

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2011

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Dr. Todd Brookens
Bob McCarthy
David Miramontes, M.D.
Lt. Glenn Newman
Lt. Terry Glaze
Captain Jeff Romstadt

Representing

Springfield Twp. FD
Toledo Hospital EC
Toledo and Flower Hospitals EC
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
Toledo Fire/Mercy Health Partners
Toledo Fire & Rescue
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Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey

Medical Director LCEMS
LCES Director
QA/QI CE
Communications Manager

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Kenneth Chelucci, M.D.
Domian Kandah, M.D.
Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Kris Brickman, M.D.
Cheryl Herr
Rod Standiford (primary)
Matt Homik (alternate)

St. Luke's Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Charles Hospital
Bay Park Hospital EC
UTMC
St. Luke's Hospital/ Nurse Manager's Assoc.
Paramedic Committee
Paramedic Committee

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 6, 2010 meeting were made available for review. Minutes were accepted as written.

CE

Brent reported January's CE was a toxicology review and an inservice on the new power cots. The power cots are now on the life squads. February's CE is on the new Life Pak 15's with a presentation on CO poisoning. The paramedics also have hands-on training in the skills stations.

Brent reported a CE session was canceled this month due to bad weather and it has been re-scheduled for March 1st.

Old Business

Cooling Collars – Chief Cousino inquired into the progress of the Sandhu collars. Dr. Lindstrom reported the collars were distributed January 24th. To date, only 10 have been used and two of them did not fit the patients.

Automated CPR Devices – Dr. Lindstrom reported that at the last Paramedic Committee meeting, there was a very long discussion regarding the Lucas and Auto Pulse. Dr. Miramontes was at the meeting and he suggested the County go with the Lucas at this time even though he is a proponent of the Auto Pulse. The consensus of the committee was to move ahead and they voted to purchase the Lucas.

Dennis Cole reported after the Paramedic Committee meeting, he received a call from the Zoll sales person wanting to give a presentation to the Policy Board because she cited a Maumee paramedic did not have ability to use both devices. Dennis reported he informed the sales person that was not the right avenue to present a demonstration. Chief Cousino and Lt. Newman noted that the paramedic Committee made a recommendation and there's no reason to reopen the discussion. Dennis also said Maumee now has the Lucas device to try..

CirQlator – Dr. Lindstrom reported another piece of equipment being evaluated is the CirQlator. There have been 14 uses by Brent and Jon Ziehr. Dr. Lindstrom said FYI for the Medical Committee, with only 14 cases, the way he wants to proceed is to contact each doctor involved with the patient that had the CirQlator used on them to get CPC scores to publish a paper. Dr. Lindstrom said he might have to run this through the hospital's IRB process to publish a paper. Dr. Lindstrom reported if all 14 cases have bad outcomes, he would just write a brief report.

Other Studies – Dr. Lindstrom reported he and Brent have been talking to Dr. Lurie, a cardiologist, brainstorming with the future of cardiac arrest resuscitation. Dr. Lurie's experience is with a cath lab. In talking with Dr. Lurie, he is doing new studies with new devices. One of the studies is using the drug Sodium Nitroprusside. In the pig lab it augments venous filling, which augments cardiac output. Dr. Lindstrom reported the lab information is impressive.

New Business

Life Pak 15 software for the hospital – Brent reported Cindy Binker will be in town next week to get the hospitals in line for the down load of EKGs and identifying the key people at the hospital. Brent reported the goal is to implement the Life Pak 15's the second week in March. The Sprint cards costs \$12.75 a month per Life Pak. Dennis reported we will be paying for the hospitals software for year one.

Cares Program – Dr. Miramontes reported there is a funded program for cardiac arrests data similar to the process for trauma registry. Needed are five data points from EMS and five from the hospitals. Dr. Miramontes reported it would include surrounding agencies who bring patients into the area,

OB patients - Kristie Gallagher asked what is the policy for EMS and first responders regarding bringing in active OB patients to hospitals. Dr. Lindstrom reported LCEMS policy, Tab 100, E-1, Upon a life squad arrival to the emergency department, a physician and/or nurse will meet the life squad and accompany the paramedics to the specified area. The receiving hospital assumes medical responsibility for the patient upon entering the hospital.

Nursing Homes and 9-1-1 calls – Chief Cousino reported in Springfield's area there is a place called the Elizabeth Scott Home. This home has two areas, a nursing home and an assisted living area. Chief Cousino cited if there is a Code 18 in the Nursing Home area, they do not call EMS or police/sheriff. Chief Cousino said the nursing home has a physician who comes in regularly and nursing staff. When there is an issue in the assisted living area, there is no physician or nursing staff and they call 9-1-1. Chief Cousino asked if other departments have issues such as these. Dr. Lindstrom reported EMS should respond to them as they would for any 9-1-1 call and to use their EMS protocols.

Senate Bill 58 – Chief Cousino asked if a letter had been sent out regarding their non-support for the Bill. Dr. Lindstrom reported not yet.

Introduction – Captain Romstadt introduced Lt. Terry Glaze reporting he will be replacing Glen Newman as the new 122.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15. The next meeting is April 4, 2011 at 8:30.