

The Renal Network, Inc.
ESRD Network 9/10
Description of Duties for Elected Committees
2008 Election

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees establishes policies for the corporation, and otherwise is empowered to carry out all of the duties, powers and responsibilities of the corporation. The Board of Trustees routinely reviews all budget items and financial matters for the Network, ensures the Network contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is being maintained appropriately, approves of activities proposed by the Medical Review Board and Patient Leadership Council, and approves policies and procedures for the Network, as necessary.

Candidates for elected positions on the Board of Trustees must:

- o have the appropriate credentials in the discipline they are representing;
- o be experienced in dialysis and/or renal transplantation;
- o be affiliated with a Medicare approved dialysis facility or transplant center which is a member of Network 9/10;
- o have Network experience on the Medical Review Board or an appointed committee

It is required that nominees have email access because announcements and communications are relayed via email.

The Board of Trustees meets two to three times per year. Travel and overnight lodging are reimbursed to enable members to attend these meetings.

Medical Review Board

The Medical Review Board serves as the primary advisory panel for all Network quality improvement activities, including Fistula First, clinical performance measures, quality improvement projects, patient grievances, special studies and surveys regarding the health care delivery to ESRD patients.

To meet these responsibilities in an ongoing and consistent manner, the Medical Review Board is divided into two subcommittees, each with specific charges. These subcommittees and their focus area are as follows:

- **Quality Improvement & Clinical Performance Measures:** This subcommittee is assigned the task of looking at quality of care issues. It oversees the implementation of the Fistula First Initiative for ESRD Network 9/10 and other quality improvement activities. The subcommittee deals with general quality concerns, including the review of chart audits and site visits, and requests corrective action plans, when necessary, and checks the follow-up of these requests. As needed, the subcommittee analyzes data routinely collected by the Network, and recommends additional data necessary or for special study and quality improvement projects.

- **Patient Relations:** This subcommittee deals with matters which directly affect patients, such as complaints and grievances, patient education materials, access to transplant and home therapies, as well as vocational rehabilitation. The subcommittee deals with grievances on an ongoing basis until each is resolved.

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The Medical Review Board meets three to four times a year. Travel and overnight lodging are reimbursed to enable members to attend these meetings.