

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Deborah Graham
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Julie DiCecco, R.N.
Kristie Gallagher
Erich Pontasch, M.D.
Ahed Nahhas, M.D.
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kirk Keane
Chief Jeff Kowalski

Representing

Springfield Fire Dept.
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
NWO EMS
ProMedica
ProMedica Toledo – EC
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Sylvania Twp. Fire

Staff

David Lindstrom, MD.
Dennis Cole
Ralph Shearn
Brent Parquette
Craig Koperski

Medical Director LCEMS
Emergency Services Director
Communications Manager
QA/QI/CE
LCEMS Annex & LS6

Absent

Jerome Lewis, M.D.
Pat Mattevi, MD
Todd Brookens, MD
Thomas Boggs, MD
Cheryl Herr, R.N.

St. Charles Hospital
Bay Park Community Hospital
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers
St. Luke's Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers

Call to order

Dr. Lindstrom in place of Chief Cousino and called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minute Approval

There no minutes from the June meeting.

Introductions – Chief Cousino noted there were a number of new faces attending the meeting and introductions were made.

Presentation

Dr. Nahhas presented information regarding St. Anne's Hospital being a STEMI hospital. Dr. Nahhas reported the process started two years ago. The hospital will only have one (1) cath lab and will be open 24/7. Dr. Nahhas reported the first heart surgery occurred last week and the patient is doing fine. Dr. Nahhas also reported the hospital will be actually ready in two to three

months to receive STEMI transports. A discussion started regarding the particulars, i.e. paramedics being informed of the start date, bypass situations, CAD.

Old Business

CE – Brent reported gave a recap of the last CE sessions. October will have critical skills in the field. November will be a review of cardiac arrests and 12-lead reviews. Brent also mentioned LCEMS taking Versed and Fentanyl off the first responders when there was a drug shortage, but they have recently been restocked.

Cooling Collars – Brent reported there has been discussion regarding the use of the cooling collars. The manufacturer has changed the name and retooled the collar and it is back out again. Brent said there have been some obstacles, some of it training. The numbers drop in tympanic temperature with its use. Brent reported we are getting away from chilled saline. A discussion ensued regarding criteria of the cooling collars in cardiac arrests patients and the continuation of its use after reaching the hospital.

Backboards – Dr. Lindstrom reported they are working on a protocol regarding the use of backboards and will work with the chiefs on its use.

New Business

Ebola – Dr. Lindstrom reported Ebola is out there and he has been having discussions with Kathy Silvestri and a number of questions have arisen from the paramedics regarding this. The dispatchers use the Clawson cards. Dr. Lindstrom reported his intent is not to activate the Hemorrhagic Fevers cards until a regional known case exists. The process will start with phone triage. A discussion of pre arrival information given out to care givers.

Brent reported the Health Department has weekly conference calls discussing such topics as this.

Captain Benadum reported he has created an information educational piece to be given to Toledo's firefighters regarding this. Chief Cousino suggested this information be given to all first responders as well as the paramedics.

MED3000/McKesson – Dennis reported EMS has renewed their contract with MED3000/McKesson and is looking to get IT contact information from the hospitals so the billing company can get access to electronic data.

PulsePoint – The question was asked about the alert system. Brent reported we are moving down that road, but there are some obstacles to overcome first.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1st at 8:30a.m.