

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of July 26, 2018 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the July 26, 2018 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 Heliport 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 Heliport Review Committee is to provide community review of the heliport operations for 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 period.
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: 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 April, May and June 2018. Heliport Usage Reports are posted publicly and can be found online at: <https://www.luriechildrens.org/en/serving-the-community/community-relations/heliport/>

3. Lurie Children's Transport Analysis: Susan Hayes Gordon

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon discussed the Transport Team's ongoing Transport Analysis examining the influence of several key emerging trends that relate to the Hospital's H.E.M.S. program.
- b. Dr. Harris provided background to the Committee on the July 7th medical helicopter accident in Chicago. The Transport Team is following information about this situation closely.

4. Critical Care Bed Expansion Presentation: Maureen Mahoney, Vice President, Transition Planning

- a. Maureen Mahoney gave a presentation on the ongoing bed expansion project at Lurie Children's. The expansion will add beds to the Critical Care Unit, NICU, PICU, PIMCU and Hematology/Oncology departments.
- b. The Critical Care Unit portion of the expansion is complete. The entire expansion is projected to be completed by November 2019.
- c. The number of critical care beds at Lurie Children's has increased from 288 to 316 to respond to strong, sustained demand for Lurie Children's advanced critical care services. The overall bed total will increase to 360 by November 2019.

5. Update on Lurie Children's H.E.M.S. Operations: Laura Westley, Director, Inter-Facility Transport:

- a. Lurie Children's safety coordinator met with new members of the Transport Team. The new members went through safety training exercises.
- b. The Hospital's Medical Residents also went through training to prepare for accompanying the Transport Team on future flights.
- c. The Transport Team's Safety Days are scheduled for September 11th and September 25th.

6. Review of April through June 2018 Heliport Usage Reports: Dr. Leah Harris, Medical Director & LaDarius Curtis, Manager, Healthy Communities reviewed Heliport Usage Reports for the reporting period from April to June with the Committee:

- a. Copies of the April, May and June 2018 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/serving-the-community/community-relations/heliport/>

7. Committee Feedback:

- a. A question was asked about further bed expansion. Lurie Children's is always looking at ways to transition non-medical functions out of the Hospital's main building to create additional space for patient care.
- b. A question was asked if the Vertiport is only used during instances of bad weather. The Vertiport is used for bad weather, certain pilot conditions and as a landing option for flight providers that do not have landing contracts with Lurie Children's.
- c. A committee member asked if the Hospital's organ transplant procedures are increasing. Lurie Children's has increased its total organ transplants across all divisions, but none of these organs have been delivered to the Hospital by helicopter.
- d. A request was made to add training flights to the Hospital's Heliport Usage Reports.

8. Committee Meeting Schedule: The Committee's next meeting will be October 25, 2018 and will be an in-person meeting at Lurie Children's Hospital from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

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

10. Meeting Participants:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. LaDarius Curtis
- c. Laura Westley
- d. Dr. Leah Harris
- e. Maureen Mahoney
- f. Dave Kostelansky
- g. Willa Iglitzen Lang
- h. Mike Riordan
- i. John Wilhelm
- j. John Chikow
- k. Peter Simoncelli
- l. Gil Salinas

m. Nick Polutnik

n. Mary Kate Daly