

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2019

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino
Dr. Chris Goliver
Chief Brandon Loboschewski
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Mayor Donald Atkinson
Chief Brian Byrd
Chief Josh Hartbarger

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Hospital Council/Syl Mercy EC
Maumee Fire Department
Lucas County Emergency Services Director
Lucas County Medical Director
Village of Whitehouse
Toledo Fire
Whitehouse Fire

Absent:

Chief Dennis Hartman
Mayor Michael Sefarian
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
Trustee Robert Bethel
Megan Vahey-Casier
Chief Mike Ramm
Mayor Richard Carr
Trustee John Jenewine
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Chief Mike Ramm

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

Attendees:

Ralph Shearn
Pat Moomey
Matt Heyrman
Deputy Chief James Price
Deputy Chief Don Murray
Chief Tony Parasiliti
Dr. Nick Sauber
Dr. Tom Boggs
John Barnes
Beth Tishler
Sean Powers
Jason Francis
Martin Fuller
Brent Parquette
Allison Armstrong

LCEMS Dispatch Manager
EMA Director
Lucas County Commissioners
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Jerusalem Fire
Jerusalem Fire
Mercy System
St. Luke's Hospital
Air Guard
City of Maumee, Law Director
Mercy Mobile Stroke Unit
Whitehouse
Whitehouse
LCEMS
Toledo Fire

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting were distributed to review. A motion by Dr. Goliver and seconded by Josh Hartbarger accept the minutes as written.

Committee Reports

Paramedic Committee

Chief Ramm not in attendance, Dr Lindstrom reviewed the report from the committee. Discussed med shortages. Waiting for word from the state about adding narcotics to vending machines. Subcommittee set up to help in training new medics. GM strike delayed new vehicles until next year. Cousino asked if there is an equipment committee to handle the situation with the trucks. Dennis Cole said we had a committee modify the vehicle box layout. Brandon asked if there would be a new committee. Dennis noted that we only budgeted one replacement vehicle in the 2020 budget. He does not recommend making changes at this point because it would significantly delay order and delivery of the replacement vehicle and we want to stay with our current vehicles because we've invested in equipment and training on supporting these vehicles. Vehicle Maintenance lost one mechanic.

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reviewed meeting from Oct 7th. See highlights in minutes provided. Chief Byrd reported on exercise at Waite HS yesterday. The Hot Wash identified things which need to be ironed out. Practicing locally for interior issues but challenge in Dayton was that it was an open venue, completely different set of circumstances. Hope to do an exercise in the future in an open space.

CE Update

Brent in final process of putting schedule together for 2020, will release in next couple weeks. Has approval to add one more class in months that have skill stations training. Each dept has a specific number of assigned seats. Brent asked Chiefs to manage CE attendance schedule for their department. Attendance has become problematic because too many Paramedics are showing up at the end of the month classes. Contact Schuyler to sign people up for CEs. Individual Paramedics are calling us to sign up for a certain date. They should sign up through their department. Make up sessions becoming problematic – 15-20 people haven't been making it to a regular session, recurring offenders. Address with recurring offenders to avoid this issue. Dennis said that in the make-up you don't get a chance to work as a team, missing key skill training when don't attend regular session. Chief Price asked Brent about how to alleviate the issues with the last two classes being filled up, stricter attendance? Brent said need to have better oversight on your end. Chief Price also asked about night sessions. Brent said added one more night session so there will now be two night sessions in 2020.

EMS Billing

Vicki said Oct deposits \$328,176.24 with total year to date at 3,088,166.37. 124,000 under last year's receipts. Dennis said EMS met with the billing vendor to work out some issues. Medics not collecting all of the demographic information so need to keep pushing them to do that. Paramedics should use driver's license readers if at all possible but at a minimum, need to collect social security numbers. Another issue is with documentation in patient care report. The PCR needs to document ALS procedures. If there is no ALS procedures can't bill ALS. Billing revenue is declining because of the affordable care changes and lack of good demographic information. Dr. Boggs asked if there's a number of procedures they need to cross threshold into ALS? Brent said there has to be some kind of documentation of ALS, seeing everything in report is basic in nature. Need documentation about why it was performed. Dr. Boggs, attempts at IV starts – does count as supporting documentation. Dr. Goliver – is the problem that there are hard stops? Brent said when an intervention is performed up to medic to appropriately document. Dr. Boggs asked if there is some kind of question we could put in to help guide in the field but Brent said there needs to be documentation about why something was performed.

