

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2013

Members Present:

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

Representing:

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

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Mayor Richard Carr
Leslie Kohli
Paul Hoag
Peter Ujvagi

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

Attendees:

Pat Moomey
Vicki Malinoski
Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr
Loren Boyken
Chief Brian Byrd
Lt. Kirk Keane
Matt Heyrman
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
Dr. Margaret Poznalska
Dr. Scott McMaster
Dr. Jason Graber
Dr. Nick Boraggina
Chief Tony Parasiliti
Jack Morash

Dispatch Manger
LCEMS Administrative Specialist
QA/QI Specialist
CE Program Administrator
LCEMS Dispatcher
Toledo Fire – EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire – EMS Bureau
EMA
Mercy Health Partners
St. Vincent Mercy Residency
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Jerusalem Twp. Fire Dept.
ProMedica

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the March 6, 2013 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

Chief Cousino reported the committee met April 1st. Items discussed were March CE topics of PEEP and Blood Chemistry Analysis which completed the State's curriculum. April's CE topic of Endocrine and Neurovascular Emergencies and May's CE which is a chart review with Dr. Lindstrom. Medication shortages where Dr. Lindstrom reported the County was in good shape, but the hospitals were seeing a shortage of Calcium Gluconate and the Annex keeps a three month supply. Dr. Lindstrom reported at the meeting the teaching of the county system with Versed for the First Responders. There was a discussion of Plavix and its possible use. There was a discussion regarding the transport of traumatic cardiac arrest patients and going to the nearest hospital. Also, a discussion regarding transport of patients via cab to the hospital.

Paramedic Committee

Chief Kowalski reported in addition to items brought up at the Medical Committee, the Power Lift System was discussed. Another discussion brought up was the idea of combining the Paramedic Committee and the Medical Committee meetings citing the lack of attendance. Dr. Lindstrom dissuaded this idea citing the issues were different. It was brought up that maybe the Paramedic Committee meet every other month.

CE Update

Jon Ziehr reported that in last month's Policy Board meeting, it was reported Flower Hospital will no longer take trauma patients and that has happened. Jon reported March CE finished up the curriculum updates, April CE was Endocrine and Neuro with hands on. May CE will have Dr. Lindstrom the first half of the session going over case reviews and the last half will have a pharmacology review as well as the C.A.T. (Combat Applied Tourniquet) tourniquets. June CE will be on trauma.

JEMS Games Presentation

Brent presented a slide presentation of the JEMS Games held in Washington, D.C. in March.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported March 's revenue brought in \$314,735.33 and April \$412,516.04. To date brings us to \$1,386,207.85 which is down from last year by \$61,000.00. Vicki also reported the County

transitioned into a new lock box. Dennis also reported there will be a 2% drop from Medicare reimbursement.

SWOT

Dennis reported the condensed version of the EMS SWOT Follow-up Final Report was provided. Dennis opened the floor for discussion on where we go net.

Chief Santiago suggested to look at the practices and finances in the short and long term. Maybe to do another study getting a consultant that is unbiased. Identify things to make it better and more efficient use of resources. Each municipality is different and each needs to identify their issues and needs.

Dennis Cole said the elephants need to be discussed in more detail. There are three levels in the system with different needs. (1) volunteer departments, (2) City of Toledo, core city and (3) municipalities around the Core. Dennis also said there is a need to expand the group to the jurisdictions not represented. Dr. Crawford suggested to re-activate the sub-committee. The next sub-committee will be held June 5th after the Policy Board meeting.

Open Discussion

Versed – Dr. Lindstrom reported the First Responder Versed issue will hopefully be completed next month. Dr. Lindstrom gave a brief outline of the inventory process. Toledo Fire and departments with multiple apparatuses in the department will either have the one paramedic on duty or the Command Officer do the inventory. With the volunteer departments, the plan is to have the inventory done every drill day or after a run that has a paramedic on board.

FYI – Chief McNutt reported the State and Transportation Boards have combined.

Paramedic CE Continuing Education Protocol - Dennis reported an updated protocol on paramedic continuing education has been made. The changes are highlighted in red. Dennis pointed out Tab 200, J-5 regarding paramedics not attending or making up CE within the 3 week period and want to make up CE or want to re-enter the training program will be responsible for paying the costs associated with the make-up sessions. Dr. Lindstrom reported there will be a letter sent out to the individual and chief after that 21 day period.

ZOLL conference – Dennis reported Jon Ziehr and Dave Reamy will be attending a ZOLL conference this month. Dennis said if anyone has anything regarding the ePCR software to let us know for them to take to the conference.

Introductions – Dr. Schwerin introduced the four physician residents from St. Vincent Residency Program.

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Dr. Lindstrom introduced Chief Tony Parasiliti from Jerusalem Township Fire.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is June 5th at 8:30 a.m.