

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2012

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Barry Cousino
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Chief Ed Ellis
Chief Luis Santiago
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Whitehouse Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Village of Whitehouse – Mayor
Oregon Fire Department
Toledo Fire
LCEMS Medical Director
Emergency Services Director

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Leslie Kohli
Mayor Tim Wagener
Chief Rick Monto
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Peter Ujvagi

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

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr
Pat Moomey
Vicki Malinoski
Charlene Phillips
Kent Appelhans
Chris Schultz
Julie Goins
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Cpt. Allison Armstrong
Chief Brian Byrd

LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS CE
LCEMS Communications Manager
Administrative Specialist
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Star Ambulance
Life Flight
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire

Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 7, 2011 meeting were distributed to review. Chief McNutt 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. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2012

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported this committee met December 12th. Items of discussion were the DEA Ruling, King Vision and air ambulance issue with Monclova.

Dr. Lindstrom expounded on the DEA and drug licenses. Dr. Lindstrom explained it was discovered half of Ohio, including us, was not following the correct process in the exchange of drugs. Dr. Lindstrom said that if an agency has their own DEA license, they cannot swap with someone else that has a drug license. The practice was stopped in December. EMS has purchase Knox boxes that have combinations and codes will be given to all the paramedics to access the boxes. Dr. Lindstrom reported he had a couple of discussions with a DEA agent regarding the disposal process of half used medications. He was told that if it is physically double witnessed destruction of paramedics this was adequate.

Dr. Lindstrom also reported he attended a pharmacy meeting and found out why we are running short of Fentanyl. The DEA capped production of the drug "creating an artificial shortage". He said he is going to check with the Hospital Association to see if levels can't be raised. It is not a manufacturing issue.

Dr. Lindstrom reported paramedics will be issued an individual access code to be able to get in the Knox Box. Each department will be able to get in their department's issued life squad, i.e., Toledo Fire personnel can access any of the Toledo Fire Rigs and Sylvania only with Sylvania. All back up life squads will have everybody's number listed. This process should take place this month in CE.

Pat reported a policy is in place for the air ambulance issue.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m.

CE Update

Brent said he had nothing to report as far as training. The topic for this month is geriatrics.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported December brought in about \$150,000 and the total to date is about \$2.7million. Dennis reported we received notice from our billing company there is an issue with Medicare deposits. Our Treasurer is working on the issue.

Barb shared with the committee a Signature Error Report which showed a two week period. The report showed dates, paramedic's names and incident numbers where signatures were not obtained or done correctly. The report also showed incidents where face sheets were not able to be obtained at the hospital due to error of some sort on the patient report.

Dennis asked the chiefs to reinforce the need for signatures, because these will be unbillable runs.

King Vision

Brent reported we have been trialing the King Vision on LS4 and LS6 with favorable feedback. At the last Paramedic Committee meeting a recommendation was made to purchase it. The handle costs \$900 and the disposable blades are \$25. Brent asked if anyone had any issues with it. Chief Cousino made a motion to support the purchase which was seconded by Chief McNutt. Motion carried. Dr. Crawford said she is in full support, but is cautious of things of this nature, it is challenging and a cutting edge of EMS care, but it is a "luxury" device.

Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom reported more on the drug shortage issue. He wanted the chiefs to know the drugs on the horizon for shortage is Atropine, Calcium Gluconate, Valium, Benadryl, Etomidate, Fentanyl, Magnesium, Zofran and Rocuronium. Dr. Lindstrom commented that we don't always get the greatest lead on the shortages.

Dennis Cole asked Chief McNutt and Chief Cousino if the MDT mounts on the Life Squad was okay. Chief McNut reported he would have to get back to him that he had not heard.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. There will be no meeting in February due to aUASI tabletop exercise. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 7th, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.**