

Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of October 24, 2013 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed at the October 24, 2013 regular business meeting of the Ann and 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 8:40 a.m. by welcoming meeting participants and thanking them for their service to 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 and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.
 - b. The Committee meets 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 Lisa Tofil, Executive Director, Association of Critical Care Transport (ACCT)
3. **Update on Lurie Children's H.E.M.S:** Laura Westley noted that there were no updates to H.E.M.S.
4. **Review of July through September Heliport Usage Reports.** The Committee reviewed Heliport Usage Reports from July, August, and September of 2013.
 - a. Copies of the July, August, and September 2013 Heliport Usage Reports are included as an attachment to this report.
 - b. A committee member asked why he might hear four noises within a relatively short period of time. Dr. Rozenfeld explained that if the transport team is picked up via helicopter than there are two noises for the pickup and two noises for the return to Lurie Children's.

- c. All Lurie Children’s Heliport Usage Reports are posted publicly and can be found at: <http://luriechildrens.org/en-us/ways-to-get-involved/cause-in-action/partnering-with-government-community-leaders/Pages/Community-Heliport-Reports.aspx>
5. **Safety Advocacy:** Lisa Tofil, Executive Director of the Association of Critical Care Transports presented a brief overview of her organization and its advocacy efforts.
- a. Lurie Children’s became a member of ACCT this year after consideration by the Heliport Review Committee.
 - b. ACCT strives to:
 - 1) Be the voice for patients in Critical Care Transport (CCT)
 - 2) Enable CCT providers to best meet their patients’ needs
 - 3) Improve the system for patients
 - c. ACCT’s Membership consists of:
 - 1) Founding Members – 29 CCT providers and other individuals
 - 2) Regular Members
 - 1. 44 critical care transport providers
 - 2. 570 helicopters
 - 3. 50 fixed wing
 - 4. 78 ground critical care
 - 3) Associate
 - 1. Platinum Member – AgustaWestland
 - 2. Gold – 10 organizations
 - 4) Affiliate – 3 organizations and associations
 - 5) Individual Members – 33
 - d. Many of ACCT’s lobbying efforts are aimed at reforming Medicaid to provide reimbursements on a value proposition; i.e. providers with better equipment and more experienced staff will receive a high reimbursement.
 - e. The first Symposium was held in 2013 with the intent of bringing together membership to collaborate and development new goals and strategies.
6. **Committee Feedback:**
- a. The committee thanked Ms. Tofil for her time and re-iterated their support of ACCT.

7. **Committee Meeting Schedule:** The Committee's next meeting will be a conference call on January __, 2014.
8. **Close:** Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair, concluded the meeting at 9:40 a.m.
9. **Meeting Participants:**
 - a. Nancy Borders
 - b. John Chikow
 - c. Tom Coffey
 - d. Helen Dunbeck
 - e. Susan Hayes Gordon
 - f. Elizabeth Kosar
 - g. Dave Kostelansky
 - h. Kenneth Labok
 - i. Mike Riordan
 - j. Ranna Rozenfeld
 - k. Marc Schulman
 - l. Michelle Stephenson
 - m. Tim Stevens
 - n. Lisa Tofil
 - o. Laura Westley