

Medical Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2023

**Present**

Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Mike Ramm  
Tim Scott, MD  
Nick Sauber, MD  
Tom Boggs, MD  
Dan Kemple, DO  
Todd Brookens, DO  
Tim Zwyer, MD

**Staff**

David Lindstrom, M.D.  
Schuyler Beckwith  
Dennis Cole  
Mark Briggs  
Shawn Wittkop

**Representing**

Springfield Twp. Fire  
Sylvania Fire  
Mercy (Zoom)  
Mercy / TFRD Med Director (Zoom)  
McLaren St Luke's (Zoom)  
ProMedica / Monroe County Med Director (Zoom)  
ProMedica  
ProMedica (Zoom)

**Attending**

Chief Allison Armstrong  
Chief Josh Hartbarger  
Kirk Keane  
Michael Eck  
Don Waggoner  
Jean Butler  
Tom Yunker  
Sean Powers  
Ralph Shearn  
Stacey Mitchell  
Jim Dusseau  
Derek Francis  
Jonathon Ziehr  
Martin Fuller  
Andrea Donahue  
Chief Chris Nye  
Julie Harsh  
Robert DeLeon  
Mak

Toledo Fire  
Whitehouse Fire  
Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire/Local 92  
Mercy Life Flight (Zoom)  
ProMedica Toledo (Zoom)  
Washington Twp (Zoom)  
Mercy Life Flight  
RCOG  
RCOG Director  
Maumee Fire (Zoom)  
Monclova Twp Fire (Zoom)  
LCEMS / Springfield Twp. Fire  
Whitehouse Fire (Zoom)  
ProMedica Flower (Zoom)  
Sylvania Twp Fire Department (Zoom)  
ProMedica (Zoom)  
Mercy (Zoom)  
(Zoom)

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the December 5th meeting were made available for review. Dr Lindstrom moved to approve, Dr Brookens second. All approve

## **Old Business**

Chief Cousino discussed white paper about lights and sirens. The paper was previously distributed. The last fire chiefs meeting was canceled so it will be discussed at the next one.

Chief Cousino discussed the EMS system reform and asked for an update from Dennis. Dennis said it is still in the discussion mode, there have been conversations with media as well with some chiefs and Dennis having met with the Blade. No significant motion other than discussions. Looking at how to arrange contracts in order to move this forward. Fire departments are collecting data.

Dr Lindstrom spoke with Dr Brookens, Sauber and Boggs. Dennis gave overview for everyone about discussions. Looking at ALS/BLS response, biggest deficiency whatever vehicle arrives should be capable of transporting. Fire departments would assume ALS mission from EMS. Looking at fire departments taking that over in January of 2024. Breaking county into six regions where operating jurisdictions are now, and county would continue to give \$804,000 per life squad to the region and that region works together to figure out how best to provide service to constituents. Trying to let jurisdictions figure out what best fits their region.

OB and Pediatric services – Dr Lindstrom said as far as he knows St Charles dropping these services hasn't created any hiccups for us.

Jon discussed nursing homes and if they meet as a group any longer – he also talked to Greg Szumugala about what is happening in Toledo. In talking to the State, Jon learned that there is a vacant seat in this area when it comes to representation on that board and they haven't met for over two years in this area. Responsibility is on the local extended care facilities to meet, local ombudsman was helpful but there is no group meeting. Jon will get everyone her info before the next meeting. Chief Cousino wonders if other regions have done anything to address these same issues. Dr Boggs said he has had some intermittent success with pulling private ambulance companies and extended care facilities into local conversations. He reaches out on a case by case basis to medical directors of facilities. Dr Kemple said ECF's call 911 before ever talking to a physician so that education would be helpful to decrease that bypassing of the personal physician.

Dennis discussed pending changes in microwave system. He is meeting with P&R this week. They're indicating that many parts of our system are no longer replaceable. Dennis will provide more on this in a future meeting. Right now UHF med channels are still used in some jurisdictions. Mercy and ProMedica are both going back and forth between UHF and 800mhz. UHF system is tied to microwave, ability to connect is probably going to fail so we are trying to move away from that. This changes how we communicate as we are currently using microwave phones. Starting to talk about hospitals getting a phone to replace that microwave

communication. Reliance on radios for units transporting in. How to guide process so hospitals understand that units will be reaching out on the radio. Will need to have continued communication with hospitals on this. Some first responders outside of Lucas County are still on UHF, dispatch said they receive about 5 a day through that system. Dr Boggs asked if it's the same first responders calling during those 5 calls. Dennis doesn't know, dispatch is collecting the data. Dr Sauber said let us know and they can communicate with fire chiefs. If transporting into Lucas County have been providing those units access. Potentially looking at merging in with MARCS state-wide radio system. Need to find something that is not attached to microwave system, Flower, Bay Park and UPMC are already using regular phones. Dr Sauber asked about a timeline, Dennis said there is no timeline right now. Looking at these things and the process of calling med control as we are having these discussions about the future of EMS.

#### **New Business**

Nothing new to discuss.

#### **Open Discussion**

Chief Cousino said in December there was discussion about having Medical Committee and Policy Board meetings on the same day. Medical Directors would prefer to keep meetings on Mondays. Looking at doing paramedic committee quarterly. Will discuss with Policy Board about this and get back with the group. **Will discuss having both Medical Committee and Policy Board meetings on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

What will happen with these meetings if these changes with LCEMS go through? Chief Cousino and Chief Ramm agree that important to continue, especially Medical Committee.

**Adjournment** - With no further business, adjourn at 9:01am.