

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

Heliport Review Committee Summary of July 27, 2021, Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the July 27, 2021 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 Antonette Rabor, External Affairs Manager, arabor@luriechildrens.org.

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Purpose:** Susan Hayes Gordon, Chair of the Helicopter Review Committee, opened the meeting at 9:00 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 Air Ambulance Services (H.A.A.) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.
- 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 2021. 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, Sr. Dir ED/Interfacility Transport, Transport Team
 - a. Laura Westley provided an update on the H.A.A. Operations.
 - b. Laura also shared that Lurie Children's will participate in an annual safety day in September. The whole transport team participates. They work on team building and training exercises on this day.
 - c. The team is also working on a project regarding sepsis. Specifically, how to identify risk factors and begin early treatment during transport.

4. Heliport Usage Year-to-Date: Antonette Rabor, External Affairs Manager

- a. Antonette reviewed the heliport year to date usage before turning it over to Dr. Newmyer.

5. Review of April through June 2021 Heliport Usage Reports: Dr. Bob Newmyer, Medical Director for Transport

- a. Copies of the April, May and June 2021 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>

6. Committee Feedback:

- a. The committee asked for an update on Lurie Children's patient volumes, specifically if it has returned to pre pandemic levels. Susan stated that they are seeing increased volumes because of COVID but also because of the RSV, respiratory virus that normally spikes in the winter months.
- b. The committee also asked for an update on the Children's mental health crisis. Susan shared that these cases are still way up. The hospital is working on a plan with other stakeholders. When the document is done, they will share it with the committee.

7. Close:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon concluded the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- b. The next meeting will be held October 26, 2021.

8. Meeting Participants:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. Mary Kate Daly
- c. Antonette Rabor
- d. Laura Westley
- e. Lisa Hawke
- f. Michelle Stephenson
- g. Dr. Bob Newmyer
- h. Audre Pocius
- i. Raishay Lin
- j. Zankhana Desai
- k. Sharyl Mackey
- l. Kimberly Bares
- m. Holly Agra
- n. Willa Lang
- o. John Wilhelm
- p. Peter Simoncelli
- q. Mike Riordan
- r. Robert Kearney
- s. Mark Schulman
- t. Dave Kostelansky
- u. Maria Rosales
- v. Tom Coffey
- w. Julie Derrig