

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2008

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Rich Ellett
Chief Rick Helminski
Jeff Nissen
Gary Studer
Lt. Ed Herrick
Lt. Ralph Green
Tim Treadaway
Mark Briggs
Sherry Watson
Luca Delatore, M.D.
Kenan Mylander, R.N.
David Miramontes, M.D.
Michaela Lukenda

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire – LS7
Springfield Twp. Fire
Oregon Fire – LS8
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire – LS3
Ottawa Hills
Nurse Manager – Flower EC
Flower ED Medical Director
St. Vincent Medical Center
Toledo Fire BLS Transport Medical Director
ProMedica

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Gary Orlow
David A. Lindstrom, M.D.
Brent Parquette

Emergency Services Director
EMS Manager
EMS Medical Director
QI/QA

ABSENT

Starr Stockton
Gina Shubeta
Ron Murd
Robert Kendrick
Jodi Livecchi
Shane Hillard or Rod Standiford
Chief Charles Flack
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman

Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Springfield Twp – LS10
Sylvania Fire – LS6
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 10, 2007 meeting were available for review. A motion by Chief Helminski to accept the minutes was seconded by Rich Ellett. Minutes were approved as printed.

Training

Brent reported January's CE is on the 12-lead EKG. The first two classes went well. The paramedics are given EKGs with abnormal patterns along with imposters. Brent reported the paramedic's interpretations are a lot better than the past with an accuracy reading of 75-80% on his over read. Brent reported the paramedics are divided in small groups and are given a packet of 20 EKGs. These readings include injury patterns, ischemia and non diagnostic tracings. The groups look over and review the EKGs and gather back and discuss them.

Brent reported another part of CE is the STEMI cases in reference to documentation into the EPCR. This is to get consistency in entering the field data and EKG transfer. Dr. Miramontes suggested a group of QA personnel from each entity get together on a monthly basis to have the same consistency in gathering the data needed to review cases. Dr. Lindstrom reported the chiefs will be contacted to find out who their representative will be and arrange a meeting.

Brent reported in the months of February and March, the paramedics will be instructed how to change the way to enter the incident numbers. As this is a new year, it will have to populate with the "08".

Marty asked if a category of inservice assist could be added to the list of categories, citing LS9 will go to a scene with Whitehouse Fire, but they are still in service. Dr. Lindstrom reported that he and Brent have discussed this issue and will sit with Dennis and Gary to work this out.

Old Business

Rig update – Gary Orlow reported the rigs are close to delivery. The sales people are going to the plant, develop a punch list so things can get fixed at the factory. The rigs should be in within a few weeks.

Life Pak transmissions – The question was raised if a plan had been developed regarding testing the 12-lead transmission process. Brent reported the only value was practice for the paramedics. At any given time it can't be guaranteed the cell phone will work. Chief McNutt reported in Findlay cell phone usage won't be allowed due to the fact that Altel is pushing the use of data rather than analog cell phones. Dr. Miramontes reported Life Paks can transmit on data lines through the internet and can use smart phone technology. A discussion ensued regarding technology.

Brent reported if the paramedics can't transmit the EKG through the EPCR, he would like it downloaded into the data base. Chief Helminski asked if a Phillips product is purchased, can the data be transferred. It was reported we do not have Zoll download software currently.

Brent reported at December's meeting there was discussion regarding the reconfiguration of the 4 & 8 minute bags to a single first responder ALS bag. Brent reported this will be moving forward. Brent also reported he found out that there is no more pre-injectable Amiodarone and LCEMS will have to go back to the vial. Also the Atropine multi dose is going away and LCEMS will have to go back to the pre-injectable.

New Business

Dr. Miramontes reported he had just attended the annual NAEMSP meeting and the following are items for consideration: Intranasal Narcan Change CPAP circuit to hospital compatible one This device also allows aerosol therapy. There are two sizes of masks, medium and large. It has a better strapping system. Gary Orlow reported he has a meeting with the nurse managers and will discuss this with them. The last product Dr. Miramontes asked to be put on the wish list was Duomed consisting of Atrovent and Albuterol. Dr. Miramontes also talked about the saline syringe in lieu of the saline lock.

Open Discussion

Marty Fuller inquired about Phenergan. He reported in hospital use has followed Phenergan with Benadryl. Dr. Lindstrom reported for EMS this is not an issue, if the patient has a patent line and properly infused, the hospital has more of an issue and the administering of Benadryl prophylactically for extra pyramidal prevention which is not in the protocols. Dr. Lindstrom reported the issue of sedation of the elderly is a concern. Dr. Miramontes suggested the use of Zofran in lieu of Phenergan and it comes in a generic form.

Rich Ellett reported Maumee had problems with their inverter in their rig which was replaced and the problem was corrected. Rich also mentioned they also have an airbag issue which the county garage is looking into. Gary Orlow reported it was a quality issue with recent productions.

Dr. Lindstrom asked the paramedics present if there are any issues regarding the lockers at the hospitals. Jeff Nissen reported Bay Park does not stock as much as other hospitals. If they need something that isn't there, they go to St. Charles or St. Vincents. Rich Ellett noted that he has observed non ALS personnel getting into the lockers. He has also noted expired medications in the lockers as much as 3-4 months old. He has noted it's a frequent problem at St. Luke's. Rich reported he didn't think it was an annex issue, he thinks squads find expired meds and just put them in the lockers and take new.

Tim Treadaway reported he noticed the billing issue discussed in December's minutes and asked if there was an update. Chief McNutt reported this was discussed at the last Policy Board meeting and the Commissioners has put this on hold this year. Tim also asked are there any projections on how much money this would generate. Dennis Cole reported no data on that and he is working with Toledo Fire to get estimates of revenue generation. Dr. Miramontes reported Dennis could check with St. Vincent/St. Charles billing MBI and they could give an idea by the number of runs generated.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

With no further business, Rich Ellet made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m.