

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2010

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Dr. Neil Yoder
Cheryl Herr, R.N.
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Bob McCarthy

Representing

Springfield Twp. FD
St. Vincent Medical Center
St. Luke's Hospital/ Nurse Manager's Assoc.
Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Hospital ER
Great Lakes Emergency Nurse Council

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.	Medical Director LCEMS
Dennis Cole	LCES Director
Brent Parquette	EMS QA/QI
Pat Moomey	Communications Manager

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.	St. Luke's Hospital
Kenneth Chelucci, M.D.	St. Anne Mercy Hospital
Pat Mattevi, M.D.	Bay Park Hospital
Domian Kandah, M.D.	St. Charles Hospital
David Miramontes, M.D.	Toledo Fire/Mercy Health Partners
Dr. Todd Brookens	Toledo and Flower Hospitals EC
Dr. Kris Brickman	UTMC
Rod Standiford (primary)	Paramedic Committee
Matt Homik (alternate)	Paramedic Committee

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 7, 2009, meeting was made available for review. Minutes were approved as written.

CE

Brent Parquette reported the new protocol disk is completed and distributed to the paramedics and hospital emergency centers. The protocols are also on the county web page. Brent reported there are significant changes in patient care which was addressed in CE. The bulk of the operational issues were the same.

Brent reported last month's CE topic was trauma review and hands-on stations. There was emphasis on declaring a trauma and the differentiation of the level types. February will be a review of diabetic emergencies, tablet updates and the EZ-IO with implementation in March. Brent reported as the paramedics start using the EZ-IO, hospital personnel may see proximal humeral access. Brent said he will go to the various hospitals and give them an update of the EZ-IO protocol. Dr. Lindstrom stated this will not be our preferred access. Dr. Lindstrom reported there are anecdotes around the states growing fond of the humeral access.

Chief Cousino reported Springfield Fire has purchased the EZ-IO for their first responders.

Brent reported the indications, use and instructions for removal are all on the protocol disk.

Brent reported he is moving forward with the ResQGuard for the first responders. Advanced Circulatory has provided Story Boards to be placed at the fire stations for reminders. The training will be done in February with implementation in March.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there have been anecdotal issues of ICE patients being brought to hospitals and being discontinued in the cath labs. Dr. Lindstrom reported Brent and himself met with the new nurse manager at UTMC along with Dr. Brickman covering issues the paramedics have brought up, i.e., printers, handing over the patients to staff, ICE patients going to the Cath Lab.

Dr. Lindstrom mentioned he thinks the H1N1 is over and we have returned the material. Dr. Lindstrom reported an After Action Report is being done by Cathy at Hospital Council. Dr. Lindstrom reported the communication process with the H1N1 was challenging. The Health Department was the conduit of information for H1N1. They were not well equipped for the communication piece. He mentioned he would like to see EMA involved in the communication process for future events.

Chief Cousino commented most of the information he received was by the news or other sources. Chief Cousino gave kudos to Brent and Dr. Lindstrom on the process they did.

Old Business

e-PCR – Brent gave an update of the tablet. Brent reported the tablets are in a midst of a software upgrade and it is not without growing pains, which we are working through. An update will be given in CE on how to shift calls between the server and tablet. Brent said we are working on issues with the printers at the hospitals. Since the printers belong to the hospitals, paramedics are having difficulty in printing the report and we don't know if it's a user problem, printer problem or blue tooth connection with the In Motion router and data cards. The paramedics will have the option to send the report to the designated fax machine at the hospitals.

Chief Fuller reported he envisions not having to stay at the hospital to fill out a report. He would like to see leaving a drop sheet and sending the report later.

Dr. Lindstrom reported that at one of the Paramedic Committee meetings this concept was mentioned and some of the paramedics were not in favor of this because it causes extra work. A discussion ensued. It was mentioned by the ER nurse managers they would only want the STEMI and trauma patient reports right away.

New Business

Dr. Lindstrom reported he and Brent will be field testing a device called "CirQlator". The trial will be just with them and a couple of physicians. It will be used on an intubated patient running a cardiac arrest. The device is a "vacuum system" to "suck" the BP up. There will be a protocol developed. This is just a "heads" up.

Chief Fuller reported the issue of radio transmission to hospitals was brought up for discussion at the Paramedic Committee meeting. Chief Fuller cited there is at times "dead air" when giving a report. Chief Fuller said it's a response issue and wanted to know if there was a formal process at the hospital for radio etiquette. It was suggested this issue be discussed at the next nurse managers meeting.

Chief Fuller asked with Gary Orlow's retirement, were there any plans to move forward with his position. Dennis Cole reported that it's being looked at.

Bob McCarthy introduced himself and reported he was the Outreach Coordinator for ProMedica Air and Mobile. Mr. McCarthy reported he will be acting as a conduit between the Great Lakes Area Nursing Council and the County.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 5th at 8:30 a.m.