

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 7, 2013

Members Present:

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

Representing:

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

Peter Ujvagi

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Chief Ed Ellis  
Chief Richard Monto

Attendees:

Pat Moomey  
Vicki Malinoski  
Brent Parquette  
Loren Boykin  
Jeff Harwick  
Matt Heyrman  
Chief Matt Mathias  
John Barnes  
Don Murray  
Jack Morash  
Dr. Daniel Schweirn

Dispatch Manager  
LCEMS Administrative Specialist  
QA/QI Specialist  
LCEMS Dispatcher  
LCEMS Dispatcher  
EMA  
Maumee Fire Dept.  
180<sup>th</sup> Air Guard Fire  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire Dept.  
ProMedica  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital

**Call to Order**

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

## **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the June 5, 2013 meeting were distributed to review. Minutes were accepted as printed.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Medical Committee**

Chief Cousino reported this committee met Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed were Brent reporting no CE for the summer. EMS is conducting a trial of the redesigned cooling collar. The manufacturer made changes in the product and LS6 and LS10 will be trained on the collar this week. There was discussion on stroke diversion for when hospitals aren't able to take this type of patient because their CT scanner is down or thrombolytic medications aren't available. There was also conversation regarding LVAD patients and their destination. UTMC had requested that all LVAD patients be taken to their facility. After much discussion, it was decided it would be up to Med Control. Dr. Lindstrom mentioned the Wall of Honor held at UTMC and the recipients who were nominated. There was also conversation regarding radio transmission as it relates to STEMI patients and HIPPA. The hospital are asking patient's name and DOB over the air. Is this a HIPPA violation. It was reported no that it was one health care provider to another. Dennis reported he's starting the 2014 budget process and would like input on future equipment/medication. Next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

### **Paramedic Committee**

Chief Kowalski reported this committee met June 10<sup>th</sup>. May training was discussed, drug shortages, Versed protocol for the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, which is now out. Purchase of the cot Power Lift system is moving forward. The Coroner requests that paramedics document skin damage on the report of patients in cardiac arrest and using the LUCAS. The coroner also reaffirmed that if the patient is moved, they are committed to transport the patient. The discussion was brought up of a subcommittee for rigs to review configuration. Also reported was LS7 suspension problem. Next meeting is Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

Chief Santiago asked for clarification of what the Coroner's intent regarding the transport of cardiac arrest patients. Dr. Lindstrom explained.

### **CE Update**

Brent reported the paramedics had the summer off. September's CE will be ACLS recertification. As for drug shortages, the County is doing well. Versed has been put back in the First Responder's hands and he has not heard anything derogatory. As for the vehicles, there has been discussion internally regarding new vehicle layouts. Brent reported that a few years ago Life Core Technology approached us to trial the Sandhu collar. Once the paramedics used it in the field, there were concerns in the field and it stopped being used. Suggestions were made and

given back to the manufacturer, the collar was re-tooled. A new trial is going to start and we will be collecting data with the temperatures obtained.

Dr. Crawford asked about paramedics and cardiac arrest patients where the family claims there is a DNRCC however the family can't provide the paperwork. Dr. Lindstrom reported it's up to the judgment of the paramedic.

Brent reported there is a document called the MOST (Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment). He said it differs from a DNR order that it also includes directions about life sustaining measures in addition to CPR. The MOST form helps medical providers understand your wishes at a glance.

### **EMS Billing**

Vicki reported July brought in \$346,633.29 and year to date \$2,492,738.02. It is a little under from last year.

### **Open Discussion**

EMS Riders – Chief Santiago asked what the County requires for riders. Brent reported there is a waiver in the protocol. Chief Santiago reported that does not include language regarding HIPPA. Riders could go and tell everything from an incident. Chief Santiago reported they have created a Confidential Agreement for riders to sign to be compliant with HIPPA. Other departments present mentioned they also have one. Dennis asked for a copy of their document for the county.

XPS – Dennis reported we are still waiting for the XPS to be installed. They should be installed in September.

Power Lift – Dennis reported the Power Load was approved at the Commissioners meeting yesterday.

Stroke – Loren reported paramedics will call in “stroke alerts” and asked if there was a designation. Dr. Lindstrom reported there is no declaration. The County does not have a stroke diversion/alert protocol. The paramedics are to go to the closest hospital. The hospitals want the ability to divert if they do not have the thrombolytic drugs or CT. Pat is working with Hospital Council to have this type of diversion put in the EMS system.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.