

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2008

Members Present

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D. (St. Luke's)
Mayor Marge Brown
Chief Rick Monto
Mayor Tim Wagener
Chief Daryl McNutt
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Bill Wilkens
Assistant Jeff Kowalski
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Mike Beazley

Representing

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

Absent

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner
Chief Mike Wolever
I. Kohli
Pam Hanley
Chief Kevin Bernhard

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

Attendees

Brent Parquette
Gary Orlow
Pat Moomey
Chief Jim Sedlar
Captain Bill Hull
Ken Kantura
Ed Herrick
Tammy Kovacs
Steve Memsic
Jeff 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
Life Star Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
Rumpf Ambulance
ProMedica Ambulance

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, Wednesday, September 3, 2008 in the Emergency Services Building.

1) Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 6, 2008 meeting were distributed for review. Mayor Tim Wagener made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Cousino. Motion carried.

2) Medical Committee Report

Chief Cousino reported the committee met August 11th. Brent reported on CE with September having trauma and skill stations. He reported he is working on the 2009 CE schedule to get out in November. The major credit card course for 2009 is ACLS. Brent gave 2 months of data on the ICE Protocol. Brent reported he's working on an overall protocol revision which should be out in January. These protocols should be simpler and easier to read. Brent also gave a ResQGard report citing the favorable outcomes and that it will be presented at the NAEMSP conference in January. It was reported at the meeting the County is moving forward with the server to accept the Phillips 12-leads and Cheryl Herr asked if the Phillips representative could make a presentation at the Nurse Managers meeting. Also reported that a neurologist from UPMC wants to give a presentation to the Medical Committee on strokes and discuss treatments. The next Medical Committee meeting is set for September 15th at 8:30 a.m.

3) Paramedic Committee Report

Chief McNutt reported the committee met August 11th. Chief McNutt reported the committee discussed CE, the 800 radios and mobile data computers that will be put in the life squads. The committee revisited the 20 minute out of service time, the use of tourniquets, Phillips monitors and the getting of data, rig replacements and discussed products to be put on the line item for next year. Al brought up he needed the paramedics to report accidents the rigs have been in. Also brought up were safety issues and placement of the LP12 in the rigs. The next meeting is scheduled for September 8th at 9:00 am.

4 CE

Brent Parquette reported CE started Tuesday, September 2nd. This CE will update on trauma triage protocol with scenarios. The protocol has criteria for trauma center triage based upon age, physiologic and anatomic parameters. A pediatric trauma patient is a person < 16 years of age, an adult trauma patient is between the ages of 16 and 69 and the added piece is the geriatric trauma victim of \approx 70 years of age. Some of the parameters for the geriatric patient is a blood pressure <100, one long bone fracture, cause (i.e. struck by a car, falls from any height with evidence of a head injury). The paramedics will be presented information on trauma triage parameters for the adult, pediatric and geriatric trauma protocol patient. LCEMS is ahead of the State by one month with this protocol.

Brent reported there will be one more month of CE, October. October's CE will be on the web portion of the EPCR.

Brent reported an abstract on the ResQGUARD will be presented on their behalf at the NAEMS conference in January in Florida.

5 2008 Budget and Line Items – Life Squad Purchase

Dennis Cole reported there was money set aside for vehicles, but our budget revenue is flat with last year. We are \$300,000 short of our projected revenue which equates to the value of the two vehicles and one person we are doing without now.

Mike Beazley reported he is in the process of composing a memo to send out to all department heads to cut back 5% in their budget next year. Mike reported property and state taxes are falling. He reported this recession is worse than '81 and '82 and the revenue is not there. Mike reported the county has laid off 11 people so far this year and planning to lay off 21 more by the end of the year. Mike reported people are not buying cars, home furnishings and electronics. Those communities that rely on income tax are doing better. Mike said the best thing we can do is stretch our vehicles and plan to live within the budget. Mike reported the same thing is being done with the sheriff vehicles and all County departments.

A discussion of soft billing ensued. Mike Beazley reported none of the current commissioners are interested in pushing billing or an advocate for billing. They would if the community wants to do it.

