

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2019

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Kristie Gallagher
Wes Martus, M.D.
Jay Ryno, MD
Todd Brookens, M.D.
Dr. Daniel Neumeyer
William Krebs, DO
Julia Harsh
Deputy Chief Jim Dusseau
Mary Britton
Danyell Hall
Chief Jim Price
Captain Mark Benadum

Representing

Springfield Fire Dept.
Toledo Hospital ED
St. Charles Hospital/St. Anne ED
UTMC
ProMedica TTH
NWO EMS
Life Flight/Life Starr Medical Director
ProMedica Toledo STEMI Coordinator
Maumee Fire Dept.
Toledo Hospital Stroke Coor
Bay Park Stroke Coor
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr

Medical Director LCEMS
ES Director
EMS QA/QI
Springfield Fire/LCEMS

Absent

Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Erich Pontasch, M.D.
Thomas Boggs, M.D.
Chris Goliver, M.D.

Bay Park Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital
Mercy Sylvania Free Standing EC

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and asked us to remember our law enforcement colleagues who have lost two personnel this week.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting were made available for review. Minutes were accepted as written.

Old Business

CE – Dr. Lindstrom reported there is a CE schedule change due to the requirement of hours needed for certification so the June session was dropped.

AFR – Ralph reported there are no reports yet.

New Business

EMS System – Chief Cousino reported there was a discussion among the operating chiefs regarding negotiating with LCEMS life squad contracts. The concern was regarding sustainability long term and funding issues. He said if we continue in the current budget plan, the system may only have sufficient funding for another five years. All the chiefs have agreed to look at the system as well as bring in all the stakeholders in the system. Chief Cousino said Matt Heyrman is creating a RFP for a consultant to help us review our system. The process will probably take 12-18 months. He said the first process is consolidated dispatch, second, ALS network and third, all fire departments in a consolidation of fire services.

RACE – Dr. Lindstrom reported St. Luke's did go live with RACE and no issues have been reported. Dr. Lindstrom reported there are three interventionalist that will be divided between St. Luke's, Toledo and UTMC. Dr. Lindstrom reported at any given time they have the ability to go on diversion and with three doctors and three facilities it could happen. The interventionalists all have the responsibility to let LCEMS Dispatch know which facility that they work with is on RACE bypass as it lacks interventionalist staffing, and when they are back open, they will also need to notify dispatch.

Dr. Krebs asked if Firelands is beginning LVO interventions and Mary Britton reported they are only looking at regional offices. Dr. Lindstrom asked if there are any problems with RACE diversion implementation or process compliance to let Ralph or him know.

Post Cardiac Arrest – Dr. Brookens brought up the discussion of post cardiac arrest patients and taking them straight to the cath labs and how can we accomplish this in LC.

Dr. Krebs reported the Columbus University have criteria on patients that go the University cath lab which has active ECMO program. (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation).

EXPLANATION (This machine is similar to the heart-lung by-pass machine used in surgery. It pumps and oxygenates a patient's blood outside the body, allowing the heart and lungs to rest. When connected blood flows through tubing to an artificial lung in the machine that adds oxygen and takes out carbon dioxide, then the blood is warmed temperature and pumped back into the

body). The other barrier to implementation of more cath lab interventions for unstable or arrest patients is that the Ohio Dept. of Health requires mortality reporting by the interventional cath labs and therefore, interventional cardiologists are protective of their statistics being lowered by patients that have a much higher mortality risk during such procedures.

Death determination – Dr. Brookes asked how termination of death is determined in the field. Brent reported the paramedics have criteria they follow and it is determined typically after about 30 minutes.

Dr. Lindstrom said the hospitals should be aware of the protocol and criteria, however there continues to be inappropriate requests by paramedics for termination and inappropriate approval by On Line Medical Control. Brent reports this topic is frequently reviewed with the paramedics at CE. Dr. Lindstrom requested the physician representatives take this information back to their colleagues for review at each facility.

Remembrance – Dr. Brookens reported there have been two air crashes with fatalities weekend to keep them in your thoughts.

Billing – Dr. Lindstrom reported we are facing challenges with the different hospitals and interfaces and we are back to collecting face sheets from all the hospitals.

Introduction – Dr. Wes Martus introduced himself and his title of medical director of both St. Charles and St. Anne hospitals. He cited they have been having some diversions at St. Anne due to the cath lab being down at times. He reported they will be having a second cath lab that will be opening this summer.

Dr. Lindstrom reported St. Anne staff invited Lucas County to look at their STEMI data and gave kudos on their process.

Dr. Martus reported they are real proud of their program. Dr. Martus also reported St. Charles is a Level 3 trauma center. Most of their trauma is mostly elderly with falls and head trauma.

Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05. The next scheduled meeting is April 1st ad 8:30 am.