

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of July 25, 2013 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed at the April 25, 2013 conference call meeting of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago's 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 Heliport 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 the roll call of participants and reviewed the Committee's meeting materials.
 - a. Roll Call of Committee Members: Susan Hayes Gordon asked all participants to identify themselves on the conference call. A full list of meeting participants appears at the conclusion of this report.
 - b. Introduction to Materials: Susan Hayes Gordon provided a brief overview of the meeting materials. Each Committee member had been emailed the following materials prior to the meeting:
 - 1) Meeting agenda and supplementary materials;
 - 2) Heliport Usage Reports for the months of April, May and June. Heliport Usage Reports are posted publicly and can be found online at: <http://www.luriechildrens.org/heliport>;

3. **Update on Lurie Children's Helicopter Emergency Medical Services:** Laura Westley, Lurie Children's Transport Team Director
 - a. Updates: Laura Westley reported that there have been no issues related to the heliport operations. As of this time all heliport operations are functioning as intended.

- b. ACCT Membership: Laura Westley reported that after a thorough review, and with the strong recommendation by Rex Alexander, Lurie Children's heliport consultant, Lurie Children's has joined ACCT, The Association of Critical Care Transport.

- 1) ACCT is a non-profit grassroots patient advocacy organization committed to ensuring that critically ill and injured patients have access to the safest and highest quality critical care transport system possible. ACCT is comprised of air and ground critical care transport providers, business organizations, associations, and individuals all striving to provide our communities, hospitals and EMS partners in care, regulators, and policy makers with a path toward a safer and more trustworthy critical care transport system for patients.

- c. Susan Hayes Gordon reported that Lisa Tofil, ACCT Executive Director, will be invited as a guest presenter at the next in-person meeting of Lurie Children's Heliport Review Committee.

4. Review of April through June Heliport Usage Reports: The Committee reviewed Heliport Usage Reports from April, May and June of 2013.

- a. Copies of the April, May and June Heliport Usage Reports are included as an attachment to this report. All Lurie Children's Heliport Usage Reports are posted publicly and can be found at:
<http://www.luriechildrens.org/heliport>

5. Committee Feedback:

- a. A committee member asked if Lurie Children's has received pressure from other hospitals in the area to use the heliport.

Michelle Stephenson replied that we have not been approached by anyone for use, and that we abide by PD#3 which limits use of the heliport to Lurie Children's.

- b. A committee member asked if the increase in not needing Lurie Children's Transport Team for a helicopter transport is a change in Lurie Children's policy/approach to transports.

Ranna Rozenfeld answered that our approach has not changed, but that the presence of Lurie Children's physicians at suburban hospitals has allowed for enhanced triage opportunities at off-site locations.

- c. Two committee members informed the committee about an enhanced presence of helicopters in the area surrounding Lurie Children's due to movie filming, tourists and police patrols.

6. **Committee Meeting Schedule:** The Committee's next meeting will be in-person on October 24, 2013.

7. **Close:** Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair, concluded the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

8. **Meeting Participants:**

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. Michelle Stephenson
- c. John Chikow
- d. Mary Dempsey
- e. Dave Kostelansky
- f. Mike Riordan
- g. Vern Broders
- h. John Wilhelm
- i. Elizabeth Kosar
- j. Kenneth Labok
- k. Ranna Rozenfeld
- l. Laura Westley