

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2013

Members Present:

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

Representing:

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

Absent:

Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Mayor Richard Carr

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

Peter Ujvagi

Attendees:

Pat Moomey
Vicki Malinoski
Brent Parquette
Loren Boykin
Matt Heyrman
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Chief Matt Mathias
Assistant Chief Mike Ramm
John Barnes
Lt. Kim Hood
Don Murray
Jack Morash

Dispatch Manager
LCEMS Administrative Specialist
QA/QI Specialist
LCEMS Dispatcher
EMA
Whitehouse Fire Dept.
Maumee Fire Dept.
Sylvania Twp. Fire Dept.
180th Air Guard Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Jerusalem Twp. Fire Dept.
ProMedica

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the May 1, 2013 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Kowalsk made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Ellis. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

Dr. Lindstrom reported this committee met Monday. Dr. Lindstrom reported Chief Cousino asked him to chair the meeting. Dr. Lindstrom reported he was the only physician in attendance. Dr. Lindstrom said he discussed three topics. 1) Traumatic Cardiac Arrest protocol. If signs of life are recognized by a skilled EMS Responder, patient is transported to a trauma center as opposed to the closest hospital. Dr. Lindstrom said in a discussion with Dr. Patrick, if the patient is moved into the rig for treatment, they are obligated to transport to the hospital. 2) A discussion regarding looking at a sepsis protocol. Further input from the Medical Committee needs to be done along with a cost projection. 3) Stroke discussion – Dr. Lindstrom reported a couple of hospitals contacted him regarding if they could not accept a patient with a stroke because of not having the medications or the CT scan is down. It was decided to have a diversion put on the Status Board. The next Medical Committee meeting is scheduled for August 5th.

Paramedic Committee

Chief Kowalski reported Brent covered May's CE which was case reviews with Dr. Lindstrom. There were no particular QA issues. Dr. Lindstrom reported on drug issues saying hospitals are having an issue in getting D5W. There was a discussion on the Power Lift System and the committee made a recommendation to have the Policy Board look into purchasing the system. Dennis reported we have a PO to have the XPS retrofitted on the cots. A discussion of Paramedic Committee meeting schedule to have the meetings every other month ensued. The paramedics in attendance still wanted it every month and to revisit it next year. The discussion of purchasing the LUCAS for the first responders. Also, the discussion of hospitals diverting patients and the decision coming from the physicians on duty.

CE Update

Brent reported June's CE is on trauma and the updated Traumatic Cardiac Arrest protocol. Brent reported in May, Dr. Lindstrom spent a couple of hours each class on case reviews. The evaluations indicated there was confusion on what's the best interest of the patient. Brent said this confusion is impacting patient care significantly.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported May's revenue brought in \$463,467.36. To date brings us to \$1,849,675.21 which is down from last year.

Open Discussion

Power Lift System – Brent reported there was a recommendation made from the Paramedic Committee to purchase this system. Chief Ellis asked the cost. Kim Hood reported the cost of the system \$23,340 and to install each unit is \$1,500.00. Kim Hood reported there has been a 100% positive response from the people who use the system. Kim reported when Toledo went to the power cots in October, 2010, there was a decrease in back injuries and when the Power Lift System was instituted in November, 2012, there has been no report of back injuries using this system. She said the person who tracks back injuries relating to lifting cots into rigs, has removed the column in his report. Kim also reported she has received calls from Cincinnati, Columbus and a city in Oklahoma on Toledo's experience. Dennis Cole reported the truck and the cot have to be modified. Dennis also mentioned the issue of the application to the existing rigs and new purchases. A discussion ensued regarding the system.

Chief Monto made a motion to move forward to purchase the Power Lift System which was seconded by Chief McNutt.

Contracts – Chief McNutt asked where the County was with the contracts. Dennis Cole reported it is on the Tuesday, June 11th agenda.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is August 7th at 8:30 a.m.