

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Kristie Gallagher
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chris Goliver, M.D.
Julie DiCecco, R.N.
Andrea Adams
Julie Goins Whitmire, R.N.
Todd Brookens, M.D.
Julie Georgoff
Leigh Moore
Matt Sarara
Eugene Lin, M.D.
Debbie Graham, R.N.
David Heidt, M.D.
Sam Zaidat, M.D.
Lt. Kirk Keane

Representing

Springfield Twp. Fire
Promedica Air & Mobile
Sylvania Twp. Fire
Mercy – Sylvania Emergency Center
Promedica – Toledo Hospital
Mercy – St. Vincent
Mercy – Mobile Stroke Unit
Promedica – Toledo/Flower Emergency Centers
Mercy
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Mercy – St. Anne
UTMC Trauma Program
Mercy
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Ralph Shearn

Medical Director LCEMS
LCES Director
EMS QA/QI
Communications Manager

Absent

Cheryl Herr, R.N.
Scott Levitt, M.D.
Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Paul Rega, M.D.
Erich Pontasch, M.D.
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.

Promedica - St. Luke's Hospital
UTMC
Promedica - Bay Park Hospital
UTMC Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
NWO EMS – St. Vincent Mercy Hospital

Call to Order

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

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Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 7, 2015 meeting were made available for review. There was a correction to the minutes with that being, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. instead 8:30 a.m. With that correction, the minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

Mobile Stroke Unit - Dr. Lin presented statistics for the Mobile Stroke Unit. The unit has been up and running for @ three weeks. There were 29 stroke dispatches of which 10 were transported to an intervention hospital. At this point, none of the Lucas County patients received TPA in the field. It was stated that it takes 13 – 14 minutes from scene to receive a CT scan. Dr. Brookens asked why there was a delay of the MSU on scene at Airport and Holloway. He stated that two hospitals were bypassed to go to Mercy St. Vincents. Dispatch will assign medical control and what hospital to transport to. Dennis reiterated that the unit should be transporting to the closest appropriate facility. Chief Kowalski stated that the MSU should state on the radio when they arrive on scene. Dennis stated that they have heard positive comments from the medics.

Free Standing ERs

Dr. Gollver stated that the ER needs a dedicated line to Lucas County. He asked if any in-service training was needed with the medics for the Sylvania Center. Dr. Lindstrom stated that he didn't feel the need for a separate CE for this. Chief Kowalski stated the medics are familiar with the facility and the other chiefs said the same thing. OB cases will be diverted to the appropriate facility.

Active Shooter

Brent stated that Lucas County will have CE in either April or May for the Rescue Task Force, which will be 4 hour paramedic familiarization training. Toledo Police and Sheriff cannot dedicate resources at this time.

New Business

Dr. Brookens was asking about the ResQPod. He stated Lucas County is very progressive with this, but the hospitals outside of the county are not stocking them anymore. AHA guidelines changed in November. Lucas County has continued to use it and there are no plans to change. They are compliant with the new guidelines. Brent stated that he had a fact sheet regarding the ResQPod to send to Dr. Brookens.

Dr. Brookens also inquired about the cooling collars, if there was going to be a change from moving from the IV cooling to cervical collars.

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Dr. Brookens also asked if Lucas County was moving from D5O to D10 for hyperglycemic patients. Dr. Lindstrom stated that Lucas County hasn't made the change. He did state that the protocols have been changed and that the medics can use what is available.

Dr. Lindstrom stated that currently there isn't any issues with drug shortages and Lucas County is in good shape. He also stated that there is a DEA license at each site and that we are compliant.

Dr. Lindstrom stated that Lucas County has an Isolation Chamber that patients could be transported in if needed for Ebola. Currently these cases are going to either Columbus or Cleveland. There are no hospitals in Lucas County handling these cases. There is not a special protocol at this time to handle the Ziki Virus.

Chief Cousino asked about pump.

Dr. Lindstrom stated that Ketamine is for limited use only if the patient is a physical threat to himself or others.

Adjournment - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next Medical Committee meeting will be April 4th at 8:30 a.m.