

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2012

Members Present:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Rick Monto
Chief Ed Ellis
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Luis Santiago
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole

Representing:

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Whitehouse Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Toledo Fire
LCEMS Medical Director
Emergency Services Director

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Leslie Kohli
Mayor Tim Wagener
Peter Ujvagi

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

Attendees:

Commissioner Carol Contrada
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Vicki Malinoski
Chief Brian Byrd
Lt. Kari Gonzalez
Chief Tom Wagener
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
Dr. David Bishop
Lorren Boyken
Steve Memsic
Matthew Heyrman

Lucas County Commissioner
LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS Communications Manager
LCEMS Administrative Specialist
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Maumee Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Dept.
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
LCEMS Dispatch
MedCorp Amb
Lucas County EMA

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 1, 2012 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Kowalski made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief McNutt. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

No meeting to report. The next Medical Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1st at 8:30 a.m.

Paramedic Committee

No meeting to report. The next Paramedic Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10^t at 9:00 a.m.

CE Update

Brent reported the first class for September was last night. September's CE is Respiratory Emergencies. A new CPAP device is introduced into patients with COPD, Asthma and Pneumonia. They will be trained on nebulizing with the device. Brent also reported they will be expanding capnography with asthmatic and COPD patients.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported LCEMS collected \$356,000 in August and year to date \$2,928,635.

Drug Shortages

Dr. Lindstrom reported drug shortages continue and it's brought national attention. Versed is the key one. Dr. Lindstrom said he is leaning to have this back on the first responders, but there has to be discussions with the departments and for them to embrace it being on the trucks. Hospitals are having the same crunch as us. Dr. Lindstrom reported Epi pre-injectable will be running out this month. There will be a training modification in using a different formulation and concentration in CE. There will be the possibility of medication errors. Dr. Lindstrom said this is not going to go away in the next year. Dr. Lindstrom reported Fentanyl continues to be a shortage, but we do have par levels at the Annex.

System Enhancements

Dennis Cole reported a list of items, a "wish list" of products to expand EMS has been provided for discussion to be possibly put on the 2013 budget. Dennis reported one of the best things we

have done is the Lucas. He discussed the cost and benefit for getting it out to the first responders. Dennis mentioned an alternative to the Lucas would be the CardioPUMP for the first responders. Dennis said he would like to discuss the Enhancement List and create a Priority List.

Brent expounded on the CardioPUMP on its function and how it would work.

The Board recommended a selective distribution of the devices

KING Vision Video Laryngoscopy - Chief Fuller reported it would be a great benefit citing an incident where he used it in front of a doctor who was impressed. Dr. Schwerin commented about some literature where the trend is ET tube intubation vs Supraglottic airway devices.

Dr. Lindstrom said there would be challenges. His bias with selective units of delay with life squad getting there. Dr. Lindstrom said CPR and airway is primary.

EZ-IO - Chief Cousino commented that it is a worthwhile tool.

O²-RESQ CAPAP System. - Dennis Cole reported he thinks this is a need to do and it is a great benefit to the system. Dr. Lindstrom reported this is different from our current CPAP in that it has a control meter for pressure. It's an excellent gain for a nominal cost. It also includes end-tidal CO² packaging to monitor ventilations.

Automatic Transport Ventilators - Dennis Cole said it would replace the current ones.

LP 15 – Dennis Cole reported the need to replace the remaining LP12 monophasic units.

Stryker Power Load System – Dennis Cole reported paramedics have provided demonstrations for this product. Dennis said it is an expensive system and his fear with electronic systems is a lot of failures.

Chief Byrd reported Toledo Fire is going with it on their transport units and looking for reduction of injuries.

Chief Wagener reported Maumee has looked into it and spec'ed it out for their next rig.

A suggestion was made to hold off and see how Toledo does with it. Chief Kowalski suggested dollars should be spent more on what would help with patient care.

Advanced Practice paramedic Program – Brent reported Wake County in North Carolina has this program. Brent reported it would be paramedic supervisor in the field. These paramedics would have advanced skill sets and would respond in an “Echo” unit. These paramedics would identify those types of patients that are frequent users of the system. They would help initially and deal with prevention as well. Also do follow up visits.

Dr. Lindstrom reported this is looking at what health care will be like in the future. This will help the hospitals as well. Dr. Lindstrom said his clear bias for this program is ability to pick the paramedics himself.

Chief Santiago asked if this was in the State of Ohio's scope of practice for this type of paramedic. Dr. Lindstrom reported yes.

Dr. Crawford said this would be a great benefit and a reimbursement model for hospitals.

Dr. Schwerin reported they are doing this in Canada and he thinks the Mercy system would be on board with this.

Dr. Crawford also mentioned St. Luke's just received accreditation to be a Heart Failure Center.

Chief Cousino asked if consideration could be put out there for the LP 15 be expanded out to the first responders. Dennis Cole reported there are defibrillators out there for the first responders. Dr. Lindstrom reported the purpose is the transmission to the hospital.

Open Discussion

Dennis Cole reported we hosted the Zoll Regional Conference last month. There was discussion around a lot of this and communication with devices to hospitals.

Dr. Schwerin introduced David Bishop a third year resident.

Dennis Cole reported there is a System Review Subcommittee following this meeting.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business Chief Cousino made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Chief Mc Nutt. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 3rd at 8:30 a.m.**