

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 5, 2022

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Allison Armstrong  
Chief Mike Ramm  
Chief Brandon Loboschefski  
Chief Kevin Bernhard  
Chief Dennis Hartman  
Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Absent:

Mayor Michael Sefarian  
Trustee Robert Bethel  
Mayor Donald Atkinson  
Trustee John Jennewine  
Mayor Richard Carr  
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Chris Goliver, M.D.

Attendees:

Brent Parquette  
Schuyler Beckwith  
Vicki Schmidt  
Stacey Mitchell  
Zak Reed  
Martin Fuller  
Tom Boggs, M.D.  
Tim Zwyer, M.D.  
Chris Nye  
Jonathon Ziehr  
Nick Sauber, M.D.  
Tim Clapp  
Kirk Keane  
Jim Dusseau  
Mark Briggs  
Robert Deleon  
Kristie Gallagher

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department - Zoom  
Maumee Fire Department - Zoom  
Monclova Twp Fire Department  
Oregon Fire Department  
LCEMS Director  
LCEMS Medical Director – Zoom

City of Oregon, Mayor  
Springfield Twp. Trustee  
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor  
Sylvania Twp. Trustee  
City of Maumee, Mayor  
City of Toledo  
Hospital Council/Sylvania Mercy EC

LCEMS QA  
LCEMS  
LCEMS  
RCOG Director  
Toledo Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire - Zoom  
St Luke's - Zoom  
ProMedica - Zoom  
Sylvania Twp Fire Department - Zoom  
Springfield Twp. Fire / LCEMS – Zoom  
Mercy / Toledo Fire Med Director - Zoom  
Toledo Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Department  
Maumee Fire - Zoom  
Toledo Fire / LCEMS CE  
Mercy - Zoom  
ProMedica Metro ED's - Zoom

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Cousino at 8:32 a.m.

## **Minute Approval**

The meeting minutes from June were distributed for review. Motion by Chief Bernhard seconded by Chief Lobo, all approve.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Paramedic Committee**

The draft minutes from September's Paramedic Committee meeting were distributed for review. Dr Lindstrom reviewed the draft minutes.

### **Medical Committee**

The draft minutes from Monday's Medical Committee meeting were distributed for review. Some edits were suggested and Sky made the changes. Dr Lindstrom reviewed the draft minutes with the group. Dr Boggs gave an update about his communication with UPMC about issues Aiden brought up. He is talking with Dr Saunders from UT about this issue and will update the committee next time.

### **CE Update**

Brent would like to work towards enhancing communication to and from departments about personnel attendance at CE. Departments should be in the loop about when their people are attending CE or attending a make-up.

### **EMS Billing Update**

Vicki gave a billing update. Monthly is \$320,335.11 bringing year to date to \$2,977,215. Based on YTD we are estimated to collect 3.9 million, which is about a 4% increase from last year.

### **Draft FY 2023 Budget**

Draft budget was provided for folks to review. Planned on a 2% increase from last year. The draft has been submitted to OMB, they review it before it goes to the commissioners. Zak asked how the number of lifesquads ordered is determined and if we could increase. Dennis said there are three on order right now but it takes over two years to get them. If there is a recommendation from policy board to order more lifesquads then can work on that but last conversation was non-committal. Lobo asked if there has been discussion on a rig committee, have discussed this before but there has not been a committee formed. Discussion on different options for vehicles such as the Ford Transit. Mercy is ordering three of those vehicles so when they get them in will try to organize a time to look at that vehicle. Three life squads on order now and two will be ordered in 2023. Should take action now to make recommendations to order more vehicles. A rep from each department should be involved in this conversation. Chief Lobo motioned to create a Rig committee, made up of one rep from each operating jurisdiction. Chief Bernhard second. All approved. Email all operating chiefs asking for a rep to be involved in that committee and include someone from Selking and annex.

### **New Paramedic Orientation Update**

Zak said the process has stalled. Non operating departments need more work but operating chiefs didn't have any edits or push back. Chief Cousino said his understanding was operating chiefs were ok moving forward. Chief Lobo moved to approve policy in its latest draft. Chief Ramm seconded effective immediately. All approved.

### **Lights and Sirens**

Dr Lindstrom said he thought there would have been discussion at chiefs meeting on this issue but it doesn't sound like that happened. Chief Ramm said there is a white paper that will be distributed. Discussion needs to happen about a new policy or new protocol and how to train around that. Is there currently a policy that requires a code 3 transport? No. Toledo does not have a policy about this, it's understood that paramedics make the decision. Overwhelming feeling from public that if you need a medical transport, you need it code 3 but essentially it is left up to the crew. Will discuss at fire chief meeting.

### **Open Discussion**

Dr Lindstrom said there are no new issues with pharmaceuticals but discussed MMRS boxes. He did some spot inspection of medications that are concerning. Have been working with MMRS group, should recollect boxes because they shouldn't be used. Will figure out the destruction process. Zak is going to meet with retired Chief Locher to get more context on original grant and if there was a destruction plan built into it.

Dr Lindstrom discussed OpIQ and two components, med boxes and narcs. Working with Craig at annex on this process. Will probably have two narc boxes, one stored in nox box and one pharmacy box. Annex would change out anything that depleted, would do a box exchange. Have some concerns on soft goods, there is a real challenge in trying to make sure all the right equipment goes out on a call. Will be reaching out to discuss these issues.

Dennis said he is working with Mercy Perrysburg to get them into our system, they are installing a radio. Working through issue of resupply, anyone transporting there would be replacing hospital with supplies, no cabinet. Still discussing that. Will let everyone know when it goes live, it has been added to CAD but nothing has been turned on.

Chief Lobo asked if there will be a timeline about St Lukes and what their status is. Dr Lindstrom asked them for 7-10 days heads up before big service changes. Dr Boggs said hospital admin needs to be more responsive and he is trying to continue communication with them. Chief Lobo asked if it would help if some departments set up a meeting with Dr Boggs or someone in admin? Dr Boggs said yes that may help.

### **Adjournment**

The next Policy Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7th. Chief Lobo moved to adjourn, Chief Bernhardt seconded. All approve.