

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Julia Harsh
Mary Britton
Danyell Hall
Kristie Gallagher
Chief Mike Ramm
Martin Fuller
Chief James Price
Stephen Grider, MD
Nick Sauber, MD
Todd Brookens, DO
Tom Boggs, M.D.
Cheryl Herr
Sean Powers
Chief Josh Hartbarger
Teresa Fisher

Representing

Springfield Fire Dept.
ProMedica Toledo STEMI Coordinator
ProMedica Toledo Stroke Coordinator
ProMedica Bay Park Stroke Coordinator
ProMedica Metro ED's
Sylvania Fire Dept.
Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Fire
UTMC
Mercy St. Vincent
ProMedica Toledo & Bay Park
St. Luke's Hospital
St. Luke's Hosp/ED Managers
Mercy Mobile Stroke Unit
Whitehouse Fire
Flower Hospital Stroke Coordinator

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Ralph Shearn
Jon Ziehr
Aislinn Charlton-Dennis

Medical Director LCEMS
ES Director
EMS QA/QI
Communications Manager
LCEMS
LCEMS

Absent

Wes Martus, M.D.
Jay Ryno, MD
Chris Goliver, M.D.

Mercy St. Charles Hospital & St. Anne ED
UTMC
Mercy Sylvania Free Standing EC

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chief Cousino asked participants to stand in silence in remembrance of those lost in the Dayton and El Paso shootings.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the June 3, 2019 meeting were made available for review. A motion by Chief Ramm to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Grider. Minutes were accepted as written.

Old Business

Elevated CPR – Brent reported he initially was going to target Toledo, but there were logistical issues with them. So the trialing will be with Springfield, Maumee and Sylvania. Brent he will be working with them this month. Training will be August 19th. Also, paramedics will be made aware of this in CE in September.

MSU – Sean reported there has not been an issue with the change of hours for the unit.

New Business

Cardiac Arrests – Dr. Lindstrom reported the first responders are not providing BLS procedures first for cardiac arrest patients. Dr. Lindstrom said he has talked with some of the medical directors about removing ALS equipment from the first responder vehicles. Dr. Lindstrom reported we are not doing the Rialto process. One of the major things that is happening is multiple doses of Epi early. Dr. Lindstrom said Adenocard or Epi for arrests is not needed on the first response units. Rialto rules there are no pulse checks and no rhythm checks and they use CO₂ designation. In a witnessed arrests two minutes of CPR then defibrillate.

Dr. Brookens cited a different placement of IOs in pediatrics.

A discussion of times in arrests.

Dr. Boggs reported Perrysburg Twp. Fire is planning to implement a Rialto-like protocol.

Brent reported the Rialto method uses a ‘see through’ Zoll device, which LCEMS doesn’t have and Rialto uses apneic oxygenation that we don’t do. Brent reported he has been teaching 10 – 12 years and there has been a lack of oversight in putting BLS procedures first. Brent reported he reviews all cardiac arrest reports and the BLS piece is not being done first.

A discussion of QA of life squad reports by each department.

Dr. Lindstrom brought up the idea of peer review in having paramedics evaluate another paramedic’s report, however currently the logistics of ESO don’t accommodate such a process. There needs to be a change of behavior and how to incorporate another tool to use.

Dr. Sauber suggested a QA committee to review records and access to ESO. Dennis was supportive of adding Medical Directors access to ESO for CQI.

Hospital Closures – Dr. Brookens asked if hospital X has an influx of Eboli patients can the hospital close just to that disease and open to all other ailments and basically go ala carte. Dr. Lindstrom explained hospitals can't cherry pick ala carte. Dr. Lindstrom reviewed that the basis for a hospital to go on EMS diversion/bypass is threefold based on the EC status of: doctor, nursing and EC room availability. There is bypass structure for hospitals that are designated for cardiac arrests, STEMIs, trauma, etc.

Dennis mentioned it would be very difficult for dispatch to accommodate any ala carte process and would put extra strain on resources and the system.

State Board of Pharmacy – Brent reported he met with two reps on the 31st. They wanted to site visit at St. Charles Hospital. We were told that we are number one in the state for having the most satellites. We have 45 different satellites with 39 sites long overdue for inspection. They are looking at our process. Brent reported the inspectors said LCEMS is deficient in documentation of how we waste partially used medication. Brent said in ESO there is a place to document wastage, but it currently is not open, LCEMS will activate this for future reporting and will cover it in October CE. Also, controlled drugs are another different matter. These inspectors view Versed as a controlled substance, and want it tracked same as our narcotics are tracked. LCEMS had changed this tracking about 6-8 months ago removing it from the controlled substance process, but given this new opinion, LCEMS is looking at reverting to that former process.

UTMC – Dr. Grider reported UTMC is applying to ACS to downgrade to a Trauma 3 status.

V-fib – Dr. Boggs reported he is developing a protocol for Perrysburg Twp. and City for all persistent v-fib patients, that could be transported to an ECMO center. Dr. Boggs and Brent have had discussion with Dr. George Moukarbel at UTMC cardiology about implementing a protocol for these select patients. LCEMS is exploring this further.

Consolidated Dispatch – Dennis reported there is a study out there with the details of how it will work. Dennis said they are looking at a target date, possibly in September to have the 911 planning committee to convene to vote. There are also tours for the elected officials.

Chief Ramm reported on August 20th at 5:00 pm there will be an open discussion in township hall in Sylvania to discuss the Consolidated Dispatch.

ESO – Chief Price reported ESO representatives giving training on August 8th from 8-3 at Owens in the Law Enforcement building conference room and lunch will be provided.

Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35. The next schedule meeting is October 7th @ 8:30 am.