

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2011

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Rick Monto
Chief Luis Santiago
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Mayor Tim Wagener
Chief Ed Ellis
Peter Ujvagi
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Leslie Kohli

Attendees:

Commissioner Gerken
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Vicki Malinoski
Kent Appelhans
Chris Schultz
Charlene Phillips
Julie Goins
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage
Ken Coucher
Eric McAllistes
Jim Hightower
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Cpt. Allison Armstrong
Lt. Mark Benadum
Chief Brian Byrd
Dr. Greg Hymel

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Whitehouse Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Village of Whitehouse – Mayor
City of Maumee, Mayor
Oregon Fire Department
Lucas County Administrator
LCEMS Medical Director
Emergency Services Director

City of Oregon, Mayor
City of Toledo, Mayor
Lucas County Fire Chief's Association
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Sylvania Twp. Trustee

Lucas County Commissioners
LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS Communications Manager
Administrative Specialist
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Flight
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
First Care Ambulance
Mobile Care
Mobile Care
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital

Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the October 5, 2011 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Monto made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Cousino. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

No meeting to report. Next Medical Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5th at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Lindstrom reported we are struggling with a drug storage and it is ongoing nationwide. The drugs are Morphine and Fentanyl. Dr. Lindstrom reported we may be forced to change protocols at a short notice and apologies in advance.

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported this committee met October 17th. Items discussed were no CE for November and December, King Vision, Billing needs, back-up rigs, back filling of life squads when the majority of life squads are out on incidents and items for the Bid List. Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th.

CE Update

Brent reported the paramedics have a break from CE until next year. LS4 and 6 are trialing the King Vision. There have been 4-5 uses to date with positive outcome.

EMS Billing Update

Vicki reported October's revenue was \$258,600.. To date we have received 2.3 million. Dennis reported we are having issues regarding having the extract from Zoll and connecting with face sheets submitted. Until hospitals change their interface, we will continue to collect face sheets.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he was at a conference and an item of discussion was billing. He reported CMS started major audits and in Dallas found deficits in charting and had to pay back monies received. Dr. Lindstrom said we need proper documentation.

Dennis Cole reported Med3000 was at a conference in October and told him that LCEMS may be audited next year.

Special Needs Chairs

Dennis reported there was a concern brought up regarding powered wheel chairs and their disposition when a medical situation happens and transportation of the patient involved. How do we handle the chair. The interest stems from the Special Needs Community. We have no means to secure or transport the wheel chair. In talking with Toledo Fire they are split. Toledo Police can be called to secure the chair, but it is a low priority for them.

Peter Ujvagi reported the chairs are part of their bodies and discussion could be started with the Developmental Disability Board. They have a transportation network. A MOU could be developed with them. Chief Cousino reported they take extensive efforts to take care of patients and their personal affects.

Commissioner Geken reported the Board is available 16 hours a day.

Chief Santiago said Toledo will research this and see what other cities do.

Dr. Crawford mentioned from the hospital side, they get Security to help with storage. Dr. Crawford asked Chief Santiago for an update for the next meeting

Open Discussion

Dennis Cole reported the next four life squads are due here today. They will begin the process of having radios installed as well as the MDTs. LS 9 and 10 will get one of the new ones and the other 2 will be for back-ups. Dennis also reported in having discussions with Al and Boyd regarding ordering of 2 more life squads for next year, do we use them for back-ups or replace the oldest life squad. Dennis said this is fodder for thought later

Commissioner Gerken brought up the issue of the agreement signed regarding dispatch back-up. The agreement was for 2009 to 2011 with an extension for a year. He asked if the process was going forward. He said it is a prima facie contract and if there are tweeks to be made now is the time. With no objection, the agreement will be extended for another year.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m. to go into Executive Session. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 7th at 8:30 a.m.**