

REGION ONE PHYSICIAN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17, 2008 2-4PM
BETHESDA NORTH HOSPITAL

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting of the Region One Physician Advisory Board was called to order at 2:00 PM on 9/17/08 at Bethesda North Hospital. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Physicians and Guests Present:

Phillip F. Oblinger, MD, Hamilton Lempert, MD, Bruce Ashley, MD, Nancy Zahradirl, Children's Hospital.

(Unable to attend were Hamilton Schwartz, M.D., Don Locasto, M.D., Lindsey Collette, and Keith Staples, University Hospital due to area emergencies caused by the recent wind storm.)

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written with no changes.

Membership:

Region One RPAB membership was discussed. We could use at least one or two more members. Another

call went out to the members to see if there are any other emergency physicians they know of that might be interested in joining the Region One RPAB. If you have any possible candidates in mind for membership please let Dr. Phil Oblinger or Pam Green know and they will be happy to personally contact them.

Region One RPAB Newsletter:

The 2007 version of the *Region One RPAB* newsletter is available online. As always, if you have any suggestions for the next newsletter edition please let Dr. Oblinger or Pam Green know.

New Business:

We did do a State/National update. We focused on the problem with the national accreditation and national registry problem for independent paramedic training programs in the state of Ohio.

We discussed that the division of EMS and ODPS have requested of the Co-AEMSP that Ohio possibly be designated as a reciprocating accrediting agency; although there is little help that this will help. Problems as far as the cost to the smaller departments being prohibited were discussed. Currently there are only 5 nationally accredited in the state and quite a few that are exploring that option.

We discussed EMS and homeland security updates.

We discussed the stages of purchasing a continuing education module that will allow EMTs to do online CME. In particularly areas that are difficult to obtain otherwise. This would include CHEMPAK, programs, all hazard programs, geriatric triage program, etc. This is on the horizon, it is not available as of yet.

We did discuss that the ODH has a telemedicine project.

We reviewed the RPAB legislation and rule change recommendations. No further recommendations were made from Region One

We discussed that Pam Green will contact any of the current Region One RPAB members that need reapplication to make sure they send in their CVs, photos, and bios as needed.

Future Meetings:

There will be an all member RPAB meeting in Columbus on November 13, 2008, 1PM. We hope many of our Region One members will be able to attend this.

Our next Region One RPAB meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2008 – 2-4 PM – at Bethesda North Hospital.

We will do an updated Regions activities, including the newsletter and the capabilities survey at that time. We elected not to set the 2009 meetings until the November 12th meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Respectively submitted,

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Region One Chair

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