

**REGION ONE PHYSICIAN ADVISORY BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008 1-3PM**  
**BETHESDA NORTH HOSPITAL**

Welcome and Introductions:

Present: Phillip F. Oblinger, MD, Hamilton Schwartz, MD, Hamilton Lempert, MD, Bruce Ashley, MD, Don Locasto, MD, Ellen Owens, Keith Staples, and Lindsey Collette, EMS.

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting of the Region One Physician Advisory Board was called to order 1:00 PM 5/21/08 at Bethesda North Hospital. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, there were no corrections, and they were approved as written.

Membership:

Region One RPAB membership was discussed. We could use at least one or two more members. There has been no response from Dr. Van Zile who had originally expressed some interest. A call has been placed to the Medical Director of Mercy Clermont Hospital (Dr. Joe Renusch) and to the new and upcoming Medical Director for Brown County General Hospital (Dr. Brian Treon) to see if they have someone that might be interested in becoming a member.

Region One RPAB Newsletter:

Lindsey Collett was under the impression that we were waiting for some new State PI data for the newsletter. Pam Green will check with Tim Erskine to make sure that we have the most recent data for 2006 and that all data is present and accounted for. Contact will be made between Pam and Lindsey to ensure that this data is available for the newsletter.

Dr. Hamilton Schwartz will submit an article regarding pediatrics for the newsletter. We will also include an article regarding the ED Hospital Capabilities Survey.

It is our hope that we will be able to complete and distribute a new edition of the newsletter before the end of 2008. When completed the newsletter will be available on the web site and can be accessed via [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov) Go to RPAB under quick links. Click on "Meeting Minutes" "Region 1" and "Newsletter".

Again, if you have any other ideas or input please let Dr. Oblinger or Pam Green know.

State National Update:

We reviewed several items from the recent RPAB Chairpersons meeting. Included in that we discussed the national accreditation problem that is on the horizon for many of our paramedic training programs – coming in January 2013. At that time all paramedic programs, in order to have their students sit through the national registry, will have to be accredited. That will create some difficulty and this was discussed at length.

We also discussed the national EMS standards. We discussed the proposed geriatric trauma triage rules and where they are in the State process. Apparently they are through the EMS Board and are now becoming rules.

We discussed the recent State trauma system evaluation done by a national firm. It found us essentially to have a very newly developed trauma system. One of the strengths of the trauma system was the triage guidelines and the EMS aspects of our trauma system. We did seem to fall down in communication between hospitals, data, and performance improvement along the hospitals and the trauma systems and outside of the trauma system.

We discussed the RPAB legislation revision and with that discussed how that would effect the regional RPABs. The proposal most notably indicates that the RPAB will no longer be responsible for being the medical director should an EMS unit lose its medical director. The RPAB will be available to assist in finding them a medical director but would not be responsible. The RPAB would no longer be responsible for maintaining a list of EMS training continuation, and equipment in the area. There were some changes made to the medical director requirements as the "grandfather period"

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for non-residency trained/board eligible and certified emergency physicians has expired. Those are in draft form and have to be ready for filing by January and are in the process of going to the EMS Board.

#### ED Medical Directors Survey:

We reviewed a ED Medical Director survey sent out by the Tri State Trauma Coalition. The Tri State Trauma Coalition had, through the chairman, requested that perhaps if they want to do more thorough survey that this be done with the help of the RPAB Board. The discussion ensued with Dr. Locasto who had just finished a Hospitals ED Capability Survey and he did seem willing to help with that if the Tri State Trauma Coalition decided that they do want to send out another survey. Essentially, their participation in the survey was relatively poor at only about 30% or less.

#### Old Business:

Hospital Capability Survey – there were some surprises on this survey and obviously some incorrect information. In addition, there were several hospitals that surprisingly did not submit any data. This will be published in the next Region One newsletter and will probably be something that we hope to update every year or two.

#### New Business:

We discussed a request from Jerry Lautz (Homeland Security) for the Region One RPAB to act as a “endorsing body” to enact the Cipro prophylaxis for EMS providers. The question was discussed at length as to whether that would be appropriate for the RPAB Board to do that. It was felt that we should refer this on to Dr. Carol Cunningham and the EMS Board as far as whether we should be endorsing this program.

#### Future Meetings:

It was brought to our attention that one of the Region One meetings scheduled for the future presents some conflicts in regards to where it is and when it is. Communication will occur between Pam Green and the RPAB members to ensure that the upcoming meetings are appropriately scheduled and times do not conflict with any other meetings. Pam Green will follow up with any changes made to future meeting dates/times. These changes will also be forwarded to Ellen Owens so that they can be placed on the web site.

#### Adjournment:

With no further business the Region One RPAB meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Phillip F. Oblinger, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.  
Region One Chair  
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