

LCEMS POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2008

Members Present

Chief Rick Monto
Chief Martin Fuller
Mary Beth Crawford, M.D. (St. Luke's)
Assistant Chief Tom Eisel
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole

Representing

Maumee Fire Dept.
Whitehouse Fire
Hospital Council
Sylvania Twp. Fire Chief
LCEMS Medical Director
Emergency Services Director

Absent:

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Kevin Bernhard
I. Kohli
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Bill Wilkens
Chief Barry Cousino
Mayor Marge Brown
Mayor Tim Wagener
Pam Hanley
Mike Beazley

City of Toledo, CEO
City of Toledo Fire Chief
Lucas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Springfield Twp., CEO
Whitehouse Fire
Oregon Fire
Springfield Twp. Fire Chief
City of Oregon, CEO
City of Maumee, CEO
Sylvania Twp. CEO
County Administrator

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Chief Jim Sedlar
Lt. Ed Herrick
Battalion Chief Bill Hull
Chief Brian Byrd
Jeff Kish
Jay Lowenstein

QA/QI
Ottawa Hills Fire
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Rumpf Ambulance
MedCorp

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting called to order by Dr. Crawford at 8:40 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2008 in the Emergency Services Building.

1) **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the December 5, 2007 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Chief Monto and seconded by Chief Fuller to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

2) **Medical Committee Report**

No meeting to report.

3) **Paramedic Committee Report**

Chief Fuller reported the Paramedic Committee met December 10th. A report was given by Brent regarding CE training. Other issues discussed were billing, the lack of attendance at meetings and the consolidation of the 4-8 minute bags to an ALS bag. Dennis reported the concept of doing this was to save money on medications. Also discussed at the meeting was the 12-lead transmission process.

Dr. Crawford reported we are one of the last areas in the state to do billing. Almost every city, township and village has a web site informing their residents about billing before it was implemented. Dr. Crawford reported that before anything can be presented to the Commissioners, a sub committee and a plan has to be developed and she asked for input. Then maybe it could be presented to the Commissioners in six months.

4) **Private Ambulance Agreement Modifications**

Dennis Cole reported he has a response from Med Corp but waiting to hear from ProMedica and Life Star that they are currently going through their legal departments. Jay Lowenstein reported he has three major issues with the Agreement. (1) To have an appeal process if there is a complaint. Currently LCEMS is the sole person to decide the issue. MedCorp would like issues referred to the Bar Association to appoint an arbitrator. (2) Verbiage regarding station closing. He would like to see selective closing. For the larger companies, no greater than 50% and for the small companies, it would be to their discretion. (3) Advertising. Mr. Lowenstein reported they want to be able to advertise.

Dennis Cole reported as it relates to the complaint process, the Commissioners have the final authority not EMS. Dennis also noted that it's important to promote the use of 9-1-1 for access to emergency services and ambulance. A discussion ensued.

Jeff Kish gave a report on his stats for the month of December. Jeff reported he had 74 runs in December and the percentage of collectables has decreased dramatically. 50 runs no reimbursement, 14 runs were Medicaid and 9 runs were Medicare or private insurance. Dennis reported Jeff Kish was given a CAD report of three days of Toledo Fire's transport runs.

Chief Eisel reported there is a flyer going around Sylvania with the name of a private ambulance company advertising they can be used for emergency and non-emergency problems.

Chief Eisel also reported he was told by a director of a nursing facility that the nursing home was told by the private ambulance company not to call 9-1-1, that LCEMS and the fire departments do not want to respond to their emergency.

A discussion ensued regarding emergency response to nursing homes and businesses.

5) **Open Discussion**

Dennis Cole reported Tom Couture has retired. Dennis reported it is our intent to bring Tom back for CE to work 10-12 hours a week. Dennis asked if the position should be filled. 1/3 of the hours for CE still need to be covered.

Brent reported there has been considerable growth in the past couple of years. The CE has become state of the art. With his administrative duties, he could see himself stretched thin. The goal of CE program is to excel and he would like to see the position filled.

Dr. Lindstrom reported with more than 270 paramedics attending CE with growth in numbers, we need to have flexibility in the availability of instructors and consistency in teaching.

A discussion ensued. Members present agreed the position should be filled.

6 **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.