

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.

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

Absent:

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

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

Attendees:

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

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 Septembers 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 UTMC 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 Berhnard 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 narcotics. 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.