

**LCEMS POLICY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
December 4, 2023

**Members Present:**

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

**Representing:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Mayor Richard Carr  
Mayor Mike Sefarian  
Trustee Robert Bethel  
Mayor Robert Keogh  
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Trustee John Jennewine  
Chief Mike Ramm

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

**Attendees:**

Chief Doug Meyer  
Mark Mullins  
Chris Nye  
Martin Fuller  
Stacey Mitchell  
Ralph Shearn  
Chris Richmond  
Don Murray  
Chief Tony Parasiliti  
Tammy Ohrt  
Kirk Keane  
Mark Briggs  
Alisa Roberts, MD  
Jonathon Ziehr  
Jim Dusseau  
Michael Motter  
Nick Sauber, MD  
Tom Boggs, MD

Waterville Fire Department  
Oregon Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department (Zoom)  
Whitehouse Fire (Zoom)  
RCOG Director  
RCOG  
HCNO (Zoom)  
Jerusalem Fire Department  
Jerusalem Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Department (Zoom)  
Toledo Fire Department  
LCEMS / Toledo Fire Department  
ProMedica Toledo EC (Zoom)  
Springfield Twp. Fire / LCEMS  
Maumee Fire Department  
LCEMS Annex  
Mercy (Zoom)  
UTMC

Don Waggoner	ProMedica (Zoom)
Dave Wellons	Mercy St Vincent (Zoom)
Jean Butler	ProMedica (Zoom)
Kristie Gallagher	ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
Tim Zwayer, MD	ProMedica Freestanding EC (Zoom)
Dani Branum	ProMedica (Zoom)
Robert Deleon	Mercy (Zoom)
Dave Wellons	Mercy St Vincent (Zoom)
Steve Zohn, MD	St Vincent Mercy EC/NWO EMS (Zoom)

## **Call to Order**

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

## **Minute Approval**

Minutes from October 2 were provided for review. Chief Francis moved to approve, Chief O'Brien second. All approved.

**Paramedic Committee:** Review of Nov 13 meeting. Next scheduled meeting January 8, 2024 at 9 am. Discussion about how to keep paramedics on pharmacy license during this transition period. Paramedics who did not complete online CE and were removed need to finish all CEs that they missed and let Brent know when they are finished and they will be added back to the license. EMS1 online platform will be available through 2024. Medics are responsible for Jan, Feb, March and April 2024 education to keep up their national registry. Brent is communicating with medics about what they need to do and is available if medics have questions. Mark said the 8-hour module would have to be input by the paramedics themselves for 2023. Dr. Sauber noted the contract states that Lucas County is responsible for CE until the county protocols are no longer being used. Dennis said they are retaining the EMS software which provides a resource for folks to finish the online training to keep up their national registry. Matt said they will take this offline and have a conversation with Brent and will send a memo to the Chiefs.

**Medical Committee:** Next scheduled meeting February 5, 2024 at 8:30 AM. Chief Cousino reviewed the meeting from this morning.

## **EMS Billing Update**

Nov collection 310,044.25 YTD 3,793,994.70 be slightly over \$4M by the end of the year.

## **New Life Squads Update**

Factory recall on part of the 2023 chassis and they will not deliver it until the part is replaced. Do not know when they will get the vehicle. Two for next year are still on target because it is a 2024 chassis.

## **EMS System Modernization**

### **Update on Contracts**

Matt discussed the status of the contract. Asked Chiefs to do anything they could to get this on the agendas of their local governments. Springfield Twp. only jurisdiction that has signed. If you would like us to brief your administrator let them know. Chief Parasaliti said having newly elected folks coming in could prolong the process.

### **Medical Direction Update**

Dr. Lindstrom said he would continue orienting new medics until June 3, if other medical directors want to sit in on his orientation. Chief Cousino does want to continue Medical and Policy meetings after transition. Chief Parasaliti asked is there is a plan for meds, equipment and inventory transfer. Dennis said it would have to be done by resolution through the commissioners to transfer equipment. Jurisdictions will have to have own meds, they need to set up with Board of Pharmacy. Will work out with Board of Pharmacy and Dr. Lindstrom.

Would Dr. Lindstrom be comfortable deferring CE to medical directors of jurisdiction or does he want to review each jurisdictions CE presentation. Dr. Lindstrom said he needs to discuss with Brent more about this and will get back to Dr. Sauber.

### **RCOG Fire/EMS Dispatch Update**

Chief Meyer said the subcommittee is meeting 12/6 and will get with folks about dates and deadlines. Will see an email about this in the next week.

### **Direct Radio Communication to ProMedica Toledo Hospital ED**

Administrative staff will keep track of issues. If dispatch hears of problems, folks will be notified. Going live December 18.

### **Open Discussion**

Chief Cousino said at the last Chiefs meeting Chief Clapp had found several County Policies that mention Toledo Fire Dispatch and reference to disaster trailers, lighting trailer, mass casualty response plan. Need to look at policies to make amendments as soon as possible. Toledo Fire dispatch has not existed in 18 months but need to clean up some of those policies. Dennis noted that we still have those resources and asked if departments do not want the equipment, we get rid of it through GovDeals? Chief Parasaliti would like to know exactly what community assets are available and Chiefs can discuss who wants what. Chief Cousino will try to get a list together before the next meeting.

Dr. Lindstrom discussed slight tweak to protocol about transfers to freestanding ECs, will send to Chiefs.

Dr. Sauber asked if it was the expectation for every hospital to have an open radio or is this just a test? Chief Cousino said it is currently being tested but hopeful that every hospital will participate in the future. Dr. Lindstrom said they should put in place an end date, so we can capture and assess data. Dr. Sauber asked for more discussion about this. Chief Cousino said it is not about financial hardship it is about efficiency. Dr. Sauber worries this will cause more work for nurses who are already worked to the breaking point. This has been going on in Mercy Perrysburg for 6 months now. Chief Parasaliti said there is a communications committee that he is involved in so we should utilize that committee to discuss with hospitals and Policy Board.

Dave Wellons asked if there is someone, he should be speaking with to prepare their staff for this. Stacey said they will monitor and report any issues. Two-month trial with Toledo. Dr. Lindstrom said we should add medics from the units that will be transporting to Toledo to the discussion of metrics. Kristie Gallagher said they will have data for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Francis to adjourn at 10:48 am. Chief Homik second. All approve.

Next Meeting – February 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM.