

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of July 24, 2020 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the July 24, 2020 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 LaDarius Curtis, Community Relations Manager, LCurtis@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 Air Ambulance Services (H.A.A.) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.
- b. The Committee will meet quarterly to review H.A.A. operations at Lurie Children's in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Institutional Planned Development Number 3.
- c. It has been decided that the Committee meetings held in January and April will be conducted as a conference call, while meetings held in July and October will be in person at Lurie Children's Hospital. The meetings to discuss the winter months (January & April) will be held as a conference call due to the small number of flights that historically take place during that time frame.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing guidelines, the July meeting was held viz Zoom videoconferencing.

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 2020. 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. Karen Arndt Thank You: Susan Hayes Gordon

Susan informed the Committee that Karen Arndt, former Director of Interfacility Transport has left Lurie Children's. Susan thanked Karen for her work with the HAA program at Lurie Children's and the Heliport Review Committee

4. Membership Recommendation Discussion: Susan Hayes Gordon

- a. Susan informed the Committee that when recruiting new members, questions have been asked about the length of the commitment to the HRC.
- b. Susan brought up the concept of a minimum commitment for serving on the Committee of four years, beginning in January 2021.
- c. The feedback from the Committee was overwhelmingly positive and it was concluded that a minimum commitment should be instituted moving forward.

5. COVID-19 Impact on Lurie Children's: Michelle Stephenson, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer & Susan Hayes Gordon

- a. Lurie Children's is operating 3 drive-thru testing facilities.
- b. Lurie has tested over 11,000 children with a positivity rate of 7%. The majority of the positive children were presenting for other illnesses or were tested prior to a procedure.
- c. The hospital is currently 10% below are usual surgical volumes.
- d. Ambulatory visits are currently at 85% of normal volumes.
- e. The potential fiscal shortfall to Lurie Children's is \$92 million. The hospital has received \$23 million in relief funding and is hoping for additional funds from the COVID Phase 4 Relief bill.

6. Update on Lurie Children's Helicopter Air Ambulance (H.A.A.) Operations: Laura Westley, Sr. Dir ED/Interfacility Transport, Transport Team

- a. The HAA flight volumes are now at the same level as FY19 after dropping during the height of the stay at home order.

- b. The Mode Decision Matrix is being refined with the intention of providing it referring facilities.
- c. PPR (Prior Permission Required) has now officially been painted on to the helipad.

7. Review of April through June 2020 Heliport Usage Reports: Dr. Bob Newmyer, Medical Director for Transport

- a. Copies of the April, May and June 2020 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. A question was asked about the COVID-19 safety procedures for helicopter transport. Every child that is transported to Lurie is considered PUI (Patient Under Investigation), therefore the transport team and medical team are in full PPE.

9. Committee Meeting Schedule: The Committee's next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on October 15, 2020 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

10. Close:

- a. Susan asked Kendra Allaband, new Deputy General Counsel and Lurie's legal liaison to the HRC, to introduce herself to the Committee.
- b. Susan Hayes Gordon concluded the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

11. Meeting Participants:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. LaDarius Curtis
- c. Laura Westley
- d. Kendra Allaband
- e. Michelle Stephenson
- f. Dr. Bob Newmyer

- g. Brian Stahulak
- h. John Wilhelm
- i. John Chikow
- j. Willa Iglitzen Lang
- k. Hannah Gryska, on behalf of Comm. Jamie Rhee
- l. John Geahan
- m. Nick Polutnik