

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2022 via Zoom

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino – Chair
Chief Brandon Loboschefski
Chief James Price
Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Chief Mike Ramm
Chief Josh Hartbarger
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Chief Dennis Hartman

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
LCEMS Director
LCEMS Medical Director
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Department
Monclova Twp Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department

Absent:

Mayor Michael Sefarian
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
Trustee Robert Bethel
Mayor Donald Atkinson
Trustee John Jennewine
Megan Vahey-Casiere
Mayor Richard Carr
Chis Goliver MD

City of Oregon, Mayor
City of Toledo, Mayor
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor
Sylvania Twp. Trustee
County Administrator
City of Maumee, Mayor
Mercy Sylvania FEC

Attendees:

Nicole Zmiejewski
Mike Motter
Schuyler Beckwith
Chief Mark Mullins
Chief Allison Armstrong
Chief Jim Wolfe
Chief Chris Nye
Chief EMS Jonathon Ziehr
Alisa Roberts-Kober, M.D.
Nicholas Sauber, M.D.
Beth White, M.D.
Lt. Zak Reed
Joe Cira
Rob Reed
Lt. Craig Koperski
Chief EMS Jason Francis
Matt Heyrman

LCEMS CE Coordinator
LCEMS Annex Manger
LCEMS
Oregon Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Sylvania Twp Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire Department
ProMedica
Mercy St Vincent/TFRD
McLaren St Luke's
Toledo Fire Department
Local 92/Toledo Fire Department
Local 92/Toledo Fire Department
Sylvania Fire/LCEMS
Whitehouse Fire Department
Lucas County Commissioners

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chief Cousino at 8:31 a.m.

Minute Approval

The meeting minutes from December were distributed for review. Chief Price moved to approve the minutes. Chief Wolfe seconded, all approved.

Committee Reports

Paramedic Committee

Dr Lindstrom gave update from Paramedic Committee on January 10th. There was extensive discussion of COVID and CE plans.

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino gave update from the Medical Committee meeting from December 6th. There was discussion of Alternative Standard of Care protocol, and the patient load distribution evolution.

CE

Nikki gave update on CE. January CE completion reports were emailed this morning. February EMS 1 online course was released last night. March CE will plan to be back in person. Dennis reported that was the consensus from the Fire Chiefs meeting, Chief Armstrong said that's ok with TFD, others concurred.

EMS Billing Update

Dennis said 2021 final revenue was \$3,410,510.95 which was 94.75% of projected. Revenue from December 2021 was \$304,274.10. Revenue for January 2022 was \$286,305.15.

Schuyler sent out the budget report with this last meeting notice. Reach out to Dennis with questions. Chief Price asked if budget was reduced because dispatchers were moved to a different entity. Dennis said yes it did. Chief Cousino asked about salary position for "Deputy Support Services" asked what that was. Dennis said they're having trouble getting personnel at the annex, put a fulltime person in the budget to make up for three part time people. Chief Cousino asked about "part time specialist" in the budget, Dennis said he wouldn't need both if one or the other of the solutions works out. Chief Cousino said at the bottom it said "ems manager pending" Dennis said he will have to take a look at that, it's been in the budget for years and years and should have been pulled off. "Quality Improvement Specialist" is part time, Brent is just shy of full time.

Craig asked about increasing rig purchase from two to three. Dennis said they looked at it but the budget was already in place, if it's decided to move forward on a third rig, an appropriation change would need to be made.

ProMedica Maumee FSED

Dennis said that they have not received their radio yet so they are not online. Jon Z asked if we could put a portable radio because cell phone calls to this ER isn't getting recorded. Dennis said they are also waiting on vending machines. Craig said he hasn't heard when they're supposed to arrive. Dennis said the burden is on them to get a radio, Dr Lindstrom said he is surprised we haven't seen any action from them on this. Chief Lobo asked if it would be beneficial for him to reach out to new director. Dr Lindstrom said yes. Dr Roberts said Maumee FEC has already changed nurse managers, James Hancock is the new nurse manager. She said she had heard their radio was on backorder, she will check with him again.

Mercy Perrysburg FSED

Dennis said they have not been very responsive, sounds like they are not interested in accepting Lucas County patients. Dr Sauber asked who Dennis has reached out to? Dr Lindstrom said they spoke with two doctors and a nurse manager, will look up the names (Drs. Goliver & Neumeyer, Managers: Emily Medina, Julie Allen, and Lindsay Chandler). He said things were left in their court.

Updates on St Luke's Trauma designation. Dr White said their review was postponed to February 2023.

