

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 Lobochevski
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
Dave Wellons
Jean Butler
Kristie Gallagher
Tim Zwyer, MD
Dani Branum
Robert Deleon
Dave Wellons
Steve Zohn, MD

ProMedica (Zoom)
Mercy St Vincent (Zoom)
ProMedica (Zoom)
ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
ProMedica Freestanding EC (Zoom)
ProMedica (Zoom)
Mercy (Zoom)
Mercy St Vincent (Zoom)
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.