

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of April 25, 2019 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the April 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. The purpose of the Heliport Review Committee is to provide community review of the heliport operations for Helicopter Air Ambulance Services (H.A.A.) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.
 - b. 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.
 - 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. 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 January, February and March 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. Update on Lurie Children's Helicopter Air Ambulance (H.A.A.) Operations: Laura Westley, Senior Director, Interfacility Transport, Emergency Services and Patient Access

- a. There were no major updates on the H.A.A. Operations at Lurie Children's Hospital in the past quarter.

4. Review of January through March 2019 Heliport Usage Reports: Karen Arndt, Director, Inter-Facility Transport reviewed Heliport Usage Reports for the reporting period from January to March with the Committee:

- a. Copies of the January, February and March 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>

5. Committee Feedback:

- a. A question was asked about to why there was the first-ever organ transport flight to the downtown Hospital this past quarter. Most organs come from within a 250-mile radius. With greater ability to keep organs viable outside the body for longer periods of time, they can usually land at Midway and be transported by ground. This particular organ was flown from Louisiana; therefore, out of body time needed to be reduced as much as possible.
- b. A committee member asked if the number of international patients is increasing. Over the past few years the number of international patients has decreased due to national immigration policies. However, it is a program the Hospital intends to grow.

6. Committee Meeting Schedule: The Committee's next meeting will be July 25, 2019 and will be in person at the Ritz Carlton, 160 E Pearson Street at Water Tower Place from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

7. Close: Susan Hayes Gordon informed the Committee that a Dr. Bob Newmyer has been selected as the new Medical Director for the Transport Team. He will be formally introduced at the next meeting. Susan Hayes Gordon concluded the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

8. Meeting Participants:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. LaDarius Curtis
- c. Laura Westley
- d. Dr. Leah Harris
- e. Karen Arndt
- f. John Wilhelm
- g. Mike Riordan
- h. Marc Schulman
- i. John Geahan
- j. John Chikow
- k. Peter Simoncelli
- l. Michelle Stephenson
- m. Sharyl Mackey
- n. Gil Salinas
- o. Nick Polutnik