

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of February 26, 2015 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the February 26, 2015 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 Ken Labok, Community Relations Manager, klabok@luriechildrens.org.

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Purpose:** Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair of the Helicopter Review Committee, opened the meeting at 8:00 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.

- 2. Introductions:** Susan Hayes Gordon facilitated introductions of participants and reviewed the Committee's meeting materials.
 - 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. 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 October, November, and December. 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>

- 3. Update on Lurie Children's H.E.M.S:** The committee heard updates on Helicopter Emergency Medical Service Operations (H.E.M.S):
 - a. Laura Westley provided an overview of H.E.M.S. at Lurie Children's heliport. All of Lurie Children's H.E.M.S. operations have been running smoothly and there was nothing new to report.

- b. There were no new flights to report. Laura Westley explained that October through December historically have a lower number of flights. Each patient's condition determines the need for helicopter transport and this is the primary driver of flight volumes.

4. Review of October through December Heliport Usage Reports: The Committee reviewed Heliport Usage Reports from October, November, and December of 2014:

- a. Copies of the October, November, and December of 2014 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. Committee Feedback:

- a. A question was raised to regarding the rate of ground transports. Laura Westley explained that ground transports volumes are up 15% to 20% over the last year. The transport team only flies when time will impact the outcome of a patient.
- b. Laura Westley spoke of Lurie's Westchester, Illinois clinic which currently has a dispatch team. This allows for the stabilization of patients needing transport in the western suburbs. A question was asked regarding the existence of other such clinic. Currently, this is the facility of its kind.

6. Committee Meeting Schedule: The Committee's next meeting will be held at Lurie Children's Hospital on April 23rd, 2015. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am.

7. Close: Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair, concluded the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

8. Meeting Participants:

- a. Thomas Coffey
- b. Kevin Derrig
- c. Helen Dunbeck
- d. Sherri Ewing
- e. Dave Kostelansky
- f. Ken Labok
- g. Susan Hayes Gordon
- h. Gillett Salinas
- i. Laura Westley
- j. John Wilhelm