

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2015

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Luis Santiago
Chief Daryl McNutt
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Brandon Loboschefski
Chief Paul Mullen
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Department
Village of Whitehouse – Mayor
Maumee Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Lucas County Emergency Services Director
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Collins
Mayor Richard Carr
Laura Loyd-Jenkins
Trustee _____
Trustee _____
Chief Kevin Bernhard

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
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
Loren Boykin
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
EMS Chief Matt Mathias
Chief Brian Byrd
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kirk Keane
Jack Morasch
Tony Parsalitti
Matt Miller
Eric McCallister
Vicki Malinoski
Jon Ziehr

QA/QI
LCEMS Dispatch Manager
LCEMS Dispatcher
NWO EMS
Maumee Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
ProMedica
Jerusalem Twp. FD
Mobile Care
Mobile Care
LCEMS
Springfield Fire/LCEMS CE Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chief Cousino at 8:33 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the November 5, 2014 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief McNut and seconded by Chief Kowalski to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported on the meeting held December 1st.

Paramedic Committee

Chief Kowalski reported on the meeting held November 19th.

Lucas County Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIP)

Michelle from Hospital Council gave a synopsis of the Lucas County Community Health Improvement Planning Process and looking for volunteers to be involved.

Backboard Policy

Dr. Lindstrom made available a draft copy of the new Spinal Immobilization Policy. Dr. Lindstrom gave a brief background on why the policy changed. Dr. Lindstrom reported LCEMS plan is start the protocol February 1st. Dr. Lindstrom also mentioned this protocol was sent to all the ECs so questions will be minimized. Dr. Lindstrom said the major change is the backing away from the backboards and getting a better neuro assessment.

Brent said the last page of the handout shows the scoop stretcher which will be added to the life squads.

11th Life Squad

Dennis made available a draft agreement for Toledo relative to the 11th squad. Dennis reported we are moving forward.

CE Update

Brent reported he is looking at the number of paramedics attending CE and with Toledo adding a large number and the prospect of other departments adding it will be over 400. Brent asked the chiefs to keep to their allocated numbers for each class.

Chief Kowalski asked about on-line training, one or two a year citing overtime issues with sending paramedics to the class. Brent reported with some departments it is a contract issue. Brent also mentioned he is looking at the program, EMS Tool Kit because it has a training component and possibly moving to that direction.

Safety Pad

Brent reported we are looking at different ePCR platforms. Many large departments are using the Safety Pad and we have had one demonstration on it. Brent said there is a Webinar on the 15th giving an overview. The back end piece to this ePCR is the QA part that Dr. Lindstrom could use.

Priority Dispatch Kick Off

Ralph Shearn reported the dispatchers currently use the Clawson cards. Ralph said were moving this year to ProQA Paramount computer based program , Training in February for the Leads, Dispatchers and IT people and a tentative live date in March.

Live MUM status

Ralph reported Live MUM (Move Up Module) is currently being installed in Dispatch. This program is designed to recommend moving life squads to locations within the county to provide greater coverage during peak/busy periods. Many bugs have been discovered and fixed, but as the training period is rolled out to the dispatchers, agencies may receive inquiries from their respective paramedics as to why they are being moved to various locations. The Lead Dispatchers will be allowed to use discretion on whether to accept the recommendation or not. This program does not take private ambulance ALS units or any other fire based transport units into consideration as part of the algorithm recommendation.

EMS Billing –

Vicki reported December's revenue was \$367,555.89 and year to date \$4,258,250.33.

Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom reported on some pharmaceutical issues. One item was saline mentioning distributors shipping costs are "eating them alive" and the fluid costs will be going up. Another drug mentioned was Vasopressin. Dr. Lindstrom said there is only one company that has it approved by the FDA, so costs will be going up. Dr. Lindstrom also mentioned there are many drugs in the pipeline that will get exclusive which will drive the price up. Mag Sulfate and Narcan are in short demand.

EBOLA

Loren asked if dispatchers could quit asking the questions as it relates to the Ebola Directive citing the “regulars” tell them the answers before they ask. Dr. Lindstrom reported no.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m. The next meeting will be March 4th at 8:30 a.m.