

Drug Shortages

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is nothing particular, except that Etomidate is not available and that this drug is just used on ICE patients. Versed and Fentanyl are okay. We try to keep a 90 day stock at the Annex.

System Review

Dennis Cole reported the sub-committee met November 21st. Dave Beckwith is still working on an addendum which should be out at the end of the week. We need to identify the big issues and potential solutions, how they work, pros and cons. This was presented at the Fire Chief's meeting.

Open Discussion

Chief McNutt asked if there was an adapter in the Zoll so they could do State reporting. Dennis reported this was not available. Chief McNutt responded he was told there was. Dennis introduced Dave Reamey who reported Zoll is not Nemesis compliant we have to buy an interface for that. Dave reported there is one person in the State that can do it, but she is working with others. Dave will forward the quote to Dennis.

Jeff Harwick introduced himself as a LCEMS Dispatcher. He reported Pat had asked him to distribute a fact sheet regarding Dispatch staffing that was asked for at the last meeting. Jeff reported there were 106,000 incidents to date as well as the costs shown to add two dispatchers. He pointed out the run volume and how it is covered on each shift. He noted the comparison with Toledo Fire incidents as well as staffing.

Dennis Cole reported he was not aware this document was being provided and asked that it not be acted on. Dr. Crawford noted that she had requested it at the last meeting and it was for information only.

Chief Cousino reported Tom Wagener is retiring at the end of the year after 35 years of service and thanked him for what he has done in the system.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. Due to the proximity of the holidays at the end of year, it was decided on having the next meeting **Wednesday, January 16th at 8:30 a.m.**