It was reported a number of the outlying communities are currently billing and that they outsource the billing to recoup the funds. Dr. Crawford stressed the education piece to the public. Dr. Crawford reminded the committee of the different phases the process should go through to institute.

Chief Cousino reported the name of the outsourcing company for billing is Medicount. Mayor Wagener mentioned we should be prepared for the negative and backup what we say.

Mike Beazley reported courts are being asked to cut back. The courts are a statutory mandated service and those services that are not mandated by the State are not required and that's the challenge and for us to understand.

Chief Cousino made the motion for Mike Beazley take the concept of billing back to the commissioners and with the stipulation the monies stay with EMS. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crawford. Motion carried.

The discussion of the multiple breakdowns of the life squads over the holiday weekend was discussed as repairs, budgets, alternatives measures, i.e. leasing. A discussion on the need for replacement life squads ensued.

6 Primary Life Squad Replacement Statistics

Pat Moomey went over the handout (attached) explaining how the private ambulances replace the life squads when they are not available.

7 Open Discussion

Mayor Wagener is collecting old not acceptable pre-hospital equipment that is still usable to give to a group in Guatemala. The equipment will be taken to that country and a few people will be trained to use it. The Mayor reported if anyone has surplus equipment to contact his office.

Chief Sedlar reported he attended a fire chief's convention where awards are presented for innovative ideas. There is a committee who decides on the best idea presented and an award is given. Chief Sedlar reported there was one given for a STEMI protocol. He said he sat there thinking Lucas County has had this going for several years. Chief Sedlar suggested the ICE protocol be nominated for something like this.

Dr. Crawford reported when it comes to the billing we need to emphasize the positive things and what we are proud of when we try to get this off the ground.

Jeff Kish mentioned he applauds the communities for billing and prepare them for when a municipality has to take citizens from one community to another. Jeff Kish mentioned he saw the letter from the chief in response to his letter from last month's meeting. He also reported on an incident where a patient walked into TFD station 6 wanting detox and a private ambulance company was called to transport this BLS patient. He then inquired as to the status of TFD RA3 and RA9 if they were in quarters and to be told they were.

Gary Orlow reported LCEMS was asked for some statistics regarding how often Oregon's life squad goes into Toledo because of their concern leaving the area and Jerusalem Twp. A study was done for six months and it showed Oregon went into Toledo 98 times and the Toledo life squads going into Oregon and Jerusalem Twp. total of 142 times. This shows the system covers one another and the advantage to responding to all the areas.

Update Status of radios and computers – Dennis Cole reported all the radios and computers are in for the life squads. We are still working issues with the GPS for the computers. Dennis reported they just found out that the Microsoft Map Point does not work with Dead Reckoning that was ordered with the computers. This is being addressed with Motorola. Dennis reported we are awaiting to install the radios with the computers at the same time. Dennis also reported radios and computers were purchased through grant reimbursement funds from the Toledo fire operability grant.

8 Adjournment and Next Meeting

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am. The next scheduled Policy Board meeting is October 1st.

LIFESQUAD REPLACEMENTS - AMBULANCES

2008- Dispatches

	<u>ProMedica</u>	<u>Rumpf</u>	<u>MedCorp</u>	<u>LifeStar</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	6	0	0	3	9
February	8	0	0	2	10
March	6	1	0	2	9
April	10	0	0	4	14
May	8	0	0	4	12
June	9	0	4	7	20
July	0	1	3	7	11
August					0
September					0
October					0
November					0
December					0
Totals for Year					85
	47	2	7	29	

2008 - Transports to Hospital (as LifeSquad)

	<u>ProMedica</u>	<u>Rumpf</u>	<u>MedCorp</u>	<u>LifeStar</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	4	0	0	3	7
February	7	0	0	2	9
March	4	1	0	1	6
April	4	0	0	1	5
May	2	0	0	1	3
June	3	0	3	4	10
July	0	0	1	3	4
August					0
September					0
October					0
November					0
December					0
Totals for Year					44
	24	1	4	15	