

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2023

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Clayton O'Brien
Chief Brandon Loboschewski
Chief Jason Francis
Chief John Kaminski
Chief Matthew Homik
Matthew Heyrman - nonvoting member
Dennis Cole – nonvoting member
David Lindstrom, M.D. – nonvoting member

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Monclova Twp Fire Department
Lucas County Deputy Administrator
LCEMS Director
LCEMS Medical Director

Members Absent:

Mayor Richard Carr
Mayor Mike Sefarian
Trustee Robert Bethel
Mayor Donald Atkinson
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
Trustee John Jennewine

City of Maumee, Mayor
City of Oregon, Mayor
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor
City of Toledo
Sylvania Twp. Trustee

Attendees:

Chief Doug Meyer
Mark Mullins
Chris Nye
Brent Parquette
Stacey Mitchell
Ralph Shearn
Zak Reed
Kirk Keane
Tim Clapp
Jonathon Ziehr
Becky Kunzler
Jim Dusseau
Sean Powers
Craig Koperski
Tom Boggs, MD
Josh Hartbarger
Robert Deleon
Deanna Montanarra
Steve Zohn, MD

Waterville Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Sylvania Twp Fire Department (Zoom)
LCEMS
RCOG Director
RCOG
Toledo Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire / LCEMS
ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
Maumee Fire Dept (Zoom)
Mercy Life Flight (Zoom)
Sylvania Fire / LCEMS Annex (Zoom)
UTMC (Zoom)
Whitehouse Fire Department (Zoom)
Mercy (Zoom)
ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
St Vincent Mercy EC/NWO EMS

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Minute Approval

Minutes from September 12 were provided for review. Chief Homik motioned and Chief Lobo second. All approve.

Paramedic Committee: Sept 18 Meeting Canceled - Next Scheduled Meeting November 13, 2023 @ 9:00 PM

Medical Committee: October 2, 2023 - Next Scheduled meeting December 4, 2023 @ 8:30 AM. Chief Cousino reviewed the meeting from this morning.

EMS Billing Update

Dennis gave billing update: September rev \$353,369.89 total YTD \$3,097,487.40 puts on track for 4.1 M for the year.

EMS System Modernization

Discussion/endorsement on Operational Components of Regional ALS Agreement – not Fiscal or Contractual Components

Matt Heyrman said he sent out revised draft and opened the floor for discussion or a vote for endorsement. Chief Cousino said Operating Chiefs plus one has a vote, many jurisdictions don't have a vote. Would want to open this up to give non-voting jurisdictions an opportunity to voice opinions.

Craig Koperski asked about the split date versus all jurisdictions moving together and how to do that operationally. Dennis thinks it will be better operationally to go at different times. Dennis said he cannot turn over the annex to TFRD if everyone goes at the time.

Chief O'Brien said the date says March 1st for others and June 3 for Toledo. He opened the floor for discussion about education. CE will not be provided by County. Dr Lindstrom says folks need to keep up with their education within a month or they will be pushed off the license. New paramedics still need to meet with Dr Lindstrom in order to get on the pharmacy license. Chief O'Brien says they are doing education themselves, he does not want to be penalized, he can provide lesson plans. Dr Lindstrom says their training officer should review to make sure it covers the same items. Dr Lindstrom discussed keeping up with National Registry, current cycle runs through April 1st. Craig said he supports coordinating CE to keep up with National Registry through April. Zak asked if Lucas County could come up with topics to cover for continuity? Brent said he has loaded that info in already, it would be up to them to keep up with that. Matt said we could have more conversation about this offline and will get back to the group. Matt said he'll get back with group within a couple week. Dr Boggs wants to be part of the conversation about CE.

Chief Cousino said the conversation about start date has been moved to the administrators and elected officials. Chief Kaminski discussed Southwest corridor and they have resolved to work together to cover area in the interim.

Three areas of concern from Toledo Chief Kaminski section C – minimum supplies and equipment. Hang up is the word “required” as voted on by Policy Board?

Second: page 5 response time averages. Asked to be briefed on that. Matt gave an overview of intent and reality. Stacey discussed that RCOG will provide the County with the data. Eric said there will be an issue when a run becomes ALS minutes into a run if the first response vehicle is an ALS transport.

Third issue that Toledo has page 8 no way Toledo as an entity can agree the way it is written, would not turn over control to respond into the city of Toledo. Will not give another union the power to respond in Toledo. Matt addressed this issue – wrote it that way because they want to make sure there is no incentive for anyone in the future to take money away from local EMS system.

Craig wants to circle back to the date. Discussion about CE and Matt said he does not believe this will be able to get done by March. Craig asked who will manage data evaluation? Matt said that the County will retain admin employees to work on these issues.

Response Plan Updates

Ralph gave update on these meetings, still waiting on three jurisdictions to schedule meetings. Discussion about Air Guard and Chief Siebanaler. Monclova responds to the base, they are not a political subdivision and because they are a federal jurisdiction they cannot be named in the contract. Chief Meyer said the base has mutual aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions. Wants to figure out a way to include them. In order to be included in the contract they need to provide ALS transport care or jurisdictional response, there is no legal reason for them to be in the contract.

Chief Cousino wanted to make sure meetings of the Policy Board and Medical Committee stays intact. Dennis made point that this body is supposed to include elected officials and administrators but they do not show up. In the draft of the contract it includes language about EMS Medical Policy Committee – recommendation committee and the commissioners have ultimate decision making powers. County is looking for best practices, want to make sure quality of care does not decrease.

Open Discussion

This will be moved to the elected officials. Jon Z said as we keep moving the date the local jurisdictions are running out of Lucas County certified paramedics. Dennis said that EMS staff won't be here either. At minimum staffing at the Annex, cannot get instructors. Can we change the hours required for paramedics to be able to work on the lifesquads? Chief O'Brien said they've shifted training to focus on consortium training. Looking for a simple process to have new paramedics come on board.

Matt said he believes there are still five issues. Four are contractual. One is not contractual: CE resolution.

Dollar amounts – negotiated by electeds.

Start date – Reality is that not going to happen by March 1st, can we at least get consensus on June 3rd? Struggle on the county side. This will get held up at the level of elected.

Reallocation of funding if a jurisdiction doesn't meet minimum requirements.

Requirement for equipment

Motion to adjourn by Chief Lobo to adjourn at 10:53 am. Chief Francis second. All approve.

Next Meeting – December 4, 2023 @ 9:30 AM. Will send an email if meeting date changes.