

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2022

Members Present:

Michael Eck
David Brown
Kirk Keane
Lt. Zack Reed
Greg Szmigala
Rich Ellett
Brandon Donahue
Nick Sauber, MD
Steve Sutherland
Derek Francis
Tim Zwayer, MD
Andrea Donahue
Sean Powers
Kimberly Campbell
Chief Matthew Homik
Greg Wilcox
Craig Koperski

Representing:

Toledo Fire & Rescue Local 92
Toledo Fire & Rescue
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Toledo Fire & Rescue
Maumee Fire - LS 7
Whitehouse – LS 9
Toledo Fire Medical Director
Sylvania Fire - Zoom
Monclova Fire - Zoom
ProMedica - Zoom
ProMedica - Zoom
Mercy Mobile Stroke Unit - Zoom
ProMedica - Zoom
Monclova Fire
Sylvania Fire/LCEMS - LS 6
Sylvania Fire/LCEMS

Staff:

Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Brent Parquette
Schuyler Beckwith

LCEMS
LCEMS Medical Director
LCEMS
LCEMS

Absent:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr Lindstrom at 9:00 am.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the March 14, 2022 meeting were distributed for review. Greg Wilcox motioned to approve, Zak Reed seconded. No objections, minutes approved.

Old Business

Dr Lindstrom discussed ongoing discussions with long term care centers. Regency just hired a new QA nursing director, should have good interactions with him. Zak said it is a constant conversation.

Dennis announced that Nikki took another full time job so she is stepping down. Brent will take over that work temporarily. May CE will be lecture only because not enough instructors. We are

having trouble filling instructor positions. We are looking at how to best move forward. Craig suggested a flat rate fee for teaching CE, medics don't think it's worth it to come down for a short time of teaching. Dr Lindstrom asked folks to keep this in mind and to reach out to Brent if they have folks who are interested. Zak asked if the current topics for CE are listed on the website? Brent said he will be looking at that and will make sure they're on the website.

UTMC has been re enrolled at a trauma 2 center, communication went out about that.

Dennis said no updates on vehicles, still in the pipeline. Discussion of design of the box – Craig said they're looking at that but it's not possible at this point because we're already in the line. Committee to look at the design of the boxes should be formed. Rich Ellet volunteered to head the committee, Greg Wilcox will be on committee, Steve Sutherland and Ryan Sedlock. Have folks contact Rich if they're interested in involvement. This will need to be run through the Policy Board.

Craig said fully stocked on saline flushes, captopril is out.

Craig and Zak gave an update on the internship process. There was discussion with outlying chiefs, the feedback from them was that it would be too big a commitment for them. Working on retooling the hours required. At this point it's turned into a negotiation but it's opened a lot of people's eyes to how other departments work. Everyone liked the idea of having one place for skills training offered once monthly for all incoming paramedics.

Operative IQ and ordering update from Craig. Lifesquad 9 has been brought on. Lifesuad 10 and all of Sylvania has been brought on. LS 7 is next. Big hurdle will be bringing Toledo Fire on.

New Business

Greg asked when Lucas County will update their protocols? He mentioned they are lagging behind other jurisdictions in the county. Dr Lindstrom said we are in discussion about some changes. Sylvania's new protocol is coming out. Abdominal pain protocol specifically. Brent said to use all the protocols in conjunction, Shawn suggested a box to direct folks to see pain management protocol. He said back off on Magnesium sulfate use in COPD but more specific to asthma. Dr Lindstrom said we'll discuss that in more detail offline. Dr Lindstrom said we are in a phase process to look at ketamine use, will be in this mode for about a year. Rich said medics won't use it because there's a med control on it.

Craig wants to revisit new procedure of physical one on one exchange for meds. Tripled the time it takes for medication delivery. If meds are delivered to you then old meds need to be pulled out and sent back to annex. The crews need to take care of it because staff at the annex is already short and they cannot keep chasing down crews. Zak said they're trying to limit access so everything comes through EMS bureau. Once Operative IQ is rolled out with Toledo Fire it will make their lives so much easier. Communication for inventory needs or swap outs needs to improve. Zak asked if there was a way to have a secured cabinet at the ER's so crews could drop off medications. Dr Lindstrom said that should work as long as there is documentation so can keep track of those meds. Brent and Craig have been working on a protocol to possibly do this at the stations, it needs to be logged. Operative IQ is good for this documentation process. Crews need continued training on this process especially in Toledo. Mike said what if Toledo Fire could drop meds when they come in for PM or have them dropped by one person. Will continue this conversation.

Zak said there was discussion on AFR is the heavy squads which are now 100% paramedic. Are they in the AFR system or are they still considered BLS units? Dr Lindstrom said there haven't been changes made. The heavy vehicles and the trucks were not part of that. Dr Lindstrom said we would need notification that a vehicle is fully staffed with paramedics, Zak said that hasn't happened yet but will ask the question today.

Craig said St Anne's is re doing their EMS room, vending machines will be relocated and put in a temporary locker, stock will be down a little bit. Machines will be in a hallway to the left. No idea when machines will be in for ProMedica Maumee, got new standalone locker for the annex which will hold those specialty items like pagers and laptops. Rich asked if there is really a need for a locker there? Craig asked if we can get data on how many transports have been taken there, could cancel the order if there is no need. Will work on data by month since it opened.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 11th, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in person with virtual as an option.