

Region VII Minutes  
March 21, 2007  
Orrville, Ohio

1. Meeting called to order at 10:09 am.

2. Those in attendance: Eileen F. Baker, MD, Kobie Brooks, Francis Mencl, MD (from Region 8), Laurie Weaver, Lori Josefczyk, Debbie Pisciotta, Steven Kelly, MD and Kim Hamilton.

3. Minutes from November 9, 2006 were reviewed and approved.

**4. Update on proposed National EMS Scope of Practice Model**

The final draft document has been sent out. An attachment of this document accompanies these Minutes.

**5. Update on Thomas James Insurance product for EMS medical directors**

The liability product conceived by Keith Wesley of Wisconsin is now available through the Thomas James Company. It requires that a written contract exist between the EMS agency and the EMS medical director. One cannot have duplicate coverage to be eligible for this policy. The cost is estimated to be \$1000-5000/year, dependent upon run volume.

**6. House Bill 375**

House Bill 375 has been signed into law, allowing the State EMS Board to restructure the RPAB boundaries. A committee has been formed by the Board and is accepting recommendations. Dr. Bocka and Dr. Maxwell have expressed their preference, via email, that the boundaries reflect trauma center catchment areas. Their comments have been sent to Dr. Cunningham. Anyone with further comment may email Dr. Baker or Dr. Cunningham, directly.

**7. New RPAB Coordinator**

The new Coordinator will be Ellen Owens, rather than John Sands. Her email address is [eowens@state.oh.us](mailto:eowens@state.oh.us)

**8. NIMS Upgrade**

The NIMS requirements for EMS providers will be upgraded by April. This training is mandatory for EMS providers. Dr. Cunningham encourages all EMS Medical Directors to complete the training, as well. Courses address the incident command system and are available on-line.

**9. Center of Excellence**

The Grants Committee Project from 2006 was to develop a Center of Excellence to help direct research funds to best utilize the State's EMS data. A group of statisticians and researchers have been asked to participate. They are: Bruce Ashley, Ron Harover and Wayne Wheeler.

**10. Officer Elections**

Dr. Saklecha's term of office has expired. Therefore, there is no Assistant Chair for Region 7. No one stepped forward with an interest to serve as Assistant Chair, nor as Chair, so Dr. Baker will continue as Chair of Region 7. Those who are interested in either position should email Dr. Baker. Elections can be held at the next meeting.

**11. Future meetings:**

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 10 AM

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 10 AM

Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 1 PM

12. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.