

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 3, 2014

Members Present:

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

Representing:

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

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian  
Mayor Michael Collins  
Mayor Richard Carr  
Laura Loyd-Jenkins  
Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Kevin Bernhard

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

Attendees:

Brent Parquette  
Ralph Shearn  
Don Murray  
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.  
Chief John Barnes  
Chief Brian Byrd  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Lt. Kirk Keane  
Jack Morasch  
Vicki Malinoski

QA/QI  
LCEMS Dispatch Manager  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire  
NWO EMS  
ANGFD  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
ProMedica  
LCEMS

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mary Beth Crawford at 8:37 a.m.

## **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the June 4, 2014 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Kowalski and seconded by Chief Cousino to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Medical Committee**

Chief Cousino reported no meeting to report on. The next scheduled meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Paramedic Committee**

Chief Kowalski reported no meeting to report on. The next meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **CE Update**

Brent reported the paramedics had a break over the summer. September's CE is on pediatrics. This will deal with children with special care needs.

### **EMS Billing**

Vicki reported August's revenue was \$282,391.36. Year to date \$2,677,936.79 and on target.

### **Open Discussion**

Dennis reported a draft 2015 budget is provided for review. Chief Kowalski asked when is the actual approval date for the budget. Dennis reported there is not a scheduled time, but sometime before the end of the year. Dennis said they are working documents and things can change.

Dr. Crawford inquired into the items listed under equipment entitled Laerdal SimMom and Laerdal 3G SimMan mannequins. Brent explained he is looking into the future to optimize the training for the paramedics and these are high tech mannequins and would be an added benefit to our program.

Dr. Crawford asked about the EMS Tool Kit listed under the Equipment. Brent explained it is a system where an interaction with the paramedics, such as CE being canceled or inventory.

Life Squads – Chief Santiago noted in June's meeting minutes the topic the approval of three new life squads and asked if this was approved. Dennis reported yes.

Dr. Crawford asked about the Advanced Practice Paramedic person. Brent reported there is no one for this at this time. Dennis reported we currently do not have support for this. There is a question of value for this program. It's one of these items that might not survive but needs to be talked about.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare – Brent reported he attends the sub-committee meetings on Mobile Integrated Healthcare in Columbus. It is slowly moving forward in Ohio. The Ohio Revised Code would have to take out emergency in the paramedic response. This program would allow for such things as well checks. There is also the issue of reimbursement.

Private Ambulance Response – Dennis reported he was approached to look at changing how private ambulances are dispatched. Currently our dispatch will dispatch a private ambulance from their house. Sylvania Twp, who approached us, asked we dispatch a private ambulance from where ever they might be. Dennis pointed out we can't define a response time when we currently don't know where the private ambulance is located. Dennis reported his position is not to change it. A discussion ensued. It was the consensus to continue as is.

LS11 – Chief Santiago he would like to see the additional life squad revisited. Dennis reported he has been having conversations with the Board of County Commissioners on the 11<sup>th</sup> life squad as part of their long term vision of providing EMS services.

Cooling collars – Brent gave an update on the cooling collars. Brent reported the collars have been re-tooled and put on four different life squads. Brent said he is tracking the temperatures and collecting the data to present at the next Paramedic Committee meeting.

LUCAS – Brent reported last year we purchase the LUCAS to place strategically in outlying areas to be used before the life squad arrived. These were implemented this summer. To date have had multiple uses in the field which worked beautifully.

St. Anne Mercy Hospital – Brent reported St. Anne has a cath lab that is open and to be able get STEMI patients. Currently we do not know when this will happen.

Drug Shortages – Brent reported LCEMS averted the saline shortage and we are okay with our drugs. Brent reported that if there are any shortages the departments will be notified and if there is a replacement.

Narcan – Brent reported with the Heroin epidemic, some first responders and law enforcement are carrying Naloxone. Brent said the paramedics are instructed not to change their approach to the patient and to find out everything that was done to the patient before their arrival and follow their protocols and to take to the hospital regardless if they are awake.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is a factual study done by the CDC. A community based nationwide of formal training and no formal training in the use of Narcan and there was no difference of outcome. It was a sample size of 10,000 patients.

Brent reported he attended a meeting in Julia Bates office that included a number of different law enforcement representatives and this topic was discussed. Since this meeting he has not been approached regarding implementation of a program or protocols.

Free Standing Emergency Depts. – Brent cited there is a need for a discussion regarding free standing emergency departments and the delivering of patients to them. He said he is exploring protocols from places that have these.

Presentation – Brent reported Laerdal is putting on a presentation for EMS personnel on October 30<sup>th</sup> to hone their skills.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m. The next meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m.