

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

Heliport Review Committee Summary of April 27, 2021 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the April 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 January, February, and March 2001. 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. Commissioner of Aviation Presentation:

Commissioner of the Department of Aviation Jamie Rhee, Raimon Ranne, Executive Officer-Projects Administrator at City of Chicago Department of Aviation-Safety and Security Jeffery Jackson, Vice President, Landrum & Brown made a presentation on heliport safety, drone regulations and urban air mobility.

Helicopter Safety

Heliports are certified by IDOT in coordination with the FAA. The FAA has design and safety criteria that is used when regulating the operation of heliports. Flights are monitored by the FAA traffic group.

Drones

The City does regulate drones. All commercial drones must be registered. Drones cannot fly above 400 ft. Drones cannot fly near hospitals or schools unless special permission was granted. Drones are not allowed to operate between dusk and dawn. The City continues to look for the best practices when regulating the use of drones. Industry standards continue to evolve.

It's harder to regulate private/ noncommercial drones. However, all drones have a unique ID that can help identify drones not following regulations.

Urban Air Mobility

These aircrafts are regulated the same way as helicopters. The primary responsibility for regulating these aircrafts lies with IDOT and the FAA.

4. New Director of the Interfacility Transport Team Introduction:

Susan introduced the new Director of the Interfacility Transport Team, Audre Pocius to the Committee.

Audre has over 27 years of nursing experience, as well as progressive healthcare leadership experience. Her past roles have included Rush NICU Transport Team Coordinator and Manager of Nursing Operations OB/Gyn, Nursery, NICU and Maternal Fetal Health. Most recently she held the Director of Women's Health and NICU position at AMITA St Joe's, here in Chicago.

Audre has extensive clinical and leadership experience focused on excellent nursing care, optimal patient outcomes and superb customer service. She has far-reaching experience with project design, implementation, and evaluation.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Review of January through March 2021 Heliport Usage Reports: Dr. Bob Newmyer, Medical Director for Transport

- a. Copies of the January, February and March 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>

8. Committee Feedback:

- a. The Committee discussed the need for the City to continue to make sure drone operators are following the law.
- b. It was also discussed that the City is slowly starting to recover from the pandemic but hotel occupancy and tourism are still struggling. There are a number of programs like *Forward Together* that aim to get people back to the City.
- c. Lake Shore Park's Playground is back open, and the park will also be hosting movies and concerts.
- d. The playground at Seneca Park is going to be named for Eli M. Schulman.

9. Close:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon concluded the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- b. The next meeting will be held July 27, 2021.

10. 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. Holly Agra
- m. Willa Lang
- n. John Wilhelm

- o. Peter Simoncelli
- p. Mike Riordan
- q. Robert Kearney
- r. Mark Schulman
- s. Dave Kostelansky
- t. Comm. Jamie Rhee
- u. Maria Rosales
- v. Raimond Ranne
- w. Jeffery Jackson
- x. Tom Coffey
- y. Julie Derrig