

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2011

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Barry Cousino
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Ed Ellis
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Peter Ujvagi

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Whitehouse Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Village of Whitehouse - Mayor
Oregon Fire Department
Lucas County Fire Chief's Association
Emergency Services
LCEMS Medical Director
Lucas County Administrator

Absent:

Mayor Tim Wagener
Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Rick Monto
Leslie Kohli
Chief Mike Wolever

City of Maumee, Mayor
City of Oregon, Mayor
City of Toledo, Mayor
Maumee Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Sylvania Twp. Trustee

Attendees:

Chief Brian Byrd
Matt Mathias
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Brent Parquette
John Ziehr
Steve Memsic
Jack Morash
Dr. Todd Brookens
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
Loren Boykin
Joe Kinel
Kent Appelhans
Charlene Phillips
Tammy Hayes
Julie Goins

Toledo Fire
Maumee Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire
LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS CE
MedCorp Ambulance
ProMedica
PTN/Sylvania Fire
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
LCEMS Dispatch
9-1-1 Intern
Life Star
Life Star
Life Star
Life Flight

Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the May 4, 2011 meeting were distributed to review. Chief McNutt made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Kowalski. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

No meeting to report. Next meeting is scheduled for June 6th.

Paramedic Committee

Chief Fuller reported this committee met May 9th. An item for discussion was the connectivity issue with the Life Pak and tablet. Other items for discussion was the possibility of adding another life squad or a day car but revenue is down a bit.

Dennis Cole reported there have been conversations regarding this issue. Paramedics have been bringing up the issue of being over worked and the next step is to start to look at relieving the pressure. We need to have conversations about this issue. Another issue discussed was revenue and the addressing reports that didn't have narratives. Dennis reported it would be realistic next year for a 12 hour car.

Chief Fuller reported other items discussed were billing and collection, hospital personnel recognizing what agency transported a patient and making it known to them, new rigs with electrical issues, discussion on staging in reference to paramedics holding back while an ALS assessment is being done by first responders and patients signing AMAs because they do not want to go to the closest appropriate hospital.

The next Paramedic Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13th.

CE Update

John Zier reported they touched on the ePCR issue last month and reminded the paramedics to identify themselves to hospital personnel who they are when they bring in a patient. John reported May's CE topic was case review with Dr. Lindstrom. The issue of staging was brought up.

John reported they are working on the connectivity issue. John said Brent, Daid from 9-1-1 and himself had calls with Zoll and Physio. They are working on the issue.

John reported the paramedics gave positive comments for May CE. They liked having Dr. Lindstrom at CE. The paramedics were given an update protocol on Zofran.

June CE will have training on the LUCAS (automated CPR device). After the training, the LUCAS will be distributed on July 1st. All the hospitals that are capable of receiving the 12-leads are up and running.

Dr. Lindstrom noted that in reviewing some of the cases in reference to “staging” there was the old tendency to “stay at the curb” away from the patients. Generally when we dispatch the life squads it is to see the patient that they were dispatched for. If a first responder decides to make a patient a BLS patient, the paramedic can chart they were cancelled. At the end of the CE sessions, the paramedics seem to understand the process.

EMS Billing Update

Dennis Cole reported he’s going to try a schedule to meet with personnel from MED 3000 next week. MED3000 created a list of reports with missing narratives. We provided a list to the jurisdictions involved and will forward the complete data back to MED3000 to complete the billing process.

Dr. Lindstrom reported when the issue of needing narratives was given at CE, there was no push back from the paramedics.

Open Discussion

Dennis Cole reported when the topic of problems with the new rigs was brought up at the Paramedic meeting, we followed up with Al at the Annex and they were not aware of some of them. Paramedics need to notify the Annex and an issue sheet needs to be filled out. Also, we would like to have input on the new air conditioner units due to the fact of a different placement.

Dennis Cole reported staff has had follow up on conversations stemmed from the last meeting regarding Special Teams. We have drafted a policy that is not ready for distribution. He wants to have more discussions with staff.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

Dr. Crawford said with the development of issues occurring would there be a need for a meeting in July. In the past, this committee would take one month off. The consensus was not to have a July meeting.

With no further business, Chief Cousino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50a.m. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 3rd at 8:30 a.m.**