

ONA, OONE, OHA
Nursing 2015 Red Team Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2007

Meeting called to order: 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

Present: Kathleen Morris, Kay Ball, Sally Harris, Jean Ansley, Diana Boyd, Marie Bashaw, Joy Hamilton, Lamont Yoder, Deb McKee, Dee Guttadore, Gingy Harshey-Meade

Air Quality: Kay Ball gave a power point presentation on Ambient Environmental Hazards in the OR. Discussion in detail included Control Inhalation, Diseases, Anesthesia Gases, and Glutaraldehyde Hazards (when sterilizing utensils). Glutaraldehyde spill procedure was discussed along with the need for eye wash stations and proper ventilation systems.

Kay also discussed the hazards of plume generated during laser surgery and cell explosion during surgery: toxic odor, particulate matter, viability concerns, endoscopy concerns. High filtration masks are a solution.

Health Care without Harm: Kathleen Morris' power point presentation covered Environmental Issues in Health Care. She also had several handouts and books on this subject available.

Environmental problems covered in the presentation were (1) Incineration, (2) Mercury, (3) PVC, (4) DEHP, (5) Chemical Policy, and (6) Building materials/food/cosmetics. Medical waste incineration is the largest source of dioxin air pollution. Coal burning generators are the biggest producer of mercury. Some alternatives to reducing environmental problems are recycle, reuse, autoclave, microwave, and steam systems.

Next Steps: Two presentations were given at the last meeting and two more at this meeting. The team will address safety issues at the next meeting. The architect still needs to meet with the team. As a result of these meetings, White Papers may be established for legislation and for builders, as well as a proposal for a web page that links all the numerous resources together.

The next meeting is targeted for a Wednesday in June.