

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Michael Ramm
Jay Ryno, MD
Todd Brookens, M.D.
Thomas Boggs, M.D.
Kristie Gallagher
Julia Harsh
Deputy Chief Jim Dusseau
Chief Orlando Gonzalez
Mary Britton
Danyell Hall
Teresa Fisher
Cheryl Locher

Representing

Springfield Fire Dept.
Sylvania Twp. Fire Dept.
UTMC
ProMedica
St. Luke's Hospital
Toledo Hospital ED
ProMedica Toledo STEMI Coordinator
Maumee Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Hospital
Bay Park
Flower
Toledo Fire

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette

Medical Director LCEMS
ES Director
EMS QA/QI

Absent

Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Erich Pontasch, M.D.
Wes Martus, M.D.
Chris Goliver, M.D.

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

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the June 4, 2018 meeting were made available for review. Minutes were accepted as written.

Old Business

AFR – Chief Cousino inquired if there was any data for the ALS First Responder (AFR). Dr. Lindstrom reported not yet, Ralph will get data after three months to do an analysis to create a report. Chief Cousino explained how the AFR works. Dr. Lindstrom reported this is done for non-critical runs, where the patient is conscious and alert.

Drug Shortage – Dr. Lindstrom reported Al did receive 100 Morphine last week to restock the life squads temporarily.

Dr. Lindstrom also explained there was a protocol change and we adopted the State EMS Board and RPAB pain management protocol, implementing medications such as Dilaudid and Ketamine and were also implementing Toradol, Ibuprofen and oral Tylenol. Paramedics are encouraged to call Med Control for selection of the most appropriate. There will be a lot more Med Control calls for pain control. The challenges for using Ketamine for pain is the short half-life. The paramedics are carrying two formulations for it, IM and IV and concentrations are different so we will be training the differences for safety.

Positive ID – Brent reported it has started today for everyone. TFRD has been using it for a while on their medic transports.

New Business

Pediatric Workshop – Kristie reported the workshop went well. The State of Ohio increased funding and there will be more programs moving forward.

Medical Director's conference – Dr. Lindstrom reported there is an upcoming Medical Directors conference in Columbus on Wednesday, November 14th.

Cardiac Arrest – Dr. Brookens reported on an incident where there was a cardiac arrest at one of the local restaurants to comment on how well the first responders and the life personnel worked together and how smooth it went. Also to say the patient had ROSC.

Sepsis – Sepsis protocols were brought up and Dr. Boggs reported that his units do not use a lactic acid measuring tool, and he's not yet sure of the impact of the protocol for sepsis. Dr. Boggs also reported they will become RACE certified and is working on creating a protocol.

RACE – Dr. Lindstrom reported he had received communication from St. Luke's Hospital they will be doing RACE interventions in the near future. They will be using the same two doctors (Jumma and Zaidi) that currently serve at TTH and UTMC. Dr. Lindstrom said he has reviewed with the hospital interventionists, the need for them to actively manage the RACE diversion

status and they were agreeable. LCEMS Dispatch will be notified by the Neurointerventionalist of the need to place a particular hospital on diversion, and the reason why. The interventionalist is responsible for removing diversion status as well when the docs are back available to cover the hospital that was on diversion. Dr. Lindstrom reported once we get the final Go Live date, we will let you know in a communication. All the paramedics were made aware of this in CE. Dr. Lindstrom mentioned that diversion may occur due to lack of physician, staff, EC room, CT or interventional lab.

Mary Britton reported a third doctor, Dr. Burgess, is awaiting privileges. Also they will have a Fellow.

Dr. Lindstrom said when St. Luke's advises that they are ready, we can just "flip" a switch.

Documentation – Chief Orlando brought up the issue of better documentation on reports could the "out of service" time be at thirty (30) minutes instead of 20, especially with implementing the AFR. Just food for thought. Dennis Cole said he's not inclined to do this.

Adjournment – With no further business, Chief Ramm made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kristi Gallaher. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. The next scheduled meeting is December 3rd.