

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of October 20, 2017 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the October 20, 2017 regular business meeting of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Heliport Review Committee. A full list of meeting participants appears at the conclusion of this report. Any questions or comments about the Lurie Children's Heliport and its operations should be directed to LaDarius Curtis, Community Relations Manager, LCurtis@luriechildrens.org.

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Purpose:** Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair of the Helicopter Review Committee, opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. by welcoming meeting participants and restating the purpose of the Committee.
 - a. The purpose of the Helicopter Review Committee is to provide community review of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (H.E.M.S.) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.
 - b. The Committee will meet quarterly to review H.E.M.S. operations at Lurie Children's in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Institutional Planned Development Number 3.
 - c. It has been decided that the Committee meetings held in January and April will be conducted as a conference call, while meetings held in July and October will be in person at Lurie Children's Hospital. The meetings to discuss the winter months (January & April) will be held as a conference call due to the small number of flights that historically take place during that time frame.
- 2. Roll Call & Introduction of New Members:** Susan Hayes Gordon facilitated introductions of participants, including the Committee's new members.
 - a. Roll Call of Committee Members: Susan Hayes Gordon asked all participants to identify themselves. A full list of meeting participants appears at the conclusion of this report.
 - b. New Committee Members introduced themselves to the HRC. New members included: Peter Simoncelli, Susan Axelrod, Sharyl Mackey and Willa Iglitzen Lang.
- 3. Importance of Helicopter Transport:** Dr. Leah Harris, Interim Medical Director for Transport & Division Head, Pediatric Critical Care
 - a. Dr. Harris discussed with the Committee why helicopter transport is crucial to saving the lives of sick children. The time saved transporting a child via the heliport has a huge impact on outcomes.

- b. Dr. Harris also recognized the hard work of Dr. Ranna Rozenfeld, Laura Westley and Michelle Stephenson in developing and implementing the outstanding helicopter transport operations at Lurie Children's Hospital.
- c. Lurie Children's and Dr. Harris have recently developed a new protocol for determining if an infant is dealing with Croup or a different respiratory ailment that may require immediate transport.

4. Review of July through September 2017 Heliport Usage Reports: Dr. Leah Harris, Interm Medical Director for Transport & Laura Westley, Director, Inter-Facility Transport reviewed Heliport Usage Reports for the reporting period from July to September with the Committee:

- a. Copies of the July, August and September 2017 Heliport Usage Reports are included as an attachment to this report.
- b. All Lurie Children's Heliport Usage Reports are posted publicly and can be found at: <https://www.luriechildrens.org/en-us/community/community-relations/Pages/lifesaving-heliport-operation.aspx>

5. Overview of Meeting Materials: LaDarius Curtis, Manager, Healthy Communities

- a. Introduction to Materials: Susan Hayes Gordon provided a brief overview of the meeting materials. Each Committee member was emailed the following prior to the meeting and provided with hard copies at the meeting:
 - i. Meeting agenda and supplementary materials; and,
 - ii. Heliport Usage Reports for the months of July, August and September 2017. Heliport Usage Reports are posted publicly and can be found online at: <https://www.luriechildrens.org/en-us/community/community-relations/Pages/lifesaving-heliport-operation.aspx>
 - iii. Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (H.E.M.S.) Operations at Lurie Children's review materials
 - iv. Lurie Children's Heliport Safety Guidelines

6. Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (H.E.M.S.) Operations at Lurie Children's: Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair, Heliport Review Committee

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon reviewed the H.E.M.S. operations and heliport landing requirements for the new members.

7. Lurie Children's Safety Guidelines: Laura Westley, Director, Inter-Facility Transport

- a. Laura Westley discussed the official safety guidelines and the flight review process prior to accepting a transport request for the new members.

8. Update on Lurie Children's H.E.M.S Operations: Laura Westley, MSM, RN, C-NPT, Director, Lurie Children's Transport Team

- a. There were no updates to report regarding the Helicopter Medical Service Operations for Lurie Children's Hospital.

9. Committee Feedback:

Committee members may submit additional questions to the Transport Team following the meeting.

10. Committee Meeting Schedule: The Committee's next meeting will be January 25, 2017 and will be a conference call from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

11. Close: Susan Hayes Gordon concluded the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

12. Meeting Participants:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. LaDarius Curtis
- c. Mary Kate Daly
- d. Laura Westley
- e. Dr. Leah Harris
- f. Christian Ficara
- g. Dave Kostelansky
- h. Michelle Stephenson
- i. Marc Schulman
- j. Brian Stahulak
- k. Peter Simoncelli
- l. Susan Axelrod
- m. Sharyl Mackey
- n. Willa Iglitzen Lang
- o. Gil Salinas
- p. Nick Polutnik