

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

**SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 25, 2022 MEETING**

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the October 25, 2022, 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](mailto: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 took attendance of in-person participants and then for those who joined virtually. A full list of meeting participants appears at the conclusion of this report.
    - i. Brian Israel was welcomed back and reintroduced as the new President of RNRA
    - ii. The passing of long-time consultant and friend, Tom Coffey of Haymarket was announced. He was instrumental in standing up this committee and was a champion for Lurie Children. We are extremely saddened by the news and are grateful for all his contributions.
  - b. Introduction to Materials: Each Committee member was emailed the following prior to the meeting:
    - i. Meeting agenda and supplementary materials; and,
    - ii. Heliport Usage Reports for the months of July, August and September 2022. 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. **Hospital Update- Pandemic Insights and the work of the PPN:** Larry K. Kociolek, MD  
MSCI FSHEA FPIDS, Attending Physician, Division of Infectious Diseases, Medical Director  
of Infection Prevention and Control
  - a. Dr. Kociolek presented to the group an overview on the Pediatric Pandemic Network
    - i. The mission of the Pediatric Pandemic Network is to leverage the resources and expertise of children’s hospitals in collaboration with national partners to empower all healthcare systems and their communities to be prepared to provide high-quality, equitable pediatric care in everyday emergencies, disasters, and global health threats.
  - b. Lurie Children’s and four other leading children’s hospitals secure \$29 Million in federal funding to enhance future pandemic readiness
  - c. More information on the PPN can be found at  
<https://pedspandemicnetwork.org/>
  
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. The helipad will be repainted soon.
  - c. New exit signs are going to be installed.
  
5. **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.
  - b. Review of July through September 2022 Heliport Usage Reports: Dr. Bob Newmyer, Medical Director for Transport
  - c. Copies of the July, August and September 2022 Heliport Usage Reports are available on Lurie Children’s HRC page
  - d. 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. **Close:**
  - a. The meeting concluded at 9:50 a.m.
  - b. The next meeting will be held January 24, 2023.

## **7. Meeting Participants:**

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. Dave Kostelansky
- c. Sharyl Mackey
- d. Dr. Bob Newmyer
- e. Willa Lang
- f. Raishay Lin
- g. Antonette Rabor
- h. Maria Rosales
- i. Brian Stahulak
- j. Laura Westley