

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2010

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Rick Monto
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Ed Ellis
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Fred Welsh
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

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

Absent:

Mayor Tim Wagener
Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Carol Contrada
Leslie Kohli
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Peter Ujvagi

City of Maumee, CEO Mayor
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor
Sylvania Twp. CEO
Springfield Twp. CEO
Lucas County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Lucas County Administrator

Attendees:

Pat Moomey
Brent Parquette
Jonathan Ziehr
Jeff Kowalski
Chief Jim Sedlar
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Dr. David Miramontes
Dr. Todd Brookens
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage

LCEMS Communications Manager
LCEMS QA/QA/CE
LCEMS/CE
Sylvania Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Department
Toledo Fire/Mercy
PTN
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance

Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. The minutes from the June 2, 2010 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Monto made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Cousino. Minutes accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported no meeting to report on. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 4th.

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported no meeting to report.

CE Update

Brent reported June's CE is updated information to LVAD and reviewing protocols. The paramedics were introduced to the Sandhu cerebral cooling collar. Brent reported Life Core, the company manufacturing the collar has pushed back field implementation on the product due to production. Once the collars are in hand, they will be implemented. There was no CE over the summer. September's CE starts next week and the topic is AMA's, refusals, BLS patients and cardiac scenarios. Dr. Lindstrom mentioned there are times that the life squad frequently gets staged at the scene.

Brent reported he and Jon go on calls in the field, mostly the cardiac arrest patients. Brent mentioned they are continually trialing equipment, such as the Auto Pulse, Lucas and the CirQlator and getting positive outcomes with the devices.

Chief Cousino cited an incident in Springfield where the Lucas was used and how well it worked. Chief Cousino recommends purchasing the Lucas. Dennis Cole recommended that this equipment be discussed at the next Paramedic Committee meeting.

ePCR

Dennis Cole reported all the tablets have been switched out to the DELL. Dennis reported there have been some issues to deal with. One of the issues is where the paramedics place the tablet to be plugged in and they overheat if there isn't proper air circulation. He asked the chiefs to tell the paramedics to plug in the tablets where they can get plenty of air circulation.

Billing – Dennis Cole reported MED3000 now receives face sheets from all the hospitals except UTMC and we no longer need the paramedics to collect them EXCEPT from UTMC. This information will be given to the paramedics in CE.

Dennis Cole also reported EMS is on track for the projected 3 million dollars from billing for the year. August's revenue was \$254,000.00, and to date \$2,276,031.91.

CAD Project

Dennis Cole made available a price quote from TriTech. Dennis reported TriTech Fusion has put out an ePCR. Dennis cited we will be under contract with TriTech at the end of September. There is the option to change ePCR to TriTech at the cost of \$153,510.00. to be interfaced with CAD and ETI at some point in the future. Dennis asked the chiefs present if there would be the interest to have BLS and ALS under the same system. This could be written in and would be valid for one year. ZOLL cost us is \$99,000. for 11 licenses. TriTech would be \$153,000 for 70 licenses. Dennis asked the chiefs to think about this and to let him know. A discussion ensued.

Open Discussion

Chief Monto brought up the issue of hospital lockers at UTMC and St. Luke's and the lack of supplies. Chief Monto asked if the lockers could be doubled up with supplies on weekends. Chief Monto also mentioned that it isn't just weekends this occurs.

Chief McNut inquired about the new life squad rigs. Dennis Cole reported four (4) are due in November, the second set sometime in February/March.

Dennis Cole reported he is getting ready to start the 2011 budget and will present a draft at the next meeting. Dennis brought up the purchase of four (4) more vehicles next year with two (2) brand new back up life squads. Dennis cited the disappointment with the Chevy vehicles. Chief Welsh also mentioned they want to eliminate Sylvania's vehicle from the fleet altogether.

Dennis reported they are taking the suspension system off the Sylvania vehicle and replacing it with the factory springs. Hopefully this may resolve the issue.

The question was raised regarding the Life Paks. Brent reported we are trialing three different devices, Medtronic, Phillips and ZOLL. Toledo Fire has shown an interest in trialing and feedback will be given at the next Paramedic Committee meeting.

Dennis reported they could be put on for purchase early next year.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m.**