Open Discussion

Rob Reed from Local 92, asked about LCEMS no longer stocking pediatric io's. Was told manufacturer wasn't making them anymore, he reached out to manufacturer and they said that's not true. Could we order them from a different vendor? We should be using the gold standard because the alternative is to use an adult. Craig said LCEMS Annex stopped stocking that one size of pediatric because the blue needle's range covers the pink needles' range, straight from Teleflec representatives elected to remove that from stock. Don't want to speak for Brent but he believes it was covered in CE and approved by Dr Lindstrom. Reed said he was concerned about misinformation, he was told by multiple people that manufacturer wasn't making them anymore not that it was a change in the procedure. Motter said he apologizes, he was given the wrong info. Dr Lindstrom says currently we do stock sizes that will cover the full pediatric sizes, may be different colors.

Endotrols are being discontinued, none of our vendors carry them anymore. Therefore the BAMM will no longer be stocked.

Chief Lobo asked for an update on data collection for 2021 from Lucas County EMS. Dennis reports we can run CAD reports, Eric Klavinger can get that info.

Chief Price asked about plan for blizzard like conditions, will the annex be open? Annex personnel are not considered essential employees, so need to reach out to Dennis or Mike Motter. Chief Price asked if dispatch will have that information? Dennis said no, dispatch is not responsible for handing those vehicle questions anymore. If a crew needs to swap out vehicle they have access into the annex bay area to get what they need.

Chief Price asked if there is any updates on contacting Piasecki. Some members don't carry cell phones when they're on duty, will they be able to go through dispatch to contact Piasecki? Dennis said no, they will have to get ahold of their respective Fire Department leadership. Chief Price asked if there was any resolution for how the annex can get in touch with lifesquads. Dennis said no, there is no way to communicate with them, LCEMS has been directed that we cannot use dispatch because it's considered administrative. Chief Price said this needs to be addressed with the COG because that is unacceptable. The next TAC meeting is 3rd week of Feb, will try to start having conversations before then with Ralph.

Chief Wolfe asked about LS 8 responding out to township will be limited, can we get their drug box up to lifesquad level for the duration of the storm? Dennis said he doesn't think they are inclined to change their med box. Med boxes are designed for lifesquads, Jerusalem should already have a good med box, Mike Motter said his check last week during his check it was set up like a lifesquad but the cabinet is not set up like a lifesquad. Wolfe wants to make sure they're covered because there is trouble with snow plows keeping up with some key roads. Dennis said this is not a simple response because have to protect meds and who is using them – will take this conversation offline.

Chief Nye said there have been issues with snow plowing, he said he checked with their admin and none of them were aware of the 'new' changes from Lucas County engineers office as far as changes with snow plowing in townships. Matt Heyrman said yes there has been some breakdown in communication, County Engineer will be at next fire chiefs meeting. Anyone can call County Engineer Pniewski before tonight to discuss preparations.

Chief Price asked if folks have had a chance to take a look at paramedic orientation documents, Chief Hartbarger said he and Craig have been having good conversations. Time requirements are quite substantial for suburban and smaller departments, need to tweak hours to get it moving forward. Chief Ramm said what about medics operating under Dr Lindstrom license but not on lifesquads – need to look at those hour requirements. Focus on drug protocols and operating under the license. Craig said those hours are a standard, haven't modified hours from original requirements – need same requirements for each lifesquad no matter the jurisdiction. Chief Hartbarger said there are unique differences between. Dennis reports that LCEMS really needs the opportunity to spend some time with paramedics on how to maintain vehicles, make sure oil is getting checked. Joe Cira said it is not part of their job. Dennis said paramedics need to make sure a checklist of vehicle maintenance needs, is given to the annex when vehicles are turned in for repairs.

Chief Bernhard asked about if there is no lifesquad vehicle in the annex bay, what are the requirements for the training program? Craig said there has been discussions but no decisions have been made.

Chief Wolfe said if there's not a proactive preventative maintenance program the vehicles will deteriorate faster. Dennis said Selking is doing the PM when they go out to vehicles.

Lt. Zak Reed asked Chief Hartbarger if he had any suggestions for time spent for smaller department. He said he thinks there is room to consider a different requirement for folks who are not going to be on a vehicle. The standard has to be set. Chief Hartbarger said he would connect with Zak and Craig on that. Chief Hartbarger asked who was on the original committee when this was discussed. Lt Reed and Lt Koperski did the original development, and Zak reports it was then discussed at a subcommittee of the paramedic committee.

Nikki asked if she can be a part of the process for developing an educational orientation plan, she was part of process from the other side. Zak said yes absolutely.

Adjournment

The next Policy Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6th 2022. Motion to adjourn at 9:35 by Chief Price, seconded by Dr Lindstrom. All approve.