

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 2011

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian  
Mayor Michael Bell  
Chief Kevin Bernhard  
Leslie Kohli  
Mayor Tim Wagener

Attendees:

Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey  
Vicki Malinoski  
Julie Goins  
Steve Memsic  
Justin Bage  
Ken Coutcher  
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.  
Cpt. Allison Armstrong  
Lt. Mark Benadum  
Dr. Todd Brookens  
Loran Boykin  
Ron Smith

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's  
Whitehouse Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department  
Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Maumee Fire Department  
Village of Whitehouse – Mayor  
Oregon Fire Department  
Toledo Fire  
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  
City of Maumee, Mayor  
Sylvania Twp. Trustee

LCEMS QA/QI  
LCEMS Communications Manager  
Administrative Specialist  
Life Flight  
MedCorp Ambulance  
MedCorp Ambulance  
First Care Ambulance  
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center  
Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire  
PTN – Toledo and Flower Hospitals  
LCEMS Dispatch  
LC Brd of Development Disabilities

**Call to Order**

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

### **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the November 2, 2011 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Cousino made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Monto. Minutes were accepted as printed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Medical Committee**

Chief Cousino reported the committee met Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Brent reported no CE for November and December and the 2012 CE schedule is out on the web. PEPP was removed from CE the schedule and with the removal and the need for the additional four hours, there will be a CE session in November. Dr. Lindstrom reported on the nationwide drug shortage of Fentanyl and Morphine and the possibility of using Dilaudid. Dr. Lindstrom also reported on the DEA Exchange Policy. The UTMC Residency Program was discussed and how well it was going.

There was discussion regarding the 12-lead transmission to the hospitals and the hospital picking up the billing after the first year. There will be a letter sent to the nurse/managers in reference to this. There was discussion regarding the ICE protocol and not using the Sandhu collars. Discussion regarding temperature monitoring and intent to move forward with using the Esophageal monitor.

It was mentioned about the Mass Casualty Plan having a tabletop in February and a life drill in June.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2012

#### **Paramedic Committee**

Chief McNutt reported this committee met November 14<sup>th</sup>. Training and the narcotic supply were discussed. Also discussed was the air ambulance issue with Monclova.

Dennis Cole reported we have issued a policy to the two air ambulances to review and we are still communicating.

Chief McNutt also reported there was a discussion regarding medical pouches and securing of medications. There was also a discussion of the types of syringes used.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## **CE Update**

Brent said he had nothing to report.

## **EMS Billing Update**

Vicki reported November brought in \$224,700 and the total to date is \$2.5million. We are still monitoring billing revenue.

Dennis reported there was an issue with ZOLL and a code that wasn't allowing the run reports to be forwarded. That seems to be rectified now.

## **Monitor/AED Monophasic**

Dennis Cole reported the Monophasic LP12's and AEDs will go off the service contract and will no longer be maintained after March. Dennis said the AED will continue to be checked and the batteries replaced, but if they break, they can't be fixed. If we do not maintain them, no one will. Dennis asked for a discussion on where this Board would like to go with this. A discussion ensued. It was suggested to look at who has the AEDs, look at a plan, budget and forecast and what to replace. Dr. Crawford mentioned we should continue this effort and that it is one of the missions of this Board to support this effort. The billing money was to expand to ALS first response. Dennis reported he will send out the information and plan to discuss this at the next fire chief's meeting.

## **DEA Ruling/Drug Shortage**

Dr. Lindstrom reported there has been a drug shortage in the past of D50 and now there is a shortage of Fentanyl, Morphine and now Versed. The Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Hospital Association and the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy noted that some EMS systems in Ohio are exchanging narcotics not consistent with DEA policies. If EMS departments have their own DEA license they cannot get drugs with another agency that has its own DEA license. We are preparing procedures to fix this. Currently we are not asking hospitals to re-supply us. We pulled all the Fentanyl and Morphine off the first responder bags and moved them in the life squads. The squads will carry 6 Fentanyl and 6 Morphine initially and may go up to 10 each. Due to the fact the life squads will be carrying more amounts. We will be purchasing Knox boxes to be bolted in the squads. They will have a keypad and paramedics will be assigned a random number to get in the lock box. The box will record who was in the box and what time. The boxes should be in in the next 3 weeks. The random numbers will either be assigned in CE or given to the chiefs. As for the re-supply, we are not sure how often we will re-supply from the Annex. Everybody will be stocked the same on the schedule II drugs. The paramedics will carry a single dose in their drug pouch for an initial use. Dr. Lindstrom reported Versed just became a shortage this week and we will be pulling this drug off the first responders as well. Dr. Lindstrom said the paperwork will be more cumbersome with the change of command and transfer of medications.

Dr. Lindstrom also mentioned he is looking at paramedics returning unused medications to reduce temptation. The medications that are partially used are to be put in an evidence bag, put in the safe and returned to the Annex. A sampling of certain amount will be checked. Dr. Lindstrom explained that anytime outdated medication is to be destroyed a letter notifying the State Board of Pharmacy is sent and then we wait for a letter from the Board of Pharmacy giving permission and once we destroy the medication, another letter is sent to the Board notifying them of the destruction.

Dr. Lindstrom mentioned the Lock Boxes will only allow paramedics in their department to access the boxes, not a first responder from another department.

### **Microwave Upgrade**

Pat Moomey reported an estimate was provided from P&R (made available) to replace the microwave. Pat said the current Microwave was installed in 1997 from Sprint at no cost to EMS. The system is becoming old and parts are hard to get. The major uses of the microwave is to page the life squads with the Minitor V pager, allows the paramedics to talk to the hospital and for Dispatch to quick connect to the hospitals. Pat reported it is a loop system and if one area goes out, the system redirects to the other direction. It would take six weeks to replace it.

Dennis reported it is on next year's budget and would have to be bid out.

### **Open Discussion**

Dennis Cole reported MED 3000 informed him that Medicare authorized an inflation factor up 2.4%. Dennis asked if we want to increase our rate from \$715. to \$735.00. Also mileage increase from \$12.50 to \$12.80. MED3000 suggested we do the increase and my recommendation is the same. A motion by Chief Cousino to increase our rates was seconded by Chief McNutt. Motion carried.

Dennis Cole reported a request from Spencer and Sylvania Township for our old life squads. In the past we supported this or do we put them on our Gov deals to sell. After discussion, Chief McNutt made a motion to support giving Spencer and Sylvania Township two of the old life squads and this was seconded by Chief Cousino. Motion carried.

Captain Armstrong asked if the drugs run out completely is there another plan in place. Dr. Lindstrom reported no.

Peter Ujvagi reported the Disabilities Commission meets tomorrow and was there a decision made regarding the issue of the patients and their wheel chairs.

Mark Benadum reported he spoke with Ron Smith of LC Board of Development Disabilities and he reported vehicles are available to pick up chairs from 5:00 am to 6:30 p.m. Ron Smith introduced himself and reported issues have been identified.

Mr. Smith reported they have small vans and busses. After hour they would set up a call system with their after-hours number. A staff member would have to be called in and it could take up to

a couple of hours to respond. Also they have an area of storage for the chairs. The dispatch number is 419-385-6021.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m. at the request of Chief Cousino to go into Executive Session. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.**