

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 3, 2018

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Josh Hartbarger  
Mayor Donald Atkinson  
Chief Paul Mullen  
Dr. Chris Goliver  
Chief Brandon Loboschefski  
Chief Luis Santiago  
Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire  
Village of Whitehouse  
Oregon Fire Department  
Hospital Council  
Maumee Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Dept.  
Lucas County Emergency Services Director  
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent:

Mayor Michael Sefarian  
Mayor  
Mayor Richard Carr  
Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee John Jenewine  
Chief Kevin Bernhard  
Chief Mike Ramm  
Megan Vahey-Casier

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

Attendees:

Brent Parquette  
Ralph Shearn  
Vicki Malinoski  
Pat Moomey  
Jonathon Ziehr  
Aislin Dennis  
Chief Patrick Wambo  
John Barnes  
Julie Goins Whitmire  
Deputy Chief Orlando Gonzalez  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Chief Tony Parasiliti  
Deputy Chief Jim Dusseau

LCEMS QA/QI  
LC Communications Manager  
Administrative Specialist  
Lucas County EMA Director  
CE Program Administrator  
CE Program Administrator  
Waterville Fire  
Air guard Fire  
Mercy MSU  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire Dept.  
Maumee Fire

**Call to Order**

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

### **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the November 1, 2017 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Hartbarger to approve the minutes which was seconded by Chief Santiago. Minutes approved as written.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Paramedic Committee**

Dr. Lindstrom reported on the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in lieu of Chief Ramm. Dennis asked the chiefs to assist in getting Paramedics to attend the meetings.

#### **Medical Committee**

Chief Cousino reported on the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. In the report given by Chief Cousino, it was mentioned the masks to wear when paramedics come in contact with Carfentanyl are the AP-100 masks. Dennis Cole reported the Annex has ordered the AP-100 masks and are expected to be delivered this week to the life squads. Dennis asked that the AP-100 masks only be used for overdose incidents because of the increased cost of the AP-100 masks

#### **CE Update**

Brent reported the 2018 schedule is out and the first class was held last night (1/2/18) January's CE deals with opiate related incidents and overdoses. The DART team gives a one-hour lecture. Brent reported we now provide CE to 430 paramedics each month.

#### **ESO – ePCR – Positive ID**

Brent reported the State Board of Pharmacy has a requirement for paramedics who administer medications to have a positive ID as a security measure. The paramedics would have to register and answer 15 questions. When completing an ESO patient care report where medications are administered, the paramedics will be required to answer two questions pulled randomly from the fifteen to confirm their positive ID. Our intent is to go live once all the paramedics have registered and entered passwords. Initially this would involve Lucas County EMS and Springfield Fire. This would involve Toledo Fire and Maumee Fire because they have ESO. Dennis reported the implementation would take a couple of months with a target date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The question was raised what would happen a paramedic forgets their approved responses. Brent reported there is a work around. They would have to print out the report, sign it and keep it on file.

Dr. Goliver reported at the hospitals they have to do the same for Epic and suggested a method to make it easier for the medics to remember. Chief Santigo noted that the states positive ID system is going to be challenging to implement.

## **EMS Billing**

Vicki reported December brought in \$251,614.75 and year to date is \$3,672,241.75. this \$116,000 less than last year. Some of it due to the interface with the ProMedica system.

## **2018 Draft Budget Update**

Vicki reported she presented the 2018 draft EMS budget in November. She presented the revised/final budget. She said they took out the replacement life squad vehicles, which was \$200,00 and dropped \$50,000 from equipment. \$13,321,689 is the budget for 2018. Brent said he noticed that Pulse Point was still in the budget. Dennis reported his intent was not to keep it wanted to allow for discussion before a final decision is made. Dennis said it was not achieving the objective for us and with no response from the paramedics, he can't see the value in continuing to pay for it. Chief Barnes mentioned fire personnel use it for quick alerting of incidents. Chief Loboschewski suggested more additional education and to look at marketing it more and thinks it's worth keeping at least for another year. Chief Hartbarger said he would hate to see it go away. To give a more PR push. Dr. Lindstrom suggested involving the county PIO.

Brent gave an update on how it got implemented and all the work that went into starting it and that he would like to see something done with it.

Dennis reported no new life squad purchase for 2018 and that EMS will be tapping into the reserves of a half million. \$50,000 taken out our equipment, basically dealing with tilling issues.

## **Life Squad Dispatch Criteria**

Brent reported that EMS has had a lot of discussion on dispatch criteria for our life squads and which problem natures generate the most life squad cancelations. Are we sending the appropriate resources? We are reviewing our dispatch cards and criteria to minimize cancelations.

Dr. Lindstrom reiterated that if we can confirm Paramedics are on first response, we should be able to change the level of response for some of the problem natures and then special for a life squad if it is necessary.

Ralph created a table of how it would play out. He explained the printout and how the AFR would be used for some of the different problem natures. Ralph said if when this is implemented, they would start with the three agencies, ie., Toledo fire, Sylvania Fire and Springfield Fire to demonstrate the viability of modifying the response. Dr. Lindstrom expounded more on this and said this is a process worth doing. And would a positive impact on the system.

Dennis reported they just wanted to present this to the Board for awareness. We are not ready to implement yet. We would need to sync the BLS and ALS protocols before we started. Dennis

asked if this should be taken to the next Fire Chief's meeting because it has potential impact on all fire departments. The response was yes. Dennis asked if Ralph and Brent could attend to present the proposal. It was reported yes.

Dr. Lindstrom said there will have to be changes in the BLS protocols and the opportunity to see what we are doing.

Dennis reported this will be presented to the Medical Committee as well to see if it may impact with the ERs.

### **Open Discussion**

Recommendation to Reduce Wastage and Costs - Dennis discussed a list provided which identifies some recommended changes to ALS first responder boxes that result in wastage through expiration and items that are not typically used before the life squad arrives. Dennis went over a few of the items, but he mentioned it was to be looked at and for discussion to make recommendations and that he is not looking for an answer right now.

Flu Card – Dr. Lindstrom reported the local Health Department provides us weekly a report on the current Influenza activity levels. There was an uptick last week and we have activated the Flu card in Dispatch. We are currently ahead of the curve rising from last year. Dr. Lindstrom reported the State tracks those who receive the vaccine and still get the flu.

Ralph reported Dispatch is in the surveillance (triage) mode, which is the beginning level of four levels of triage. The other three are Level 1, Low Triage, Level 2, Moderate Triage and Level 3, High Triage. Dispatchers are asking such questions as new onset of cough, fever, vomiting.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 7, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.