

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 1, 2014

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.  
Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Chief Daryl McNutt  
Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's  
Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire Department  
Lucas County Emergency Services Director  
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian  
Mayor Michael Collins  
Mayor Richard Carr  
Chief Luis Santiago  
Mayor Angela Kuhn  
Chief Richard Monto  
Chief Paul Mullen  
Laura Loyd-Jenkins  
Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Kevin Bernhard

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

Attendees:

Brent Parquette  
Ralph Shearn  
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.  
Chief John Barnes  
Chief Brian Byrd  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Jack Morasch  
Vicki Malinoski  
Loren Boyken  
Aislinn Charlton-Dennis

QA/QI  
LCEMS Dispatch Manager  
NWO EMS  
ANGFD  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
ProMedica  
LCEMS  
EMS Dispatcher  
Springfield Fire/LCEMS CE Administrator

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mary Beth Crawford at 8:30 a.m.

## **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made 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 the committee met on September 8<sup>th</sup> and gave a brief overview of the meeting.

### **CE Update**

Brent reported the paramedics just finished September's CE of Pediatric Emergencies. October's CE will have critical skills review.

### **EMS Billing**

Vicki reported September's revenue was \$337,837.34, year to date \$3,015,774.13 and on track. Dennis reported the Commissioners approved an increase of 1.4% for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement.

## **Open Discussion**

Cooling collars – Dr. Lindstrom reported there is data back on the collars. Dr. Lindstrom reported the temperatures are moving down .8 degrees in their use and looking to only use the cooling collars. Dr. Lindstrom mentioned the challenge with the collar is the fit. Dr. Lindstrom reported with people with short necks to only place the cooling portion on the neck. Dr. Lindstrom said the process will be simpler for the paramedics. Also, it is cost neutral for cardiac arrests. Dr. Schwerin mentioned literature questioning the benefits of cooling and recommended the use of chilled saline as the way to go. Dr. Lindstrom commented on this as well. Dr. Crawford said she agreed with Dr. Lindstrom in recognizing literature but also recognizing reality of time.

Spinal Immobilization – Chief Cousino said there has been discussion regarding spinal immobilization and asked what direction are we going with it. Dr. Lindstrom reported we are creating a draft that would work with first responders. A workable draft will go out to the fire chiefs and to get a uniform approach to everybody involved.

LS11 – Dennis reported he has received the okay to put LS11 in service. Dennis said he will have to work with Toledo and create an addendum to the contract for this. It will operate 7 days a week and from the hours of 10 to 10.

The intent is to take pressure from outer areas to come in.

Meeting Dates – A motion was made to schedule this committee every other month starting the first of year. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The next meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.