

**REGIONAL PHYSICIAN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 28, 2007**

Attendance: Members: F. Barry Knotts St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
David Lindstrom, MD LCEMS
Michael Oswanski, MD The Toledo Hospital
Glen Vaughn, MD Defiance Regional Medical Center

Guests: Kristin Calkins UTMC
Jeff Cooper St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Rhonda Dressel The Toledo Hospital
Gary Englehart Fisher-Titus Medical Center
Sherry Lauer The Toledo Hospital
Marchelle Lee Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio
Lori Lill Fisher-Titus Medical Center
Gary Orlow LCEMS
Diane Simon, RN Defiance Regional Medical Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. at The Toledo Hospital Education Center, Conf. Rm. G.

Minutes were approved, with the stipulation that the date is corrected on the first page.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There is a liability insurance program for Medical Directors. It requires that the Medical Director not be covered by another liability policy. The Thomas James Company is the insurer, and it seems to be reasonable.

Mike Glenn has taken a civilian job in Germany working for the U.S. military. John Sands is his replacement.

RPAB is being reorganized. There is an online application at the EMS website for those who want to be appointed to the RPAB.

Next Chairperson's meeting is March 14.

3. LIAISON REPORTS:

NORTR

The next Trauma Symposium will be held Oct. 4, 2007 at the EMS Training Center. Jay Johannigman will be the featured speaker, and his topic will be military medicine.

State Trauma Committee and Subcommittee

Trauma Retreat will be held September 11th and 12th to evaluate the trauma system.

Akron General received AED contract.

Geriatric triage criteria are still being studied. Need more statistical evidence, such as when GCS is less than 15.

The subcommittee on transfer times from ER has referred their information to the grant system and it is a Priority Funding 2 – Prevention Grant. It has already been publicized.

There are two vacancies, oral and orthopedic surgeons.

There is now a programmer for the probabilistic matching program.

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Disaster Planning

The Fundamentals of Critical Care Support course was offered at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Hospital on January 29 and 30. Kathy Silvestri hopes to hold a total of 3 training classes between now and end of September.. Latina Amick is the coordinator, but if you are interested in the course, you can also contact Kathy Silvestri or Patty Beckman.

A number of drills will be held, nuclear power drills, mass casualty drills, etc. Some will be tabletop and some will be hands-on.

A new antidote called Hydroxy Cobamalin for cyanide therapy has been approved by the FDA. It can be used for smoke inhalation victims, as well as for our stockpile.

Lucas County EMS

Lucas County EMS is moving forward with electronic patient care reporting. Data is currently skewed because the shorter response times are not being reported.

A national search is being held for a quality improvement coordinator.

Use of the ResQ device is resulting in getting a pulse back before ER of 50%, compared to only 8% before use of the device. (It is a \$100 single-use device that is placed on the ET tube that helps increase intrathoracic pressure, and has a light to help providers slow down to 12 compressions per minute.) Dr. Lindstrom would like to do a formal study, but would need to contact various IRB Boards before data on patient outcomes would be released.

Training process has changed, are now putting paramedics through scenarios with mannequins that is helping to teach paramedics when to use alternate methods based on airway assessments. Current training instructor will be retiring.

4. OLD BUSINESS

The National EMS Scope of Practice document, which did address most Ohio concerns, is now available. Dr. Knotts will email it upon request.

5. NEW BUSINESS

This is also a NORTR Liaison item. NORTR initiated a PI project based on data collected. The number of cases have been selected. All deaths were looked at, and a couple of cases from each participating hospital has been selected for review. The first multi-institutional meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

6. NEXT MEETING

Is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, at Mercy Hospital of Tiffin.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Administrative Assistant