

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of July 24, 2015 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the July 24, 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 8:30 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. New Ex-Officio Members: Susan Hayes Gordon identifies 2nd Ward Alderman Brian Hopkins and City of Chicago Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans as ex-officio members.
 - c. 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 April, May and June 2015. 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:** Ranna A. Rozenfeld, MD, FAAP, FCCM Medical Director, Lurie Children's Transport Team & Laura Westley, MSM, RN, C-NPT, Director, Lurie Children's Transport Team

The committee heard updates on Helicopter Emergency Medical Service Operations (H.E.M.S):

- a. There were no updates to report regarding the Helicopter Medical Service Operations for Lurie Children's Hospital.
 - b. There are no AACT Legislation updates to report.
 - c. Lurie Children's attended the IAACT Annual Meeting and there are no updates to report.
4. **Update on Heliport Incidents and Expansion of Heliport Operations in the City of Chicago:** Gillett Salinas, Vice President, Haymarket
 - a. As part of its commitment to safe operations, Lurie Children's carefully monitors news about helicopter safety incidents throughout the country. When incidents involve air medical operators, the hospital often receives updates from the American Association of Critical Care Transport (ACCT), a patient advocacy organization, the Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport (IAACCT) and the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS). The Transport Team and community relations support staff also independently monitor the news reports and official reports on incidents from the National Transportation Safety Board.
 - b. When national incidents involve air medical operators, they are analyzed and summarized for the Committee.
 - c. From April to June, no incidents or crashes of medical helicopters occurred.
 - d. Vertiport Chicago is operational. Medical flights continue to land at Stroger Hospital's Pasteur which has not yet been decommissioned.
 5. **Review of April through June 2015 Heliport Usage Reports:** Ranna Rozenfeld, MD, FAAP, FCCM, Medical Director, Lurie Children's Transport Team and Ken Labok, Manager, Community Relations reviewed Heliport Usage Reports for the reporting period from April to June with the Committee:
 - a. Copies of the April, May and June of 2015 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>

- c. One 'time-out' occurred in this most recent reporting period. A 'time-out' is when a pilot has reached the end of his or her allowed flight hours while still in mid-flight.

6. Committee Feedback:

- a. A question was asked regarding the usage of fixed-wing aircraft versus a helicopter. A fixed-wing is the chosen aircraft when the emergency the Transport Team is responding to is at a distance greater than a helicopter can travel.
- b. Committee members may submit questions following the meeting for review by the Transport Team.

7. Committee Meeting Schedule: The Committee's next meeting will be in person on October 22, 2015. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

8. Close: Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair, concluded the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

9. Meeting Participants:

- a. Nancy Borders
- b. Dave Kostelansky
- c. Ken Labok
- d. Susan Hayes Gordon
- e. Ranna Rozenfeld
- f. Mike Riordan
- g. Gillett Salinas
- h. Laura Westley
- i. John Wilhelm
- j. John Chikow
- k. Mary Dempsey
- l. Nick Polutnik