

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Heliport Review Committee
Summary of October 15, 2020 Meeting

This report summarizes the issues discussed during the October 15, 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 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 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 October 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 July, August and September 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. Dr. Shanley Introduction: Susan Hayes Gordon

Susan welcomed Dr. Thomas Shanley, President and CEO of Lurie Children's Hospital to his first HRC Meeting.

4. Dr. Thomas Shanley Presentation: Dr. Thomas Shanley, President & CEO

- a. Dr. Shanley thanked the Committee members for their support of Lurie Children's and work on the HRC.
- b. Dr. Shanley spoke about his personal experience as a Pediatric Intensive Care specialist and the importance the heliport and air ambulance program to Lurie Children's PICU.
- c. COVID-19 forced Lurie Children's to change the way they treat patients, including growing telehealth services. Telehealth visit volume grew by more than 5,000% and Lurie trained almost 1,200 providers in just six months.
- d. In the past year Lurie opened the Primary Care Center with Town & Country Pediatrics in Skokie and in November will open outpatient services, adding 13 pediatric specialties to the 32,000 square foot facility.
- e. Lurie was again one of the top-ranked children's hospital in Illinois as published by U.S. News & World Report, and achieved a fifth Magnet designation, the highest award in nursing.
- f. The new Patrick M. Magoon Institute for Healthy Communities was officially launched. This Institute will serve as a hub for all the work Lurie experts do to improve the health and well-being of youth outside the walls of the hospital.
- g. The Magoon Institute will increase Lurie's commitment to community health and provide a greater ability to address the root causes of health disparities for children and adolescents.

5. Zankhana Desai, RN Introduction & Remarks: Susan Hayes Gordon

Susan welcomed a new member to the HRC, Zankhana Desai of Central DuPage Hospital, where she serves as Associate Manager of the Emergency Department. Ms. Desai also specializes in Neonatal - Perinatal Medicine.

Susan explained that Central DuPage is one of many referring hospitals to Lurie Children's that utilizes our Helicopter Air Ambulance program.

Susan then allowed Ms. Desai to speak about the partnership between Lurie and a referring hospital.

Ms. Desai explained that Central DuPage sends mainly pediatric trauma patients to Lurie as CDH is a Level 2 trauma center and Lurie a Level 1.

Central DuPage Hospital does have a helipad located on site that can receive Lurie's transport team.

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

- a. Lurie is in the midst of transitioning to electronic medical records for the transport team.
- b. Safety Day was held in early October, which is a mandatory day of learning all things safety for the Lurie Transport Team, including survival training, lights and sirens, team building and wellness.

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

- a. Copies of the July, August and September 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>
- c. Susan acknowledged that this HRC Meeting will be the final one for LaDarius Curtis.

8. Committee Feedback:

- a. A question was asked about how many Lurie employees are currently working from home.

It was explained that a large portion of non-patient facing employees have been working from home during the pandemic and the total is between 30-35%.

9. Close:

- a. Susan thanked Committee Member John Chikow at the end of his last HRC Meeting for his dedication and work on the Committee.

- b. Susan Hayes Gordon concluded the meeting at 9:15 a.m.
- c. The next meeting will be held January 26, 2021.

10. Meeting Participants:

- a. Susan Hayes Gordon
- b. Mary Kate Daly
- c. LaDarius Curtis
- d. Dr. Thomas Shanley
- e. Laura Westley
- f. Kendra Allaband
- g. Michelle Stephenson
- h. Dr. Bob Newmyer
- i. Brian Stahulak
- j. Zankhana Desai
- k. John Wilhelm
- l. Sharyl Mackey
- m. Mike Riordan
- n. Robert Kearney
- o. Mark Schulman
- p. John Chikow
- q. Willa Iglitzen Lang
- r. Dave Kostelansky
- s. Peter Simoncelli
- t. Clayton Stambaugh – IL
Dept. of Transportation
- u. Hannah Gryska, on behalf of
Comm. Jamie Rhee
- v. John Geahan
- w. Tom Coffey
- x. Nick Polutnik