

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2017

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Mike Ramm
Chief Paul Mullen
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Lucas County Emergency Services Director
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent:

Chief Luis Santiago
Mayor Michael Sefarian
Mayor Paula Hicks Hudson
Mayor Richard Carr
Mayor Donald Atkinson
Trustee _____
Trustee John Jenewine
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Chief Josh Hartbarger
Chief Brandon Loboschefski
Laura Loyd-Jenkins

Toledo Fire Dept.
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor
City of Maumee
Village of Whitehouse
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Sylvania Twp. Trustee
Lucas County Fire Chief's Association
Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire Department
Lucas County Administrator

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Ralph Shearn
Chief Karen Marquardt
Chief Patrick Wambo
John Barnes
Julie Goins Whitmire
Dr. Thomas Boggs
Mary Britton

CE Administrator/QA
LC Communications Manager
Toledo Fire
Waterville Fire
Air guard Fire
Mercy MSU
St. Luke's Hospital
Toledo Hospital

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chief Cousino at 8:30 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the May 3, 2017 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Ramm and seconded by Chief Mullen to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports

Paramedic Committee

Chief Ramm reported on the May 8th meeting and to say there was no actual meeting on July 10th as there was no members in attendance.

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported on the June 5th meeting.

CE Update

Brent reported the paramedics are in a hiatus for the summer. ACLS is being held in September, which is an eight-hour day. October will be the last CE session for the year.

Brent reported paramedics are coming to him regarding the free standing ER because they diverting more with the psychic and overdose patients.

ESO

Brent reported the ESO electronic patient care report (ePCR) training is going on now and the feedback has been good. The scheduled go live date is July 26th. We are moving to the CF 20 tablet and Paramedics are training with those as well. A key component is the ability to transfer data between first responders to the life squad's tablet. It's because of connectivity and who has it. Chie Marquart reported they started up with just the rescue units & everybody will have the host spots. Chief Cousino reported that Springfield all have WiFi and Chief Mullen reported all their five units have WiFi. Dennis asked the Chiefs to encourage their medics to use ESO at bed side to collect run report information on scene. Dr. Lindstrom reported even if the paramedics do not complete the report the hospitals can see a draft report with the ESO product.

EMS Billing

Dennis reported June's revenue brought in \$388,737.92 and year to date \$1,691,223.32. Dennis reported the projected revenue for the year at the current rate is 3.4 million which will be down \$350,000 from last year. Dennis also reported there was an issue with the Mercy system in that they moved to Epic and McKesson couldn't access billing information. McKesson & Mercy are working on this & in the meantime that is why the paramedics have had to collect face sheets from the Mercy hospitals. Dennis and Barb noted that Mercy/St. Vincent Medical Records Department personnel have been very supportive in assisting us with this issue.

Open Discussion

Psych patients – Dr. Lindstrom reported he received a voice mail from a physician from UTMC citing they are having trouble managing psych patients. His question was can he divert all psych patients. The issue of handling of emergency system psych patients has turned into a fiasco and it's an increasing concern with these cases and all the hospitals are suffering with the resources needed to address these patients.

Dr. Boggs commented that UTMC has the Kobacker Center for adolescents and they are even selective as well as number of other community entities out there. Dr. Boggs said as a baseline we should take care of these types of patients.

Chief Mullen reported Oregon has a good rapport with St. Charles in regards to psych patients.

Jail – Chief Cousino asked if anyone wanted to discuss the property tax the commissioners want to add for the jail. No concerns were brought forward.

IRB – Dr. Lindstrom reported they have finished up the data fields and sent back out to the interested parties for them to look over & sign and send back.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be September 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.