

Medical Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2011

Present

Chief Barry Cousino  
Todd Brookens, MD  
Pat Mattevi, MD  
Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman  
Bob McCarthy  
Greg Hymel, M.D.  
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.  
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.

Representing

Springfield Township Fire Department  
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers  
Bay Park Community Hospital  
University of Toledo Medical Center EC  
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council  
St. Vincent Mercy/TFD  
St. Vincent Mercy  
Toledo Hospital EC

Staff

David Lindstrom, MD  
Dennis Cole  
Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey

Medical Director LCEMS  
Emergency Services Director  
QA / QI / CE  
Communications Manager

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, MD  
Domian Kandah, MD  
Cheryl Herr, R.N.  
Dr. Sarsour  
Rod Standiford (primary)  
Matt Homik (alternate)

St. Luke's Hospital  
St. Charles Hospital  
St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers  
St. Anne Mercy  
Paramedic Committee  
Paramedic Committee

Call to order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:34 am

Minute Approval

The minutes from the October 3, 2011 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were approved as written.

CE Update

Brent reported the paramedics had no CE in November and December. The CE schedule for 2012 is out on the county web site. Brent also reported LCEMS is moving away from PEPP and in lieu of that, creating our own course. In order to make up for the extra 4 hours, there will be CE in November.

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### Protocols

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is a nationwide drug shortage. Earlier this year it was D50 and currently it is predicted to be Fentanyl and Morphine. Dr. Lindstrom reported there will have to be a revision in the State Pharmacy license and add Dilaudid. Dr. Lindstrom said it is not his intent to put it out there until absolutely necessary.

Dr. Lindstrom brought up DEA issues and agencies may be exchanging Schedule II drugs incorrectly. Dr. Lindstrom said that recently the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Hospital Association and the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy were informed that an EMS agency that possessed its own DEA registration and a hospital were questioned about their one-to-one drug exchange system. EMS agencies cannot have a DEA license and do one-to-one exchange; and EMS agency can only use one process or the other. Dr. Lindstrom reported LCEMS is going to cease and desist asking hospitals for resupply by the first of the year. Also Dr. Lindstrom reported first responders cannot exchange with the life squads who have a medical director with a DEA license. Dr. Lindstrom said our solution is to stop exchanging and increase our levels of the schedule II drugs. Also with the increase in the amount, the drugs will have to be secured. We have ordered Knox boxes (safes). When paramedics access the boxes, it will show who got in the boxes. We will start with 6 Fentanyl and 6 Morphine and this may go up to 10 in the future. Dr. Lindstrom said he met with the hospital pharmacists at all the hospitals and they are okay with this. Dr. Lindstrom also reported it will be expected the paramedics will not waste the drugs anymore and if there is leftover material, it is to be put in an evidence bag and be brought back to LCEMS. Dr. Lindstrom reported he is not sure why there is a shortage of Fentanyl and Morphine at this time.

### Old Business

Chief Cousino said at the last meeting there were ER residents out in the street and asked how that was going. Dr. Lindstrom reported he met with three of them and they were having a good experience. There are three more coming in January, February and March and he will orient them sometime before Christmas. There are also two new residents from St. Vincent's starting soon and he met with them. Some of the residents have prior experience as a paramedic or fire fighter.

Dr. Lindstrom inquired of those present if there were any issues with the 12-lead transmission process. No one reported any real problems. Dr. Brookens asked about the billing of the hospitals portion with the year ending with the county paying for the first year. Dr. Lindstrom said he will notify the ER nurse managers of the information.

### New Business

Collars – Dr. Lindstrom reported our intent is to discontinue the use of the Sandhu collars and go back to using the ice packs to the neck and groin and saline. Also we will modify the Life Pak 15'2 to do temperature monitoring at the scene using either the esophageal or rectal probe.

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Dr. Lindstrom said the probe is flimsy. If used with a King Airway, the probe can be easily placed through the suction port. Dr. Lindstrom reported we are trialing the fiber optic King Vision which, if utilized, may cut down on the number of times a King Airway is used. With an ET as the primary mode for airways, the flimsy temp probe will be difficult to place if not attached to an E tube to help advancement and placement.

Kristie mentioned Toledo Hospital has something similar, but the probe is stiffer and she will send one to Brent to evaluate.

Dr. Lindstrom said there have been positive comments from LS4. Brent reported there have been 8 uses to date, six with LS6 and two with LS4 and two uses didn't work.

### Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom reported Lucas County disaster group has developed an MCI (mass casualty) plan. There will be a tabletop in med spring and a drill in the summer. The plans are available if anyone is interested and can be obtained at the TFD's office.

### Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2012 at 8:30a.m.