Igels

IGels training took place in September. We were on a hold pattern waiting for product, hopefully will make sure the igels will get out to departments in Lucas county, targeted paramedics. BLS training needs to happen within departments. Cousino – permanent transition? Brent – yes, King airways will be removed. Specific to cardiac arrest Igel is primary mechanism for airway control even at paramedic level. Identified struggling to get advanced airway in and limit surrounding performance so this helps process. Dr. Sauber can you share training Igels? Brent – yes.

Oxygen Bottle Procedure

Dennis said cascade system is manufacturer of oxygen and requires special training and we can't support that. Moved to individual bottles being refilled by vendor, 15 bottles placed at each LS station – marked with green sticker at bottom and engraved at top of bottle. Cannot be switched out with first responder bottles because have to track from fill to usage. Need to meet state requirement. Chief Price asked if its up to individual departments to provide means of storage – Dennis, yes.

Replacement Vehicles Delayed

Covered earlier

Hiring 2 EMS Dispatchers

Two dispatchers down, in process of hiring two new. Wanted you to be aware

250 doses of dextrose received – Dr. Linsdrom said stocked up.

Open Discussion

Pat Moomey is retiring; Chief Cousino thanked her for all her roles within the county, wish best of luck.

Dr. Linsdrom getting patient outcome reports from Promedica – got the greenlight from legal and it's established at the administrative level. Good to go for that.

Matt Heyrman said at the end of one year operating agreement, will try to set up a meeting to discuss negotiations. County hoping to work with another one year zero percent, EMS fund is set aside and faster increase rates the faster will burn down funds. Chief Cousino said each rep will

want to sit down and have conversation with county representatives, should schedule meeting separate from this. Will look at setting up a meeting to have conversation about it. Would it be possible to get documentation on sales tax receipts. Matt said that does not have an impact on this fund because that was capped in an earlier agreement. Matt will provide to Beth Tischler. Brandon asked who made decision to cap it. Dennis responded that the decision was made during previous negotiations. Brandon said should talk about taking the cap off. Matt said that would take the county faster to bankruptcy. Matt will provide info and will bring OMB director to discuss. Chief Cousino suggested Wednesday Nov 20 at 9am for meeting. Schuyler will send out invite to operating jurisdictions and administrator.

Chief Price asked if there is an update on consolidation process? Matt said vote held on nov 18th at 9am at training center. Should be four representatives there. Once vote is taken next step will be creation of council of government which should take two or three months. The intent is to hire every telecommunicator who wants a job. They will be hired on paper and will provide opportunity to organize which will take 3-4 months to identify who will represent them. Expect to have command, non command and admin unions at a minimum. Once selected by membership, can begin negotiating and will take 3-4 months. Will also need to write policies and procedures. Could take 18 months from vote, will take into 2021. Transition team will be set up as soon as vote is taken, hopefully you all will be very engaged in process. Chief Parasiliti asked when fee structure would begin. Matt said as soon as policies and procedures are set-up the COG will probably take one PSAP at a time to transition over, then will begin charging per incident rate. Are still in gradual increase from that date? Matt said yes, county will stabilize budget for first year for jurisdictions without PSAPs. Chief Parasiliti asked if start meeting on SOPs? Matt said yes as soon as vote is taken can start meeting. Chief Parasiliti asked in creation of committee will there be representation of smaller townships? Matt said yes, structure of board that will guide COG will be 7 member.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15. The next Policy Board meeting will be January 8th, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.