

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

Heliport Review Committee Summary of July 25, 2019 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the July 25, 2019 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. Susan began by thanking HRC Member Peter Simoncelli for hosting the meeting at the Ritz Carlton Chicago.
 - b. The purpose of the Heliport Review Committee is to provide community review of the Helicopter Air Ambulance Services (H.A.A.) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.
 - c. The Committee will meet quarterly to review H.A.A. operations at Lurie Children's in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Institutional Planned Development Number 3.
 - d. 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. 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 2019. 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. Introduction of new HRC Member Philippe Roux-Dessarps: Susan Hayes Gordon

- a. Susan introduced Mr. Roux-Dessarps, the General Manager of the Park Hyatt Chicago.
- b. Susan then invited Mr. Roux-Dessarps to share some background on himself with the rest of the Committee.

4. Introduction of Lurie Children's Transport Team Medical Director: Susan Hayes Gordon & Dr. Robert Newmyer, Medical Director for the Transport Team

- a. Susan introduced Dr. Newmyer to the Committee and his role as Lurie Children's new Transport Medical Director.
- b. Prior to joining Lurie Children's, Dr. Newmyer was the Medical Director of Critical Care Transport for Upstate Medical University and Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse, NY where he led the execution of Upstate's first-ever helicopter contract for pediatric transport.
- c. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a member of the AAP Sections on Transport Medicine and Critical Care, and a national content expert for Certification in Neonatal and Pediatric Transport.
- d. Susan invited Dr. Newmyer to share more background information about his previous work as well as his role and responsibilities at Lurie Children's Hospital.
- e. Dr. Newmyer, in addition to explaining his appointment to Transport Medical Director, he discussed his roles as an intensive care doctor in the Pediatric ICU and neurointensive care doctor on the Davee Neurocritical Care Team.
- f. Dr. Newmyer concluded with a presentation on the new Mode of Transport Matrix decision making tool.
- g. The mode matrix was introduced this Spring (April 2019). The intent of the mode matrix is to create an objective decision making tool to select the safest and fastest mode of transport. The
- h. The objective criteria are assigned a point value. There are five categories of objective criteria:
 - i. Airway
 - ii. Circulation
 - iii. Disability

- iv. Distance
- v. Miscellaneous
- i. Dr. Newmyer concluded by explaining that every call is reviewed objectively against these criteria and the fastest mode is determined.

5. Update on Lurie Children's Helicopter Air Ambulance (H.A.A.) Operations: Karen Arndt, Director of Interfacility Transport

- a. Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago recently received the 2019 Heliport of the Year award from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The winners were selected as a result of their accomplishments throughout the year, including an outstanding partnership with IDOT and a strong commitment to safety.
- b. The criteria for the award include cooperation and coordination with the state, facility safety record, promotion of seminars and aviation events, and facility maintenance.
- c. Lurie Children's accepted the Award for Illinois Department of Transportation Heliport of the Year at a ceremony in May.

6. Review of April through June 2019 Heliport Usage Reports: Karen Arndt and Dr. Robert Newmyer reviewed Heliport Usage Reports for the reporting period from April to June with the Committee:

- a. Copies of the April, May and June 2019 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>

7. Committee Feedback:

- a. Questions were asked about abbreviations and terminology on usage reports. h/o means *history of* and s/p means *status post*.
- b. A member asked there is a dispatching location in northwestern Illinois. There is currently no location in that vicinity. However, Lurie has agreements with two flight services based in Rockford who are trained to land at the hospital.
- c. The transport team was asked how it is determined which patients are brought to Lurie vs. Milwaukee, Indianapolis or St. Louis. The determination is typically made due to the speciality and experts at Lurie Children's. Also, some hospitals don't have stand alone pediatric specialities.

- d. A member wanted to know how patients are brought from other hospitals that don't have a heliport. Most hospitals have some form of a heliport, but for those that don't, a helicopter can rednevous at an airport. Other hospitals have a predetermined landing area or pad on the ground, if not an official heliport.

8. Committee Meeting Schedule: The Committee's next meeting will be October 17, 2019 and will be in person at Lurie Children's Hospital from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

9. Close:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon once again thanked Peter Simoncelli for hositing the Committee.
- b. 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. Karen Arndt
- e. Dr. Robert Newmyer
- f. John Wilhelm
- g. Marc Schulman
- h. John Chikow
- i. Peter Simoncelli
- j. Dave Kostelanksy
- k. Philippe Roux-Dessarps
- l. Sharyl Mackey
- m. Nancy Kiernan
- n. Gil Salinas
- o. Nick Polutnik