

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 4, 2008

Members Present

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D. (St. Luke's)  
Mayor Marge Brown  
Chief Rick Monto  
Chief Daryl McNutt  
Mayor Angela Kuhn  
Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Bill Wilkens  
Pam Hanley  
Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing

Hospital Council  
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor  
Maumee Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire Department  
Whitehouse CEO  
Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Oregon Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. CEO Trustee  
Lucas County Emergency Services Director  
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner  
Chief Mike Wolever  
Chief Fred Welsh  
I. Kohli  
Mayor Tim Wagener  
Mike Beazley  
Chief Kevin Bernhard

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

Attendees

Brent Parquette  
Gary Orlow  
Pat Moomey  
Chief Jim Sedlar  
Captain Bill Hull  
Chief Brian Byrd  
Ed Herrick  
EMS Chief Martin Fuller  
Cathleen Nelson  
David Miramontes, M.D.  
Jeff Lowenstein  
Jeff Kish  
Kevin Kish  
Jack Morash

LCEMS QA/QI  
LCEMS Manager  
LCEMS Communications Manager  
Ottawa Hills Fire Department  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Whitehouse Fire Department  
Life Star Ambulance  
Mercy Health Partners  
MedCorp Ambulance  
Rumpf Ambulance  
Rumpf Ambulance  
ProMedica

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, Wednesday, June 4, 2008 in the Emergency Services Building.

### **1) Minute Approval**

The minutes from the May 7, 2008 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

### **2) Medical Committee Report**

Chief Cousino reported the committee met Monday, June 2, 2008. Brent gave a report on May's CE training on I.C.E. therapy and they were given the protocol. A revised I.C.E. protocol was given at this meeting with a couple of changes, one being the age was increased to 18 from 16 and the dose change in Etomidate. The new protocol went live June 1<sup>st</sup> with it's first use by Life Squad 6. Dr. Lindstrom passed out a copy of a screen from the EMSsystem of the bypass criteria, which will be a subset of the STEMI bypass. Chief Cousino reported there was conversation regarding CPAP exchange program. There was conversation regarding the definition of ALS first response. Also discussed was how to obtain the data from the I.C.E patients after discharge.

Brent reported Sunday morning, June 1<sup>st</sup>, two hours after the I.C.E. protocol went into effect, LS 6 was dispatched to the first ICE patient for LCEMS, the process was presented. The down time was 10-15 minutes. There were seven paramedics on the scene. Everything went well. Within ten minutes of treatment, the patient returned with spontaneous pulses. The initial temperature was 36.6 and by the time the patient reached the hospital it had dropped to .3 degrees and he had 1000 cc of fluid. The patient re-arrested at the hospital and he was defibrillated and pulses returned. Within fifteen minutes at the hospital the temperature dropped to 35.9 and in CCU to 33. The patient had significant back ground in that he had a pacemaker, he was a diabetic and had renal failure. Upon warming him up, he had neurological deficits. In talking with the personnel at Toledo Hospital, they were impressed with Life Squad 6. In talking with Life Squad 6 personnel, they were impressed with Toledo Hospital in how ready they were.

Dr. Crawford suggested giving a story to the Blade. Dr. Lindstrom reported Dr. Brickman had talked to the Blade a couple of months ago letting them know this was going to happen regarding UTMC's protocol and the LCEMS plan was included in that article. Dr. Lindstrom reported he would like to wait and get a few cases under the belt to have a patient be able to talk to the Blade as well. The emphasis should be both on the hospital and pre-hospital success stories.

### **3) Paramedic Committee Report**

Chief McNutt reported the committee met May 12<sup>th</sup>. Brent went over QA and training. Information presented by Dr. Lindstrom came to the Fire Chief's Association meeting to give and an explanation regarding the I.C.E. protocol and it was well received. The LCEMS ICE protocol discussed and the need for first responders to be aware of the protocol. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the out of service time being changed from 30 minutes to 20 minutes. The next Paramedic Committee meeting is Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am..

#### **4 CE**

Brent Parquette reported the paramedics had the I.C.E. training in May. June will be on the heels of the I.C.E. therapy in that they will be looking at other cardiac protocols. Cardiac arrest algorithms where they work a full code and they can't get them back and request termination of efforts from medical direction. Brent reported he is creating a different format of the protocol where it uses more of a schematic, flowchart type format.

Dr. Lindstrom reported we are expanding to work more patients to the full extent of the protocol while at the scene and if no response, to utilize medical control for pronouncing patient dead on scene. The paramedics will run a full ACLS resuscitation code doing everything possible for the patient. Dr. Lindstrom explained there could be times where scene situations could be come volatile or sensitive issues arise, the paramedics can transport. Dr. Lindstrom reported the Lucas County Coroner has been apprised of the change and they are very responsive and positive to the change having been supportive of prior protocols.

Chief Cousino suggested some additional training at CE in how to deal with the families in these difficult times.

Chief Sedlar suggested sending a letter or contact the different police chiefs to be aware of this new protocol that there will be more often patients left at the scene.

Brent reported in looking at the last six months of cardiac arrest patients, twenty-five were left in the field and he is expecting that number to double.

#### **5 Open Discussion**

Brent reported the paramedics have been using the electronic run reporting for about a year now and it's been a slow and gradual process. For administration to retrieve data from EPCR, the incident number has to be put in correctly. Given the fact the numbers repeat each year, the format was changed. A year requirement is needed to be put in front of (08) and then six digits. The problem to date is the numbers are put in "all over the place". Brent reported he will send the chief's list from May showing paramedics who incorrectly put in the number and ask them to help correct the situation. The problem with the software is the date field can't be locked down, so there is no software fix.

Dr. Miramontes reported the paramedics in Wood County under his license are "on board" with the I.C.E. protocol and that Brent was kind enough to come out and gave a presentation.

#### **6) Adjournment and Next Meeting**

A motion by Chief Monto to skip the July meeting was seconded by Mayor Brown. The motion was approved. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.