

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2013

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Bob McCarthy
Zak Husain, M.D.
Cheryl Herr, R.N.
Lt. Matt Viertlbeck
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kim Hood
Kristie Gallagher
Julie DiCecco, R.N.
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Deputy Chief Michael Ramm

Representing

Springfield Township Fire Department
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers
Toledo Fire 122
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Hospital EC
Toledo Hospital EC
Sylvania Twp. Fire
Sylvania Twp. Fire

Staff

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| David Lindstrom, MD | Medical Director LCEMS |
| Dennis Cole | Emergency Services Director |
| Brent Parquette | QA/QI/CE |
| Pat Moomey | Communications Manager |

Absent

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| Mary Beth Crawford, MD | St. Luke's Hospital |
| Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman | University of Toledo Medical Center EC |
| Domian Kandah, MD | St. Charles Hospital |
| Pat Mattevi, MD | Bay Park Community Hospital |
| Daniel Schwerin, M.D. | St. Vincent Mercy EC |
| Todd Brookens, MD | Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers |

Call to order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:32 am

Minute Approval

The minutes from the February 11, 2013 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were accepted as amended.

CE Update

Brent reported March's CE covered PEEP and Blood Chemistry Analysis to finish up the State curriculum. April's CE is Neurovascular Emergencies and Endocrine. May will have chart review with Dr. Lindstrom. Dr. Lindstrom said with the chart review and if there are particular protocols the doctors or nurses want emphasized send him a request.

Old Business

Medications - Dr. Lindstrom reported the County is in good shape with the medications. Dr. Lindstrom reported the hospitals are seeing a shortage of Calcium Gluconate. Dr. Lindstrom said the Annex tries to keep a three month supply of medications. Dr. Lindstrom reported Brent will be teaching in April the counting system with Versed for the first responders.

Plavix - Chief Cousino asked how the discussion came about regarding the use of Plavix. Julie reported they brought it up and with the short travel time for the paramedics was it necessary. Dr. Lindstrom reported it was asked of the cardiologist if paramedics should give this medication. It was the consensus of the cardiologists not asking us to implement and no move to have EMS administer it.

New Business

Dr. Husain asked for the rationale behind traumatic cardiac arrest patients going to the nearest hospital citing two cases brought to St. Anne's that did not meet criteria.

Dr. Lindstrom reported traumatic cardiac arrests are currently transported to the closest hospital. There was discussion of possible change it to the Traumatic Arrest Protocol.

Dr. Husain also brought up the discussion of diversions to St. Anne Hospital.

FYI

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is the occasional opportunity in our system to get a patient a cab to be transported to a hospital. Dr. Lindstrom said to be aware it is only under medical control this should occur. It is a huge risk. There should virtually not much wrong with the patient for them to be transported by a cab. If a crew on scene thinks the patient should go by cab they are to talk to Medical Control. They could be on the "hook" if they do not contact Med Control. Dr. Lindstrom said he does not encourage medical cabs at all.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at 8:30a.m.