

Minutes

Pre-Hospital Care Operations Committee Meeting

September 28, 2017

Good Samaritan Hospital

1. Introductions.

Larry Bennett, UC Fire Science
Jim Burks, VA Medical Center
Dustin Calhoun, MD, University of Cincinnati
Tom Charlton, MD, Mercy Health
Nancy Coomer, Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati
Tom Dietz, Mercy Health
Brian Doering, Cincinnati Fire Department
Pam Erpenbeck, Good Samaritan Hospital/Western Ridge, Green Township Fire & EMS
Janice Evans, Cincinnati State
Andy Ihle, Delhi Township Fire Department
Randy Johann, Bethesda North Hospital
Debra Jump, University Air Care
Curt Kercheval, Mercy Hospital Fairfield
Jeremy Lane, Atrium Medical Center
Peter Landry, Physio-Control
Donald Locasto, MD, Cincinnati Fire Department
Dan Mack, Miami Township Fire & EMS
David Miller, Cheviot Fire Department
Darren Mooney, Green Township Fire & EMS
E. Wymann Morriss, MD, TriHealth
Mike Moyer, TriHealth
Philip Oblinger, MD, TriHealth
Edward Otten, MD
Todd Owens, Reading Fire Department
Shane Packer, Colerain Township Fire Department
Carter Pittman, UC Medical Center
Kevin Richards, Springfield Township Fire Department
Kevin Scheuerman, Madeira/Indian Hill Fire Department
Kay Vonderschmidt, TriHealth
Tom Wolf, Montgomery Fire Department

Dr. Donald Locasto called the meeting to order. Paula Niederbaumer, VP and chief nursing officer for Good Samaritan Hospital, welcomed and thanked everyone for their service to the community.

2. Minutes.

Minutes from the July 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

3. Old Business.

Dr. Locasto reported that the EDS Committee just reviewed and approved site visit reports on Cincinnati and Mariemont Fire Departments, recommending 5-year approvals to each.

4. Presentations/Updates.

5. Protocol Subcommittee.

Dr. Locasto reported that because of increasing demands of his job, Dr. Hamilton Lempert is resigning as chair of the Protocol Subcommittee at the end of the year. Dr. Locasto stated he would post a job description and anyone interested in serving in that capacity should contact him. Dr. Lempert will be officially thanked for his years of service at an upcoming meeting.

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Todd Owens noted that a draft of the 2018 protocols was now available for review and that they will become effective on January 1, 2018.

6. Hamilton County Fire Chiefs.

7. Greater Cincinnati EMS Coordinators.

Jim Burks reported that a winter EMS symposium is scheduled for February 1 at St. Elizabeth Training & Education Center in Northern Kentucky. He also said the group is working on an EMS social service referral form.

8. Regional Physicians Advisory Board (Region 6 RPAB).

Dr. Philip Oblinger gave an update on a number of State EMS Board issues.

9. Mission: Lifeline Regional STEMI System Update.

10. Continuing Education.

-Air Care & Mobile Care Regional Conference is scheduled for Friday, November 10, at Receptions Erlanger.

All continuing education information emailed to Nancy Coomer at the Academy of Medicine, ncoomer@academyofmedicine, will be distributed to PHCOC members and put up on the EMS web page, academyofmedicine.org (click on Emergency Services, left side of home page).

11. Membership Concerns.

Dr. Locasto reported that Todd Owens was just appointed to serve as chair of the Compliance Subcommittee. In that position he will be reviewing information submitted in preparation for site visits. Anyone interested in working with Todd should let him know.

Dr. Locasto asked for comments on the latest version of the Academy of Medicine EMS Site Visit Form. A number of issues were brought up, and Dr. Locasto asked everyone to email him with other concerns, questions, comments, etc. The Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association is aware that this form is being revised and will be asked to review it as well.

Members interested in getting involved in the site visit process should contact Nancy Coomer at the Academy of Medicine.

Dan Mack reported that Meridian Medical is replacing expired DuoDotes and he is looking for help with distribution.

12. New Business.

13. Future Meetings.

- Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Colerain Township (2:30 pm)
- Thursday, January 25, 2018 – American Heart Association (2:30 pm)
- Thursday, March 22, 2018 – Springfield Township (2:30 pm)
- Thursday, May 24, 2017 – Hamilton County Public Health (2:30 pm)
- Thursday, July 26, 2018 – need EMS location
- Thursday, September 27, 2018 – Mercy Hospital Fairfield (2:30 pm)

Donald Locasto, MD