

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2018

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Mike Ramm
Chief Paul Mullen
Chief Josh Hartbarger
Chief Brandon Loboschefski
Chief Brian Byrd
Dr. Chris Goliver
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Absent:

Mayor Michael Sefarian
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor Richard Carr
Trustee _____
Trustee John Jenewine
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Megan Vahey-Casier
Mayor Donald Atkinson

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Vicki Malinoski
Pat Moomey
Ralph Shearn
Jon Ziehr
Loren Boykin
Martin Fuller
Deputy Chief Orlando Gonzalez
Captain Mark Benadum
Deputy Chief Jim Dusseau
Julia Harsh
Martin Fuller
Dr. Dan Neumeyer
Dr. Nick Sauber
John Barnes
Chief Tony Parasiliti
Melissa Amonette

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire Department
Toledo Fire Dept.
Hospital Council/Syl MercyEC
Lucas County Emergency Services Director
Lucas County Medical Director

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
County Administrator
Village of Whitehouse

LCEMS QA/QI
Administrative Specialist
EMA Director
LCEMS Dispatch Manager
LCEMS CE Program Administrator
LCEMS Dispatcher
Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Maumee Fire
Promedica STEMI coordinator
Whitehouse Fire
NWO EMS
NWOEMS/Mercy
Air Guard
Jerusalem Fire
JTFD, NWO Consortium

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chief Cousino at 8:30 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Mullen to approve the minutes which was seconded by Chief Ramm. Minutes approved as written. Quorum present.

Committee Reports

Paramedic Committee

Next meeting September 10, 2018

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported the August 13th meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is October 1st.

CE Update

Brent reported the paramedics had a break for the summer. September will have policy/procedures related to medication inventory. A draft protocol example of pharmacy tracking log was sent to the departments. We are emphasizing daily requirements of documentation. It will be up to the individual departments to come out with a process. Toledo Fire uses the journal format on the use of meds and build their own procedure. This is to go live Oct 1st.

Brent reported CE is covering the maintaining of inventory and supplies. The focus is pain management. Lucas County is out of Morphine. We are adopting the state medical board and RPAB pain management protocol, implementing other medications such as Dilaudid, Ketamine, acetomenophen, ketorlorac and ibuprofen for analgesics and will be covering this information in CE

Dr. Lindstrom reported when we have exhausted our inhouse inventory, we will have no narcotics left. We are implementing ketorlorac, ibuprofen and oral acetomenophen, encouraging the paramedics to call Med Control for selection of the most appropriate. There will be a lot more Med Control calls for pain control. The challenges for using Ketamine for pain are its short half-life. We are carrying two formulas for it, IN and IV.

National Registry – Brent reported Lucas County receive an email that the National Registry has changed their method for recert. In the past it was seventy-two (72) hours. The hours have dropped to sixty (60) and broken down into content. We try to maintain a three year cycle, 108 hours for 3 years to meet the old thirty-six (36) hours a year. Brent said we could cut out one to one and a half monthly CE sessions each year. The new model starts this year. We could drop the hours to 32 hours a year. Brent asked the chiefs to consider and get back to us.

Positive ID – Brent reported we are covering this again in CE this month and it will go live October 1st. Toledo Fire is already on the platform.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported August brought in \$170,23.51 and year to date is \$2,351,884.83. Vicki reported this August is down \$57,000 from last year.

Dennis reported we are still waiting for Promedica and St. Luke's face sheets interfaces. Dennis reported the ProMedica lawyers are throwing a road block in that we need a BAA with Promedica.

2019 draft EMS Budget – Dennis provided the draft budget for members to peruse. Dennis wanted it noted that the 2019 budget does not include wage or jurisdiction contract increases. He also noted EMS did not purchase vehicles this year, but did put in for it next year. We are &840,000 over next year's revenue projection. The County is looking at 10% budget cuts. Dennis said we are requesting another part-time CE administrator. Dennis also reported the vehicle maintenance department is having trouble keeping up with the vehicle repairs. Dennis asked the members to review the draft budget and communicate any issues back to us or we can schedule a follow-up budget meeting.

Open Discussion

St. Vincent & geriatric trauma – There was a question at paramedic committee whether St. Vincent's procedure is changing regarding geriatric trauma falls with head injury. Is it generating an in house Level 1 or trauma consults? ALS transport 65 with head injury.

