

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of October 26, 2021, Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the October 26, 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 July, August, and September 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. DC Update:** Lisa Hawke, Holland & Knight, LL
 - a. Lisa Hawke provided an overview of The No Surprises Act. This act was signed into law in 2020.
 - b. The Act protects people from surprise medical bills resulting from gaps in coverage for emergency services provided by out-of-network facilities, including by air ambulance.
 - c. Requires air ambulance providers to meet new cost and claims reporting requirements.
 - d. HHS & DOT will issue a public report that assesses the average charges of air ambulance services and gaps in geographic coverage.

- e. Aircraft type will factor into billing.
- f. Safety of the service providers will be rewarded.

4. 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 the team participated in a pediatric conference where they made multiple presentations. They reviewed the standardization of treatments and the transition to EPIC. That presentation won an award.

5. Helicopter Usage Year-to-Date: Antonette Rabor, External Affairs Manager

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

6. Review of July through September 2021 Helicopter Usage Reports: Dr. Bob Newmyer, Medical Director for Transport

- a. Copies of the July, August and September 2021 Helicopter Usage Reports are included as an attachment to this report.
- b. All Lurie Children's Helicopter Usage Reports are posted publicly and can be found at: <https://www.luriechildrens.org/en-us/community/community-relations/Pages/lifesaving-helicopter-operation.aspx>

7. Lurie Children's Update:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon provided an update on operations at Lurie Children's. Volumes at the hospital are way up. Hospital is regularly full.
- b. Vaccines for Children ages 5-12 will begin in the next several weeks. The doses are about 1/3 of the regular dose.
- c. Mental health continues to be a big issue. Lurie Children's is participating in a working group with other providers and experts on how to combat the mental health crisis. Lurie will continue to share information with this group.

8. Committee Feedback:

- a. The committee requested a one-page summary of the No Surprises Act.

9. Close:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon concluded the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- b. The next meeting will be held January 25, 2022.

10. Meeting Participants:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. Antonette Rabor
- c. Laura Westley
- d. Lisa Hawke
- e. Michelle Stephenson
- f. Dr. Bob Newmyer
- g. Raishay Lin
- h. Sharyl Mackey
- i. Kimberly Bares
- j. John Geahan
- k. Willa Lang
- l. John Wilhelm
- m. Peter Simoncelli
- n. Brian Stahulak
- o. Dave Kostelansky
- p. Maria Rosales
- q. Tom Coffey
- r. Julie Derrig