

LCEMS POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2016

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Paul Mullen
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Josh Harbarger
Chief Brandon Loboschefski
Mayor Donald Atkinson
Laura Loyd-Jenkins
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Absent:

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Luis Santiago
Mayor Michael Sefarian
Mayor Paula Hicks Hudson
Mayor Richard Carr
Trustee _____
Trustee John Jenewine
Chief Kevin Bernhard

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr
Ralph Shearn
Pat Moomey
Chief Karen Marquardt
Lt. Kirk Keane
John Barnes
Julie Goins Whitmire
Dr. Jason DiYanni
Jack Morasch
Mary Britton
Dr. Eugene Lin
Leigh Moore
Julie Shawver
Toni Bratt
Martin Fuller
Dr. Dan Neumeyer
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
Dr. Tom Boggs
Dr. M. Jumma

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Dept.
Maumee Fire Department
Village of Whitehouse
Lucas County Administrator
Lucas County Emergency Services Director
LCEMS Medical Director

Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Toledo Fire Dept.
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor
City of Maumee
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Sylvania Twp. Trustee
Lucas County Fire Chief's Association

CE Administrator/QA
LCEMS/LS10
LC Communications Manager
Lucas County EMA Director
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
180th Air Guard
Mercy MSU
Emergency Resident
ProMedica
ProMedica – Toledo Hospital
Mercy
MSU
Toledo Hospital
Toledo Hospital
Whitehouse Fire/Life Flight
Mercy
NWO
St. Luke's Hospital
UTMC/TTH

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chief Cousino at 8:33 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 10, 2016 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Kowalski and seconded by Chief Mullen to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported the next meeting is October 3rd.

Paramedic Committee

Chief Kowalski reported the next meeting is September 12th.

CE Update

Brent reported September's Rescue Task Force (RTF) training for Active Shooter first session went well. Chief Cousino reported Springfield had an active shooter incident and it would have been a perfect situation to have the RTF equipment.

Brent reported Oregon Fire with their police department have done the Rescue Task Force training. Sylvania is working on a program which will be sometime either October or November. Chief Kowalski said it will be held at Lake Park and will be open for people to observe.

MSU – Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a meeting held August 31st to discuss an IRB with all the parties involved. It is to focus on a research project and discuss data points. Dr. Lindstrom said there was an agreement to move ahead and have small groups to discuss data points as it relates to EMS and hospitals. There was also discussion on proper structure or host for an IRB, should it be hospital based, Hospital Council or EMS based? Dr. Zaidat offered to have Mercy host the IRB. Dr. Jumma would like the county to host the IRB as a neutral agency. Costs would need to be discussed. The rest of the time was spent on what people want to see in the data. Dr. Lindstrom said he and Dennis would bet possible host cites.

EMS Billing

Vicki reported August brought in \$360,492.02 and year to date \$2,379,787.42. Vicki mentioned we are now only a couple hundred thousand down from last year.

Dennis reported they have met with McKesson and their projection is 3.8 million by the end of the year. Dennis also mentioned we are down \$400,000 from the last two years and see a 3% drop next year and attribute it to the Affordable Care Act.

Open Discussion

RACE Protocol – Chief Cousino reported that at the last EMS Policy Board meeting there was discussion to change the RACE protocol to cancel the MSU for RACE scores 5 and higher and have the life squad load and go. The chiefs all voted in support the motion.

Dr. Lin brought up the issue of the incomplete data and tPA being secondary and the time issues on scene.

Dennis reported prior to MSU, patients with a RACE score were getting to an interventional hospital faster than the MSU. Life squads were on scene 17 minutes or less. MSU doing procedures on scene delays the patient getting to the hospital for intervention by an additional 30 minutes.

Dr. Jumaa cited the RACE data gathered post last year was prospective data. They have seen seven thrombectomy cases so far.

Dr. Lin and Dr. Jumaa discussed CT 8 slice in the field vs in the hospital.

Dr. Jumaa also cited a couple of cases, one with the MSU and one from a nursing home.

Chief Cousino asked if there was any resolution to the issue at the August 31st meeting with the hospitals. There being none the Board members reaffirmed the recommendation to continue moving forward with the protocol change. Brent reported he is providing this information in September's CE to go in effect October 1, 2016.

Once the IRB data is established and data can show whether there are benefits or not, the protocol could be changed.

Dr. Jumaa reported he was aware of several cases where the MSU bypassed an interventional hospital and patients were taken to St. Vincent instead. He wanted to know why the decision to bypass was made and in the future make sure they are compliant with the protocol.

Dr. Lin reported they were not Lucas County patients.

Dennis reported that EMS reviews where patients are transported. It is not always cut and dry but believes go and believes the MSU making a good effort to follow the protocol.

Wall of Honor – Brent reported the Wall of Honor ceremony is being held September 27th between 11:30 and 1:00 at the Lloyd Jacobs Center. The honorees are Dr. Bruce Janiak, formerly of Toledo Hospital, Dr. Judith Ruple, who provided paramedic education and retired Toledo Fire Chief Carl Need. All will be making the ceremony.

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Media release - Brent also reported there is media release being held September 27th at 10:00 at Springfield Fire Station #3. It will show case the first survivor in the use of the Active Decompression. The surviving patient and the first responders from the incident will be present. The patient was in refractor v-fib with multiple shocks with good outcome.

Brent said putting equipment in the field benefits the hospital. The system has a positive patient outcome with a shorter stay in the hospital and reducing the total cost of treatment/recovery.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be November 2nd at 8:30 a.m.