

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Todd Brookens, M.D.
Chris Goliver, M.D.
Daniel Kemple, M.D.
Julie Goins Whittmore
Kristie Gallagher
Rita Hudec
Lt. Kirk Keane
Captain Mark Benadum
Chief James Price

Representing

Springfield Twp. Fire Dept.
NWO EMS – St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
ProMedica – Toledo/Flower EC
Sylvania Mercy EC
Community EMS
Mercy MSU
Toledo Hospital EC
UTMC Resident
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.	Medical Director LCEMS
Dennis Cole	ES Director
Brent Parquette	EMS QA/QI
Ralph Shearn	Communications Manager

Absent

Paul Rega, M.D.	UTMC Hospital
Pat Mattevi, M.D.	Bay Park Hospital
Erich Pontasch, M.D.	St. Anne Mercy Hospital
Wes Martus, M.D.	St. Charles Hospital

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 2, 2016 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

CE – Brent reported RTF (Rescue Task Force) training is complete. Brent said there was a lot of feedback. Brent reported he's still working on getting law enforcement involvement. There is no movement from TPD or the sheriff. Some law enforcement personnel from Sylvania Police and Maumee attended September's CE. He is working with Sylvania Police/Fire and Springfield Fire to train their RTF.

If there is an event, it would be initiated as a mass casualty incident (MCI). Brent reported the paramedics were told of MCI1 and MCI 2 and most paramedics did not know what this was. Brent was told by Greg Tillman of Toledo Fire that everyone was trained, but this was not the case.

Heroin – Dr. Lindstrom reported he received literature from Dr. Carol Cunningham (State Medical Director for the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety, Division of EMS) regarding synthetic heroin. The potency of this is covered in CE and the importance of PPE. Dr. Lindstrom believes there is only one testing lab in the U.S. which is in California. Dennis reported there was a meeting September 23rd and coroner's Toxicologist said they are testing in their lab to know what chemical compounds are found when they do an autopsy. Lucas County Health Department is trying to put together an opiate task force to coordinate response agency capabilities.

In the Cleveland EMS area, the paramedics are given Narcan (from Project Dawn) to dispense in the field. They are required to give education along with it and document it in the PCR. Under the Cuyahoga Board of Health there is a program called Project Dawn. Project Dawn is an opiate overdose education and Narcan distribution program. Eligible participants are given Free Narcan kits containing 2 vials of Narcan. A discussion ensued on such.

Dennis reported there is a LC Opiate Task Force meeting Thursday, October 6th at the Training Center. There will be multiple jurisdictions involved along with the Health Department. Dennis reported the first meeting was about the Health Department running out of money and how the county was fund and where the money would come from. Since then, the Mental Health will be providing funding.

Chief Cousino asked if there is a concern of shortage of Narcan.

Brent asked if the protocol would change on the number of doses given, citing paramedics currently can give up to 8mg. Dr. Lindstrom stated it takes more Narcan and Narcan takes longer to reverse the OD for the stronger drug mixes but he's still comfortable with the 8mg. Brent asked if law enforcement gives 4 mg doses does this factor in to what the paramedics give or the paramedics are capped at 4mg. The ED doctors present agreed that 8mg should be sufficient to transport the patient but paramedics can always make med control if they feel they need to administer more Narcan.

Dr. Schwerin brought up an article by the Board of Pharmacy and positive identification who administers a dangerous drug and the electronic PCR. He cited a positive identification would include such things as a manual signature on a hard copy record, a biometric method, or such a means of a bar code reader, or a magnetic card reader or a badge reader anytime narcotics are administered.

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New Business

Vending Machine – Dennis provided a picture of medical supplies vending machines that were purchased. Dennis reported this is at the Annex and if it goes well, we plan to install them at all the hospitals. Dennis reported the Board of Pharmacy requires full accountability of medications and under our current system we can't account for meds being removed from the hospital lockers. Dennis cited we are losing a lot of medications that we can't account for. With the use of the vending machine, we will be able account for which paramedics took meds based on their fingerprint and a card that will be assigned to each life squad.

Air Show – Dr. Lindstrom noted there will be a debriefing of the Air Show as soon as a date is set.

Wall of Honor – Brent reported the Wall of Honor program happed September 27th and went well.

Adjournment - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m. The next Medical Committee meeting will be December 5th at 8:30 a.m.