

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019

PRESENT

Joe Cira
Joseph Buehrer
Marlene Metti
Chad Lowry
Lt. Zak Reed
Dr. Nick Sauber
Martin Fuller
Sean Powers

REPRESENTING

Local 92
Toledo Fire – LS 11
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire / LCEMS
Toledo Fire
NWO – St. Vincent
Whitehouse Fire
Mobile Stroke Unit

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dr. David Lindstrom
Brent Parquette
Ralph Shearn

LCES Director
LCEMS Medical Director
LCEMS QA/CE
LCEMS Dispatch Manager

ABSENT

Chief Mike Ramm
Toledo Fire – LS 1
Toledo Fire – LS 2
Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire - LS 5
Sylvania Fire – LS 6
Rich Ellett
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Whitehouse Fire – LS 9
Springfield Fire – LS 10
Chief Charles Flack

Sylvania Twp. Fire

Maumee Fire – LS 7

Jerusalem Fire

Call to Order

Dr. Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from May 13th meeting were provided. Zak Reed made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Joe Cira and approved. Minutes accepted as written.

Old Business

CE – Brent reported the May evaluations and graphs are provided. The subject matter was on Stroke and RACE. It was well received. September's topic is ACLS. There is a mandatory self-assessment to be done prior to class. The Igel airway will be introduced. Brent also reported the Elegard Patient Positioning System will be taught next week. Originally it was going to be Toledo, but due to issues, the training will be given to Springfield, Maumee and Sylvania. We have seven devices that we can use.

AFR – Ralph reported there are no changes. The numbers are consistent. We are focusing on third party callers over 30% monthly.

Joe Cirra commented on an out of state caller, citing an incident originated from a Pennsylvania Facebook live noting a person down in Toledo. Asked if this happens very often and what does dispatch do with these calls. Ralph reported help is sent just if it were a local call.

Positive ID – Brent reported due to the inspection by the State Board of Pharmacy, education of wasting meds and ESO documentation. There will be training in October where paramedics will have to document twice. There is area in ESO that will have to be turned on for paramedics to document the waste. Brent reported the State Board of Pharmacy has to inspect 39 of our 45 sites are due for inspection. Sylvania was done last week. The SBP is returning with a inspector to specifically review the vending process LCEMS using, looking at the device at MSCH.

Vending Machines – Paul reported the representative from the company is to come and look at all the vending machines and to fix anything that is broke.

Free Standing EC – Joe Cirra asked what the issue was with the free standing. Dr. Lindstrom reported there were anecdotal diversions. Joe asked about psychiatric patients. Dr. Lindstrom reported any licensed ER can do a psychiatric assessment and medical clearance for admission.

Discussion of closest hospital after a diversion. Dr. Lindstrom reported the county does not have a psychiatric diversion protocol.

Pagers – Ralph reported when pagers come in due to issues we replace them. There is a software upgrade as well. With the new software, there is better reception and with fresh new batteries, they are lasting longer.

RTF – Dr. Lindstrom reported the RTF requirement is a non issue.

Intra-facility transports – Dr. Lindstrom reported that if there are any issues to bring them to their Lt or to him so they can follow-up.

Face Sheets – Dennis reported Change HealthCare still wants us to collect face sheets. Getting better demographics this way. Brent will again address in CE. The key is getting social security numbers.

Dr. Sauber reported Mercy is piloting a program for coordinating the purchase and implementation of the ESO Health Data Exchange (HD). This software bridges ESO and the hospital EMR, EPIC. The prehospital ePCR is electronically transmitted directly into the hospital ED chart. Likewise, the demographics (face sheet) is transmitted back to the EMS agency. The final piece is the option to provide feedback information to the agency and the individual EMS providers via ESO once the patient is discharged so they can follow up on the care they provided and the clinical impression they determined.

Vent Training – Zak Reed talked about Arbors of not letting vents go with the patient or an employee. Zak talked training and the discussion of transporting these types of patient. Dr. Lindstrom advised Sunshine Home in Monclova was offering education on a ventilator Sunshine uses at their facility LCEMS is not providing training on any ventilator other than the autovent which LCEMS uses.

LS Repairs – The issues of LS 10 having problems with their truck and a list. It was reported AI has not received this list and if any department has issues they should document and leave list in the truck.

New Business

Versed – Dennis reported the Board of Pharmacy was us to document Versed the same as the narcotics. Dennis said he would like to remove from the first responder boxes because the quickness of the life squads getting on scene. A discussion of such. It was noted that the outlying areas do not have the life squads getting there fast as the city does.

Mass Casualty Trailers – Dennis reported AI has been through two of them and repairs had to be made.

ALS Med Boxes – Zak asked if the county is considering taking off the drugs. Brent reported we are having internal discussions in having some of the drugs taken off.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52. The next scheduled meeting is September 9th.