

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2015

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Deborah Graham, R.N.
Julie DiCecco, R.N.
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kirk Keane
Chief Karen Marquardt
Chief James Price
Cheryl Herr, R.N.
Scott Levitt, M.D.
Eugene Lin, M.D.
Gretchen Tietjen, M.D.
Renee Davis
Kate Moran, MD.
Matt Sarara
Julie Georgeff
Danyell Hall
Julie Goins-Whitmire
Leigh Moore
Deborah Graham
Suzanne Henry
Dr. Sam Zaidat
Dr. Mouhammad Jumma
Dr. Syed Zaidi

Representing

Springfield Fire Dept.
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
ProMedica – Toledo Hospital
ProMedica Air & Mobile
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
ProMedica St. Luke's Hospital & ED Managers
UTMC
Mercy
UTMC
Mercy Sylvania ER
St. Vincent EC Resident
Mercy
Mercy
Bay Park Hospital
Mercy
Mercy
Mercy – St. Anne
Mercy – St. Anne
Mercy
UTMC
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Staff

David Lindstrom, MD.
Dennis Cole
Ralph Shearn
Aislinn Charlton-Dennis

Medical Director LCEMS
Emergency Services Director
LCEMS Dispatch Supervisor
LCEMS/Springfield Fire

Absent

Jerome Lewis, M.D.
Pat Mattevi, MD
Thomas Boggs, MD
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Erich Pontasch, M.D.
Paul Rega, M.D.
Todd Brookens, MD
Brent Parquette

St. Charles Mercy Hospital
ProMedica Bay Park Community Hospital
ProMedica St. Luke's Hospital
NWO EMS – St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
UTMC
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers
LCEMS

Call to order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the October 5th meeting were available for review. The minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Mobile Stroke Unit – Julie Goins Whitmire reported the EMTs and CT techs will finish school on Friday. They are still trying to see where the stroke unit will be located. The MDT was installed last week. Julie said they are not sure of a go live date, possibly the next couple of weeks.

Free Standing ERs – Renee Davis said she noticed in the October minutes regarding the free standing ER in Sylvania and the communication piece. She said they do have a dedicated phone line and have ordered the radios. She said they are waiting on the communications to install them. Renee also said 30-35% of the patients they receive in Perrysburg are admitted. Renee also brought up the topic of cost to the patient when they are transported from the EC to a hospital. She said if the patient is transported from the Sylvania location to St. Anne, Mercy pays for the transport. It was noted that the free standing ER in Perrysburg receives BLS and ALS patients from local fire departments. LCEMS is transporting all ALS patients which is why we are concerned about the higher number of admits for the Sylvania free standing ER.

Dennis said we are working with Sylvania ER on the communications.

NEW BUSINESS

Stroke protocol - Dr. Lindstrom reported he gets a number of questions regarding the stroke protocol. Should we be following American Heart's recommendation to transport to primary or comprehensive stroke hospitals.

Dr. Jumma reported that based on 2013 American Heart guidelines patients should go to primary stroke centers.

A discussion ensued on stroke transports and on times and performance of each of the hospitals. A suggestion was made to develop a small committee to review times and how they are improving.

Dr. Tietjen reported UTMC has national recognition and multiple awards. One of the awards is the Arnold Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in teaching award.

Dr. Lindstrom felt that collecting hospital stroke times would be very beneficial to advancing stroke care in Lucas County. The information would be under his auspices as the Medical Director rather than in the public realm of the County.

Active Shooter – Dr. Lindstrom reported we have been planning for about one and half years to train the paramedics on active shooter/ Rescue Task Force (RTF) procedures.

We have ordered the Paramedic protective equipment and supplies for the training. The training for the paramedics is currently scheduled for April and May 2016. The training will have two law enforcement personnel and two paramedics practicing warm zone scenarios with law enforcement providing protection while Paramedics triage and treat victims. All Paramedics will be trained but Dr. Lindstrom reinforced that it will be voluntary for the paramedics go into an incident warm zone.

Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am. The next Medical Committee meeting will be February 8th at 8:30 am.