RACE – Dr. Lindstrom reported he has received communication from St. Luke's Hospital they will be doing RACE interventions in the near future. They will be initially using the same two ProMedica doctors but are bringing in additional doctors. Dr. Lindstrom reported once we get the Go Live date, we will let you know in a communication. Dr. Lindstrom has reviewed with the hospital interventionalists the need for them to actively manage the RACE diversion status and they are agreeable. LCEMS dispatch will be notified by the Neurointerventionalist of the need to place a particular hospital on diversion status as all docs are occupied, LCEMS Dispatch will then notify, by phone, the hospital placed on diversion of the status change and the reason for change. The interventionalist is responsible for removing diversion status as well when docs are back available.

Overdoses – Chief Parasiliti brought up the incident where Toledo Police were exposed to opiates at a scene. He questioned if there has been guidance on protecting first responders.

Brent reported this was briefly discussed in CE. They are to have respiratory protection and gloves, but each situation will dictate. The police need to refine their process and they are doing something.

Dennis reported the State Medical Director put out a memo putting out the myths of Opiate exposures. The risk of significant exposure is minimal through the skin if it is intact, airborne inhalation remains biggest risk. Brent reported this memo is being given to the paramedics in CE.

AFR – Chief Orlando asked if there was any data on the AFR policy and if it has reduced a lot of LS runs. Ralph reported not enough data is available yet, The paramedics are recognizing there are less dispatches with cancellations. A discussion occurred. Ralph will be compiling a report on impact of AFR.

LS5 – Dennis reported Toledo is moving LS5 from Ottawa Hills to Station 25. Dennis said this is a resource for this Board to discuss and decide to recommend or not.

Chief Byrd reported this is going through a legislative process with Toledo and Ottawa Hills not occupying the station in Ottawa Hills and moving LS5 to 25's. This is not set in stone yet as administrations need to approve for City and Village.. This will be a six (6) month trial. The desire is to go live October 1st.

Dennis reported this is moving one of our resources and he would like a recommendation by this Board for relocating LS5, recognizing it's impact on other departments.

Loren reported with the private ambulances it's a "crap shoot" to have them transport patients. Kish has two stations, Promedica and Life Star are hospital based. Mobile Care just announced stopping transporting dialysis patients. A lot of the nursing homes are telling us they don't have any ambulances to take their patients. The first responders are questioning us why they are going to the nursing homes for non-emergent transports.

Dennis reported that we're seeing significant changes in the operation of the private and hospital ambulance services. They can no longer afford to maintain as many 24x7 resources and the fixed ambulance stations that they had in the past. Ralph noted Promedica, three of seven stations are 12 hour cars, staged, not a 24-hour car. Mobile care went down to two. Previously, they said they were not going to be a "MedCorp claiming that they are not posting", but they are posting. Life Star is down to two. We went from 30 ambulances to 12. Out of those,

days/afternoons, no ambulance available. Dennis noted that we will need to modify our ambulance contract to reflect the changing ambulance operational environment. This is a catch 22 because we need their resources but they are no longer in operating out of fixed sites so we it is harder for dispatch to know where the ambulances are when we dispatch and how long it will take to get onscene. Chief Loboschefski asked if there are private ambulance contracts. Dennis reported. Yes. Discussion ensued.

Chief Byrd cited there are significant number of non-emergent calls to nursing homes. They are looking at a potential policy to the nursing homes for reimbursement from them. We are advising paramedics to do a complete assessment, report to med control, and confirm need for ALS transport, elective BLS transport via a fire department or private ambulance when it becomes available or stating that it is non-emergent and not transport. One of the challenges is being consistent. A discussion ensued.

Motion – Chief Cousino made the recommendation to move LS5 to Station 25 on a trial basis, which was seconded by Chief Ramm. Motion passed.

ESO – Chief Loboschefski reported they would like to QA their reports. He said there are two separate issues and would like to review their life squad reports and it's not a HIPAA issue.

Dennis reported David Reamey followed up with ESO on the regional umbrella option that Tammy from Toledo Fire told us about. ESO reached out to the departments for permission to set it up but two departments said they did not want to participate including Toledo Fire. Chief Loboschefski indicated that ESO has a QA role that may accomplish what they need. Dennis said that he would have David Reamey check into it with ESO.

Meeting Minutes – Chief Cousino made mention in July's minutes it was noted there was not a quorum present. The definition of a quorum is one more than half. To have a quorum for this group is eight of the 15. Chief Cousino cited Springfield Twp. Trustee has never attended. The mayors from Toledo and Oregon never attend. Chief Cousino suggested evaluating the Board when it comes to a vote. Chief Loboschefski asked when was this Board created is it in by-laws.

Chief Cousino suggested approval of the May meeting minutes since there seems to be a quorum present at this meeting. Minutes approved as written.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is November 7, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.