

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2019

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Julia Harsh
Mary Britton
Danyell Hall
Eugene Lin, MD
Chief Mike Ramm
Leigh Moore
Martin Fuller
Chris Goliver, M.D.
Chief Jim Price
Chief Denny Hartman
Stephen Grider, MD
Nick Sauber, MD
Todd Brookens, DO
John Miller, DO
Tyler Gombash, DO
Justin Cole
Jared Reichtiell

Representing

Springfield Fire Dept.
ProMedica Toledo STEMI Coordinator
ProMedica Toledo Stroke Coor
ProMedica Bay Park Stroke Coor
Mercy St. Vincent
Sylvania Fire Dept.
Mercy St. Vincent
Whitehouse Fire
Mercy Sylvania Free Standing EC
Toledo Fire
Oregon Fire
UTMC
NOW/Mercy
ProMedica
St. Vincent EM Residency Program
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Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Ralph Shearn

Medical Director LCEMS
ES Director
EMS QA/QI
Communications Manager

Absent

Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Erich Pontasch, M.D.
Wes Martus, M.D.
Jay Ryno, MD

Bay Park Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Charles Hospital/St. Anne ED
UTMC

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting were made available for review. A motion by Chief Ramm to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Brookens. Minutes were accepted as written.

Introductions

Chief Cousino cited seeing a number of new faces, introductions were made.

Old Business

Neurologists - Dr. Lindstrom made note of the BEFAST that was reported last meeting and thanked the neurology group who taught at CE in May.

AFR – Dr. Lindstrom reported the process in Dispatch to determine if a life squad gets dispatched initially. There has been some movement. It could back off even further if we knew a paramedic is on each engine. Dr. Lindstrom reported it did show in numbers the effect of the life squads being transported.

Stroke Triage – Dr. Lindstrom reported the earlier of notification to the hospitals is key. A key component is to give a pre alert to the hospital a better chance of meeting times.

New Business

Elevated CPR – Brent reported we will be trialing the Elevated CPR therapy. He said he is working with Advanced CPR Solutions. The target date to go live is August. Brent said we will be given 20 devices which will be put on the first responders. Also, he will be going to the hospitals to show how it works.

MSU – Dr. Lin reported they will be reducing the hours of the Mobile Stroke unit. They noted a pattern of stroke calls to 1.5 month between 12 to 6:00 am. So will reduce the hours by six. This will start Sunday June 9th.

LS assets - Dennis brought up the discussion of miss use of life squad assets and the misuse of resources. Frequent flyers or using the life squad for the wrong reasons.

Dr. Lindstrom there are several parts to this, ie nursing facilities because a patients have abnormal lab values and they call 911 because they don't want to wait for transportation for long period of time. Dr. Lindstrom said they are looking for the right cases to say no.

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Chief Price cited an issue where it worked out.

Dr. Goliver some states have telemed.

Dr. Lindstrom reported several states have that process, not Ohio and there is no mechanism at this point.

Dr. Lin reported it is similar to what they use on the Mobile Stroke unit and now are looking at another similar device.

Chief Price reported a letter went out to the skilled nursing facilities. He cited they are not getting 100% reimbursement from CMS and they are going to charge the facilities for the remainder when they contract with a private transport service.

Vent patients – Dr. Lindstrom brought up the issue of patients on vents and the scope of practice for the paramedics. Some facilities are providing training for their devices and the training is only done once.

Dr. Grider reported Dr. Brickman has started using telemedicine for ECF.

Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18. The next scheduled meeting is August 5th at 8:30am.