

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2011

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Rick Monto
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Whitehouse Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Village of Whitehouse CEO
Lucas County Emergency Services Director
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent:

Mayor Tim Wagener
Mayor Michael Seferian
Chief Michael Bell
Chief Ed Ellis
Peter Ujvagi
Chief Michael Wolever
Leslie Kohli

City of Maumee, CEO Mayor
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor
Oregon Fire Department
Lucas County Administrator
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Springfield Twp. CEO

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Jonathon Ziehr
Steve Memsic
Jack Morasch
Tammy Hayes
Jeff Schneiderman
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
David Miramontes, M.D.
Justin Bage
Allison Armstrong
Michelle Dobrosky
Jon Hart
Ken Coutcher
Capt. Jeff Romstadt
Lt. Terence Glaze

LCEMS Quality Improvement
LCEMS Communications Manager
LCEMS
MedCorp Ambulance
ProMedica
Life Star Ambulance
UTMC EC
Whitehouse Fire Dept.
Mercy Partners/Toledo Fire & Rescue
MedCorp Ambulance
Toledo Fire & Rescue
First Care
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Toledo Fire & Rescue
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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mary Beth Crawford at 8:30 a.m. The minutes from the March 2, 2011 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Monto and seconded by Chief Cousino to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported that the Committee had just met. CE training for March was just completed and covered Pediatrics and Special Needs Assessment. April CE training will be on trauma triage protocol. Dr. Lindstrom stated that he will be doing the CE training in May on protocol updates. He is looking into adding a protocol on Zofran and Narcan into the CE. Also, looking at better CPR being administered with the new CPR device that is on order. Dr. Lindstrom discussed that the cervical collars are only being installed on patients 33% of the time. The new Life Pak 15 units have been deployed and all is going well. The next meeting will be held on June 6th.

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported that the committee had met on March 14th. He stated that CE was discussed and was the same report as Chief Cousino had just reported. Al had reported that the new life squads were in and eight units have been fielded. The next meeting will be held April 8th.

CE Update

Brent reported that February CE was on carbon monoxide poisoning and in-service on new Life Pak 15 units. The new units have all been deployed and have had a few connectivity issues, but looking to address these. April CE will be on the review of trauma triage protocols. In May, Dr. Lindstrom will be going over case reviews and chart revisions. They are looking forward to that. Brent also stated that he put out a memo today regarding the shortage of amiodarone. Currently now in stock is what is on life squads. Back-up drug would be lidocaine. Brent reported that the shortage didn't happen and he had just received a supply of 200 vials this morning.

Dr. Lindstrom reported on stemi's. The new life pak 15 units have the ability to transmit 12-lead EKGs for early notification of stemi patients. Internally, each hospital has the capability to set up their own alert system that would involve each hospital's cardiologist.

Jeff Schnedierman representing UTMC addressed the board stating that he had contacted his administration regarding the problems with getting the ePCR information electronically and that it shouldn't be a problem in the future. If it continues, he will address it.

System Usage

Dennis stated that at the Paramedic Committee, it was discussed how often the life squads should be replaced. Dennis discussed how the move of Life Squad #5 has impacted dispatches of life squads.

Pat distributed the following charts and graphs: 1) Life Squad Dispatches and Transports; 2) Life Squad – Private Ambulance Replacements and 3) 2011 – Percentage of Total Dispatches by Life Squad.

An overview discussion ensued on each chart. Also, Pat distributed information regarding EMS Dispatch Staffing Issues. She stated that from 1997 through 2010 there has been a 68.2% increase in incidents with no increase in staff. Management is currently looking at the possibility of adding another position from 8 p.m. until 4 a.m. Discussion ensued. Administration will continue to look at staffing and come back to the Policy Board for their recommendation. This would be a full time position.

Open Discussion

Dennis stated that he has had communication with County Administration regarding vehicle maintenance issues. They are reviewing the possibility to bring a mechanic to work at the Annex. If the life squads would have a maintenance issue, the mechanic would be available at the Annex. Dennis will keep the Board apprised of this issue.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 4th at 8:30 a.m.**