

Minutes
IDPH Informal Dispute Resolution Committee
Meeting of June 19, 2008
IDPH Offices, Springfield

Committee Members Present:

Henry Kowalenko, Chairperson
Joe Brueck
Ann Guild
Patrick Grzybek
David Volz
Harry Wolin
Vern Wegerer

Committee Members Absent:

Doug King
Dave Mikos

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Henry Kowalenko, Chairperson. The meeting minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and Ann Guild made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Vern Wegerer. The meeting minutes were approved as written.

The Committee reviewed the mobile unit rules for new units and existing units. The change was the addition of the HVAC requirements for the new units. Pat Grzybeck made a motion to accept the requirements, Joe Brueck seconded the motion. The addition of the mobile unit rules has been approved. Jody will start the process of getting these rules to legal for inclusive in the licensing requirements.

The changes to the IDR submission forms were reviewed and the following change will be added to the list of general information, "The plans shall include an overall, legible floor plan with an enlargement of the area(s) in dispute. The plans shall include fire zone, room identification (ie, patient room, OR, ED,etc), and the required exiting from the area." Jody will make the changes and provide electronic copies to the Committee members.

The meeting schedule for the remainder of the calendar year was discussed. The meeting for July shall remain cancelled and the meeting for August will be August 14, 2008. Jody will provide an updated meeting calendar for the members at the August meeting. The meetings in Springfield will be moved to the Penta Building if the room is available.

Henry posed the following issues from the Hospital Licensing Requirements to the Committee for discussion:

- 205.1850 – Rooming in of Mother and infant

- It was decided that a well baby is a patient and that the required clearances be enforced as a room with two patients.
- Med gases can be piped or bottled gases can be used provided the facility has an approved policy regarding the use of bottled gas.
- Recovery of a c-section in LDR
 - Since a c-section is considered surgical, the advantage of having recovery within the surgical suite is the availability of the surgeon and surgical services in case of post operative complications. But a LDR is acceptable for recovery
- NFPA 101, Sec. 7.2.1.5.4
 - 2 operations to open a door. The Committee agreed with the Department's opinion that a door equipped with a knob and separate thumb latch to constitute two operations and, therefore, should not be permitted. The Department shall continue to cite these as deficiencies.
- Satellite nurse alcoves
 - Currently the Department does not permit these at a seated height.
 - The Committee felt that these should be allowed with the use of chairs that would not intrude on the required corridor width or with a policy that keeps these chairs from becoming a hazard in case of a fire emergency.

Joe Brueck posed a question from Dave Mikos on the use of robotic transport systems. He wanted to know how the Department viewed the use these transport systems. This type of system is being used at the new Bolingbrook Hospital. The Department currently reviews these systems on a case by case basis. The Committee recommended that a presentation on the use of these robotic transport systems and their impact on life safety systems be scheduled. Jody will coordinate and get this set up for the September or October meeting.

Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1215 pm, seconded by Pat Grzybek. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2008, at the IDPH offices, Penta Building, 828 South Second Street, Springfield.