

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2013

Members Present:

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

Representing:

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

Absent:

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

Laura Loyd-Jenkins

Chief Richard Monto
Chief Luis Santiago

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

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Vicki Malinoski
Jim Briggs
Loren Boykin
Matt Heyerman
Chief Brian Byrd
Lt. Kirk Keane
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kim Hood
Don Murray

QA/QI Specialist
Administrative Specialist
LCEMS Dispatcher
LCEMS Dispatcher
EMA
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Jerusalem Twp. Fire Dept.

Call to Order

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the October 2, 2013 meeting were distributed to review. Chief Cousino made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief McNutt. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported on the October 7th committee meeting.

Paramedic Committee

Chief Kowalski reported on the October 21st committee meeting.

CE Update

Brent reported the paramedics are done with training for the year. 2014 CE schedule is posted on the web.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported October's revenue brought in \$402,225.80 and year to date is \$3,543,358.75. Vicki reported the revenue is down \$143,000 from last year. Vicki also reported LCEMS had a CMS audit and we passed.

Stryker Power Load

Dennis reported the last life squad is down getting the Power Load installed and is due back this week. Once returned, Burgess will come on-site and adjust the early installs so that the cot wheels don't catch on the rear step. Dennis also noted that with the readjustment for the Power Load cot, the rigs can not use the regular cots or the bariatric cot unless the cot latch is relocated.

Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom reported Atropine is on the drug watch list at the hospitals, but not an issue for us yet.

Introduction

Dr. Lindstrom introduced Dr. Justin Pollock, citing he is a third year resident from St. Vincent.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is December 4th at 8:30 a.m.

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Todd Brookens, MD
Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman
Thomas Boggs, MD
Bob McCarthy
Kristie Gallagher
Dr. Danielle Hans
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kirk Keane
Lt. Kim Hood

Representing

Springfield Township Fire Department
St. Vincent Mercy EC
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers
University of Toledo Medical Center EC
St. Luke's Hospital
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
ProMedica Toledo – EC
UTMC – ED
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

Staff

David Lindstrom, MD
Dennis Cole
Pat Moomey

Medical Director LCEMS
Emergency Services Director
Communications Manager

Absent

Domian Kandah, MD
Pat Mattevi, MD
Zak Husain, M.D.
Cheryl Herr, R.N.

St. Charles Hospital
Bay Park Community Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers

Call to order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 5, 2013 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were accepted as printed.

Introductions

Dr. Rega introduced Dr. Danielle Hans a UTMC resident doing her rotation in EMS.

Old Business

CE Dr. Lindstrom reported the paramedics completed ACLS in September which included small case breakout scenarios. The schedule for next year is out on the web.

Cooling Collars – Dr. Lindstrom reported a follow up on the cooling collars. Dr. Lindstrom said with the evaluation of the product used in the past submitted to the manufacturer saying the fit,

useability, wasn't very good, the manufacturer came back with a re-design. These collars were given to LS6 and 10 to trial. There is no negative feedback at this time. Two types of temperature devices were used the esophageal (nose/mouth) which are in the scope of practice for the paramedic and a tympanic which is imbedded in a sponge and put in the ear. Dr. Lindstrom said he thinks the paramedics will have a better compliance with this one. Both these products were sent to Toledo Hospital bio med department for evaluation to find out both products came in within a 1/10 of a degree of accuracy. We went back to the manufacture to ask for another 25 collars for further testing with the use of the tympanic. Dr. Lindstrom reported the rest of the life squads are still using the ice saline. Dr. Lindstrom also reported the cooling collars last 20 minutes and would leave a couple at the hospital until the hospital can switch to their devices.

Chief Cousino asked about the documentation process. Dr. Lindstrom reported its better, still have some deficits. He would like to see pre, post and at the hospital temperatures recorded.

LVAD patients – Chief Cousino asked about the LVAD patients' destination process. Dr. Lindstrom reported he had feedback from Toledo, St. Vincent and St. Luke's hospitals and it was reported all the cardiologists can handle these types of patients. Those patients who had their LVADs put in at UTMC and request to back there, there is no issue.

New Business

Disaster Drill – Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a disaster drill held at Owens College on September 25th and asked Pat for her input. Pat reported on communication. There were a few areas to be worked on. Initially there was a lot of confusion as a lot of crews were put on one channel. Initially there were issues with the transport officer and once direction was given to her, communication went smoothly. A meeting is scheduled to discuss drill communications on Oct. 9th.

