

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2015

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Luis Santiago
Laura Lloyd-Jenkins
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

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

Absent:

Mayor Michael Sefarian
Mayor Paula Hicks Hudson
Mayor Richard Carr
Trustee _____
Trustee John Jenewine
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Chief Paul Mullen
Chief Brandon Loboschefski

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

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Aislinn Charlton-Dennis
Pat Moomey
Ralph Shearn
Tony Parasiliti
Josh Hartbarger
Chief Jim Price
Chief Karen Marquardt
Captain Mark Benadum
Deputy Chief Michael Ramm
John Barnes
Leigh Moore
Matt Sadden
Julie Goins Whitmire
Greg Szumigala
Nicholas Simon
Diana Minor
Mary Britton
Daryl Hall

CE Administrator/QA
LCEMS CE, LS10
Lucas County EMA
LC Communications Manager
Jerusalem Twp. Fire Dept.
Whitehouse Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Sylvania Twp. Fire Dept.
ANGFD
Mercy
Mercy
Mercy
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Lucas County OMB
ProMedica – Toledo Hospital
ProMedica – Bay Park Hospital

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Crawford at 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the November 4th meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Kowalski and seconded by Chief Cousino to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Medical Committee

The next meeting is scheduled December 7th,

Paramedic Committee

Chief Kowalski reported on the meeting held November 9th.

One of the topics discussed at the meeting are the non-emergent cases at nursing homes. Dennis reported this topic should be brought up at the Medical Committee meeting. Dr. Crawford suggested having a representative from the extended care facilities attend this meeting.

CE Update

Brent reported the 2016 CE scheduled is out on the web. Brent also mentioned there are close to 400 paramedics attending CE and requested the chiefs to stay with the class allocation numbers. Brent reported RTF training is scheduled for April and May. Brent also mentioned there is a major change dealing with pediatrics. The Pediatric Handtevy System will be taught in March. The system will improve viability in pediatrics. The Handtevy is a first of its kind hybrid pediatric resuscitation system that uses both age and length as options to initiate care.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported the month of November brought in \$289,245.99 and year to date \$3,758,353.90 which is down from last year at this point. Dr. Crawford asked about the number of transports any different than last year. It was reported about the same. Dennis mentioned Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement is going down for next year.

Open Discussion

King County – Brent reported there has been a lot of discussion regarding the EMS system work load, cancelation rate and system design. Brent said he is exploring County's (Seattle) EMS system. Their system is a criteria based system based on the level of care required for a patient, the urgency for the care to be given and the specified medical criteria for determining the appropriate response.

50% of the ALS units are cancelled here. Our call volume is growing and there is a need to readdress the impact on the system. There are a lot of departments in the transport business.

Dennis noted that the Priority Dispatch rules, as a recognized national EMS dispatch standard, are somewhat rigid. There is not a lot of flexibility on what constitutes an ALS run so we are looking at King County's system as a way to reduce the 50% cancellation rate.

Brent said it needs to start with the BLS responder. Brent reported in King County all the first responders are basic.

Chief Santiago asked if the current Priority Dispatch system has been analyzed. Dr. Lindstrom reported they have gone over the Priority Dispatch cards and have made some changes. A discussion of Priority Dispatch and how the life squads are sent ensued.

Chief Kowalski asked if CAD knows if a paramedic is on the first responder. Dennis reported no that the software does not have this capability. The current technology does not allow it to designate an ALS vehicle.

RTF – Dennis reported with the incident that happened in Paris, we would like to move forward with obtaining the equipment for the Rescue Task Force for training for next year.

Chief Cousino made a motion to move forward to purchase the equipment, which was seconded by Chief Kowalski. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m. The next meeting will be January 6, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.