

Regional Physician Advisory Board
Region III

St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, OH

June 5, 2008

Attending: Dr. Toth; Chairperson, Dr. Tucker, Dr. Humphrey and Dr. Lint

Guests: Please see Dr. Toth's list; Special Guest Ellen Owens – Ohio
Department of Public Safety

- The meeting was called to order at 1745
- The minutes from the February meeting at LMH were not available for approval.
- Dr. Tucker welcomed special guest Ellen Owens from the Ohio Department of Public Safety
- We currently have six members on the Region III Board. In an effort to expand the committee, Van Wert Hospital and Joint Township, St. Marys were contacted. Dr. Toth made contact with physicians in these areas but no one seemed interested in joining.
- Trauma Committee had no report
- The State Board report regarding the EMS Rule Changes were reviewed and discussed with a handout summary of the changes taking effect on May 29, 2008.

Old Business:

- Protocol updates – Dr. Lint presented protocols that have been up-dated on Cardiac care. The committee discussed the format presently used. It was recommended to use the previous format of the boxes and various levels outlined.
- Dr. Toth discussed research topics for 2008.
- The CO2 detector usage for 2008 from LMH and SRMC will be reviewed and reported on quarterly results.
- Dr. Toth would like to see the 12 lead EKG guidelines/ protocol which had to be changed first.
- The RPAB rules have been revised on the board regarding. Medical Direction of squads that do not have a medical director. It was published in the SIREN but it has changed since the Spring issue. It is recommended to go on-line and check the verbiage.
- Dr. Toth recommended that Medical Directors should check to see if they are covered on insurance.
- Medical Directors should begin working on a back up protocol. If something would happen to the present Medical Director they need to have a designated back up.

New Business:

- Dr. Humphrey discussed SRMC and the purchase of LACP. The operation will not change and will continue as it has been. A mobile ICU unit will be made

available with a nurse on board. They are not looking at expanding the services to other areas.

- Becky Hauserman presented an overview on MEMS for the board.
- Ellen Owens stated that 1 ½ years ago the protocol for cardiac care changed. Dr. Tucker requested that Ellen check to see if is on the web site as he has not personally viewed it. Dr. Toth requests that we keep the state protocols that outline the various levels and explain what each level can do. Dr. Lint requests we do this in sections. A protocol test was requested once the protocols are completed.
- DNR protocol discussed and changes that the state are looking at in the future.

Meeting adjourned

Next RPAB will be at Van Wert Hospital on October 2, 2008