Dr. Schwerin reported he was on the planning committee and gave his overview. Dr. Rega reported he was a controller in the treatment area and gave his aspect. Dr. Rega cited they should narrow the drill down and concentrate on one area and have more frequent drills with a narrow scope. Dr. Rega said it was well done and taken seriously.

Dr. Lindstrom asked if the new triage tags were used and Dr. Schwerin reported no.

Lt. Hood reported she had twenty students from Whitmer School participate as victims at UTMC. Kim said from a hospital standpoint it was interesting and a positive learning experience for the students.

FYI Captain Mark Benadum reported Chief Peter Jaegly passed away Sunday and there will be a pancake breakfast sometime this month to honor him.

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Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd at 8:30a.m.

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2013

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski
John Barnes
Lt. Kirk Keane
Captain Mark Benadum
Rich Ellett
Rod Standiford
Chief Mark Mullins
Richard Wright
Steve Strickland

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
180th ANGB
TFD EMS Bureau
TFD EMS Bureau
Maumee Fire – LS7
Sylvania Fire – LS6
Oregon Fire
PH&S Products, LLC
Burgess Ambulance

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dr. David Lindstrom
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey

Emergency Services Director
Medical Director
QA/QI
Communications Manager

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1
Dan Desmond
Toledo Fire - LS3
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS5
Oregon Fire – LS8
Springfield Fire – LS10
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

LS2 – Toledo Fire

Chief Charles Flack

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chief Kowalski.

Minute Approval

The minutes from September 8, 2013 meeting were available for review. A motion was made by Rod Standiford to accept the minutes which was seconded by Al Moenter. The minutes were approved as written.

Introduction

Chief Kowalski introduced Richard Wright from PH& S. Mr. Wright gave a brief history of the company and he demonstrated Vital Shield LC and the Intercept Free nitrate gloves.

Training

Brent reported the comments from September's ACLS CE were available for review. October's CE is on review of pediatrics. No CE for November and December. The CE schedule for 2014 will be posted this month.

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported there are a smattering of cases and he works with the appropriate departments with good response. Dr. Lindstrom also reported he will be starting QA with Dispatch.

Old Business

Cooling Collars – Brent reported he has not seen any forms since the new collars have gone out. Chief Kowalski said he will look into it for LS6.

Power Lift - Al reported there are two more left of the inservice rigs to be done. Chief Kowalski reported his department loves the system.

Al reported there is some operator error because paramedics are not allowing the lift arms to fully drop before they pull the cot out of the rig.

Rod mentioned the issue with the wheels. Al reported the Load unit sits too far forward and needs to be moved back two inches. As it sets now, the front tires of the cot hit on the rear step bumper. Paramedics need to make sure the front cot tires are parallel with the back of the rig to keep them from hitting until the load unit can be adjusted. Burgess will be here next week to adjust the device and resolve the issue

New Business

Ambulance Specs – Al introduced Steve Strickland from Burgess Ambulance. Al reported Steve was here to answer any questions regarding rig specs.

Dennis reported the County is not changing any basic structures just doing some tweeking, i.e., bench seat vs. swivel seat. A discussion ensued regarding the swivel seat and storage and configuration. Dennis asked the representatives to go back to their departments for input for the new rigs and to identify a representative to review the rig configuration.

Open Discussion

Narcotics – Chief Mullins asked about the protocol regarding accountability of narcotics of part time departments and is there a consideration of changing it. Dr. Lindstrom reported there is a provision in the policy for this. Dr. Lindstrom said the protocol states that when fire departments do not maintain daily paramedic personnel, the verification log from is completed when sufficient trained personnel are available, ie., meetings, drills. (Tab 100 W-8). Dr. Lindstrom reported the State Board and also the Board of Pharmacy requires accountability.

Software – Brent reported he would like to implement EMS Toolkit. This product would promote better communication from administration to field paramedics. Each paramedic would have their own account. It could track certification and classroom training and send out messages to everyone.

Brent also reported we are continuing to move forward with Pulse Point. Brent said he is setting up a conference call with Richard Price, the founder. Brent said this program would be done in phases in conjunction with the new CAD.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m.