

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 5, 2010

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.  
Chief Mike Wolever  
Mayor Angela Kuhn  
Chief Daryl McNutt  
Chief Rick Monto  
Chief Fred Welsh  
Dennis Cole

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's  
Toledo Fire & Rescue  
Village of Whitehouse CEO  
Whitehouse Fire Department  
Maumee Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department  
Emergency Services

Absent:

Mayor Tim Wagener  
Mayor Michael Seferian  
Mayor Michael Bell  
Leslie Kohli  
  
Chief Kevin Bernhard  
Chief Barry Cousino  
Acting Chief Paul Mullen  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

City of Maumee, CEO Mayor  
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor  
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor  
Springfield Twp. CEO  
Sylvania Twp. CEO  
Lucas County Fire Chief's Assoc.  
Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Oregon Fire Department  
LCEMS Medical Director

Attendees:

Commissioner Pete Gerken  
Pat Moomey  
Jonathon Ziehr  
Brent Parquette  
Chief Jim Sedlar  
EMS Chief Martin Fuller  
Jack Morash  
Steve Memsic  
Justin Bage  
Jay Lowenstein  
Tammy Kovacs  
Kent Appelhans  
Julie Goins

Lucas County Commissioner President  
LCEMS Communications Manager  
LCEMS CE  
LCEMS QA/QA/CE  
Ottawa Hills Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire  
ProMedica  
MedCorp Ambulance  
MedCorp Ambulance  
MedCorp Ambulance  
LifeStar Ambulance  
LifeStar Ambulance  
St. Vincent Mercy Life Flight

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The minutes from the April 7, 2010 meeting were distributed to review. Minutes were approved as printed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Medical Committee**

Chief Cousino was not in attendance and no meeting to report.

#### **Paramedic Committee**

Chief Fuller reported the committee had met April 12<sup>th</sup>. Chief Fuller reported the committee discussed the LifePak 15 trial and is awaiting input. CE was discussed relating to attentiveness. Also discussed was the slowness of the ePCR.

#### **CE Update**

Brent Parquette reported finished PEPP in March. April's CE dealt with Respiratory Emergencies review and emphasis applied in the skill stations. May's CE deals with summer emergencies, i.e., bee stings, snake bites, drownings and chart review emphasizing on documentation. The first class went well.

June's training will have a new cervical collar which is designed to help with hypothermia. The anterior portion will hold a gel pack to help with the cooling. The cervical collar will be implemented in the field for trial and evaluation.

Jon Ziehr reported on the trial of the LifePak 15, we are seeing a lot of positive feedback. We are expecting evaluations to be presented at the next Paramedic Committee meeting and the results presented at the Policy Board meeting in June.

#### **Zoll Update**

Brent reported we are continuing to work with the company regarding issues that arise. Brent explained the slowness occurs when the report loads to a PDF format and in talking with the company, other systems are having the same problem. Brent reported fifteen (15) new tablets have been ordered with has "beefed up" memory to help the speed.

Dennis Cole reported the new tablets will have more RAM to make them operate faster. The tablets have been ordered from DELL. They will have rubber edges instead of the hard plastic the current ones have.

Brent reported the tablets are currently in various levels of software upgrades. LS10 has the highest version.

Chief Sedlar asked what will become of the old tablets.

Dennis Cole reported that we typically sell them at government auction. Brent reported he wanted some of them saved for training.

### **Mobile Care Ambulance**

Dennis Cole reported the new ambulance company, Mobile Care, has requested to go on grid. This request will go before the Commissioner's meeting next Tuesday. Dennis reported letters were sent to the Commissioners from MedCorp and Kish Ambulance companies asking them not to support the request. They're concerned that there are not enough runs to support the current ambulance services. Dennis reported he had no objections because they met all the requirements. Chief Welsh felt that additional services would be beneficial in helping the shortage of ambulance issue. Chief Wolever agreed. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Chief Wolever to recommend approval of the request which was seconded by Chief (Monto/Welsh). Motion was approved.

### **Open Discussion**

Dennis Cole distributed a report entitled "Incident Assignment Fleet Maintenance Issues". This report shows the times a life squad breaks down. Pat explained this occurs when a life squad breaks down when they have been assigned an incident or transporting. Dennis reported they are starting to track this information in more detail.

Chief Wolever asked what replaces the life squad when this occurs. Pat reported the next available life squad or a private ambulance if a life squad isn't available within ten minutes. Chief Wolever asked about the use of an ALS fire unit. Pat explained LCEMS does not have capability in CAD to see status of fire ALS units.

Commissioner Gerken reported the implementation of the new CAD system is 12-18 months away. In the meantime, LCEMS is maintaining and purchase new life squads. Discussion ensued

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Dennis Cole reported EMS caught up this month with life squad maintenance. Vehicle Maintenance is being proactive and is repairing/replacing the A/C units on the life squads.

Dr. Crawford thanked Commissioner Gerken for attending today's meeting.

Dennis Cole reported EMS has received a little over one million dollars to date from billing, receiving half of it in April. Dennis stated it is difficult to project out the billing revenue.

Dennis also reported the sales tax is down 6% cash-to-cash from this time last year and 10% from budget projections. We are still spending conservatively. We potentially need to prop up sales tax receipts from billing revenue between .5 and 1.5 million dollars to operate the system.

Chief Welsh asked if USAI money could be used to purchase such equipment as life paks. Dennis Cole reported no that this would not be an appropriate use of homeland security funds.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**