

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2018

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Michael Ramm
Julia Harsh
Danyell Hall
Thomas Boggs, M.D.
Deputy Chief Jim Dusseau
Captain Mark Benadum

Representing

Springfield Fire Dept.
Sylvania Twp. Fire Dept.
ProMedica Toledo STEMI Coordinator
BayPark Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital
Maumee Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

Staff

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

Medical Director LCEMS
ES Director
EMS QA/QI
CE Program Administrator
CE Program Administrator
Communications Manager

Absent

Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Erich Pontasch, M.D.
Wes Martus, M.D.
Jay Ryno, MD
Chris Goliver, M.D.
Tod Brookens, M.D.

Bay Park Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Charles Hospital
UTMC
Mercy Free Standing EC
ProMedica

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 4, 2017 meeting were made available for review. Minutes were accepted as written.

Old Business

Drug Shortage – Dr. Lindstrom reported saline is still on the shortage lists. Dr. Lindstrom said the county is good on the larger bags of saline. Puerto Rico is supposed to be resupplying at the end of March. Dennis reported he had Annex personnel pull in the 50cc and s2500 bags off the first responders and place on the life squad.

IRB – Dr. Lindstrom reported there is still no update on the IRB.

ESO – Dennis reported Richfield Twp. Is now on ESO and Oregon will be shortly.

Opiate Epidemic – Dr. Lindstrom reported he received an email from one of the local sheriff's department on a drug called Bromadal, similar to Morphine but 504 times the potency. It is colorless, odorless and tasteless. It is put on innocuous pills. Dr. Lindstrom emphasized first responders should use PPE for any kind of overdose.

Masks – Jon Ziehr reported the County has purchased the P-100 masks and have placed them on the life squads. They are located in the compartment with the PPE material.

New Business

Dispatch Protocols – Dr. Lindstrom reported they are working on Dispatch protocols trying to address the cancellation rate in the system. There were a number of protocols gone over that would have the intent to not to send a life squad initially and have the paramedic first response to evaluate and decide if a life squad is needed to decrease the number of cancellations. Currently Springfield and Sylvania have 100% paramedic first response. Toledo, is working on a procedure to confirm that a Paramedic is on the first response engine. I feel moving forward with this, we will need to sync department BLS protocols to align with the new dispatch protocols. We would like to trial the project with the three agencies. No firm date has been set to implement the changes.

Clot Removal – Dennis reported there was an article in the Blade Feb 2nd with Dr. Lin regarding extending clot removal for stroke patients from 6 hours to 24 hours after symptom onset. He asked if we should adjust our protocols accordingly. Julia from ProMedica cited the guidelines just came out nationally last week. Dr. Lindstrom said he would have to review.

Medications given by paramedics - Dr. Lindstrom reported because of the shortage of mini saline bags, a couple places in the protocol where the paramedics dispense Magnesium and Dopamine, which are used rarely, will have to be mixed in large syringes. This will have to be addressed in CE.

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Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The next meeting will be April 2nd at 8:30. Chief Cousino mentioned he will not be at the next meeting. He will be on vacation and asked Dr. Lindstrom to chair the meeting.