

**STATE OF OHIO  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

**TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *Final***

**Chaired by:** Kathy Haley, RN

**Date & Location:** July 9, 2008 at Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, Ohio

Name	Attendance		Name	Attendance	
	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Nancie Bechtel, RN,	X		Michael Shannon, MD	X	
John Crow, MD		X	Diane Simon, RN	X	
William Crum	X		Howard Werman, MD	X	
Gary Englehart, FACHE	X		Richard Ziegler, DDS	X	
Mark Gebhart, MD	X				
Todd Glass, MD	X				
Vickie Graymire, RN	X		Carol Cunningham, MD*	X	
Kathy Haley, RN	X		Jon Groner, MD*	X	
Jason Kinley, EMT-P		X	Virginia Haller, MD*	X	
Brian Kuntz, EMT-P	X		F. Barry Knotts, MD*	X	
Cliff Mason, EMT-P		X			
Edward Michelson, MD		X			
Sidney Miller, MD	X		Tim Erskine, EMT-P ‡	X	
Greg Nemunaitis, MD	X		Heather Frient†		X
Jennifer Piccione, RN		X	Sue Morris ‡	X	
David Pohlman, EMT-P		X	Millie Pontious ‡	X	
Kevin Pugh, MD		X	* = Non-Voting Committee member ‡ = Non-Voting ODPS/DEMS Staff		
Jane Riebe	X				

**Others in Attendance:**

An audience sign-in sheet is on file in the Division of EMS office.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Welcome and Introductions** – Kathy Haley called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. A quorum is present at the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approve the May 2008 meeting minutes. Moved and seconded.

**VOTE:** All in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

**Liaison Reports**

**ODPS legislative update** – Tim Erskine reported that the Legislature is in its summer recess at the moment, therefore, not much is going to move. The two items of interest to this committee include the volunteer ambulance staffing where a first responder would be driving with an EMT riding in the back; and the second item pertained to if you were going to be a volunteer EMT you did not need to take the standardized test at the end; you just automatically passed it. These two items have been stuck in Committee and it does not look like there is going to be any movement to get them out.

**EMS Medical Director report** – Dr. Cunningham updated the committee regarding the near final draft of the RPAB legislation which Dr. Cunningham will be discussing with Legal Counsel Heather Frient. She will then distribute it to the RPAB members. Additional changes will be made when the Chairs meet in September. Dr. Cunningham also attended the National Association of State EMS officials in Washington, D.C. Dr. Cunningham made the report of the Ohio's Geriatric Research to the group and there was an incredible interest and lengthy discussion about the research among the council members, as well as the Directors. An e-mail was received from HRSA asking Medical Director Council members attending the meeting to submit topics as a position paper. HRSA is distributing some funds to States and Dr. Cunningham feels we should include the Ohio Geriatric Trauma research. If there are any other items the Committee feels should be presented on behalf of Ohio, please provide to Dr. C. before August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**EMS Board** – Dr. Groner updated the Committee on the EMS Board's promotion of auto safety and the 100 Days of Summer campaign to reduce teen driving deaths. Tim Erskine updated the committee on the requirement for paramedic programs to be nationally accredited in order to allow their students to take the NREMT exam. Decision was made by the National Registry Board and will not be effective until January 1, 2013. Kathy Haley also discussed the newly created EMS Board Research Committee. Dr. Tom Collins is the Chair and Kathy Haley is a member. The purpose of this Committee is to assimilate the outcome of various research in order to stimulate evidence for a practice change within the State. The Committee will also review proposed EMS research which exceeds the current scope of practice.

Dr. Miller proposed the Committee recommend to the EMS Board that the Board adopt a position prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while operating a vehicle. Dr. Miller prepared a motion to be given to the EMS Board which reads "The Trauma Committee recommends that the EMS Board encourage legislation that would A) eliminate cell phone use by operators of moving motor vehicles on Ohio's roadways, and B) encourage the further development and use of hands-free technology in motor vehicles as a means of decreasing motor vehicle crashes. In light of this motion, the Trauma Committee will provide supporting literature to accompany this recommendation." After extensive discussion, the motion was tabled until a literature search could be performed to gather relevant evidence to support the position.

### **Sub-Committee & Work Group Reports**

**Geriatric Triage** – Dr. Werman reported that the group is presently working on the 4<sup>th</sup> draft of the article and it is nearly done. The final draft will be circulated to all committee members before it is submitted for publication.

**Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee** – Dr. Knotts – Unique identifier set and next steps planned. The OTR acute care and rehab databases will each have to have the unique ID field added, but while this is a relatively simple change from a programming standpoint, it may take a while because of IT bureaucracy. We will also have to work with CDM to ensure they create a spot for it in their export. Rehab is the biggest hurdle. We will have to ensure the UID is transferred from acute care to rehab; ensure that rehabs know to collect it; and, we'll need to ensure the rehab software developers (2 of them) create an export field for it. Upgrading the acute care registry to match NTDS is on hold due to a lack of funding. The data dictionary won't be published because NTDS is still a moving target with minor tweaks still being made.

**Over/Under Triage** – Gary Englehart reported that the first meeting will be immediately after this meeting.  
**Quarterly System Reports** – No report.

### **Old Business**

**Geriatric Trauma Triage Rules (OAC 4765-14)** – Tim Erskine explained that rule 4765-14-06 had been added. Specifically, it states that "If the state trauma triage protocols are amended to include criteria that do not appear in a region's protocols, such amendments will automatically be applied to the region's protocols until such time as the region amends their protocols, in accordance with Section 4765.40 of the Revised Code."

**MOTION:** Approve proposed rule 4765-14 and refer to the EMS Board. Moved by Miller, second by Glass. **Vote:** 14 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

**Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation** – The Committee reviewed the work so far of the prioritization of the MTSPE findings. The OSTNL workgroup took each indicator that the Committee scored lower than 3 and gave it an achievable target score, then scored each on ease of attainment based on a formula that considered three factors: Impact on direct patient care, legislation required, and resources required. The scoring system was discussed in detail with several alternatives suggested.

The next step in the MTSPE is using the findings to create a trauma system plan. Tim Erskine has received strategic system plans from Florida, Tennessee and Washington. Washington's plan seems to be more in line with our plan. The reports will be sent to all Committee members.

### **New Business**

**Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission** – Jane Riebe distributed the Biennial Report on the Incidence of Traumatic Brain Injury in Ohio (2004-2006).

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Kathy Haley.

Next meeting will be on September 10, 2008, 10am, ODOT Conference Room G-A.