

**STATE OF OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *Final*

Chaired by: John Crow, MD

Date & Location: September 10, 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		Christy Beeghly*		X
Vickie Graymire, RN		X	Carol Cunningham, MD*	X	
Kathy Haley, RN	X		Jon Groner, MD*		X
Brian Kuntz, EMT-P		X	Virginia Haller, MD*	X	
Cliff Mason, EMT-P	X		F. Barry Knotts, MD*	X	
Edward Michelson, MD	X				
Sidney Miller, MD		X			
Greg Nemunaitis, MD		X	Tim Erskine, EMT-P ‡	X	
Jennifer Piccione, RN		X	Heather Frient†		X
David Pohlman, EMT-P		X	Sue Morris ‡	X	
Kevin Pugh, MD	X		Millie Pontious ‡	X	
Jane Riebe	X		* = Non-Voting Committee member ‡ = Non-Voting ODPS/EMS Staff		
Jonathan Saxe, MD	X				

Others in Attendance:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Crow called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. A quorum is present at the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Review and approval of the July 2008 meeting minutes. Moved and seconded.

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

Liaison Reports

Announcement – Tim Erskine informed the Committee members that Jason Kinley had resigned as a member of the Trauma Committee.

ODPS Legislative Update – Tim Erskine reported that the Legislature is in a “Lame Duck” session and because of the upcoming election and not much is moving at the moment. However, if something does move during this period, it usually moves very quickly; therefore, we will keep a close eye on the two items of interest to the Trauma Committee.

H. B. 601 is the new DNR legislation based on the POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) paradigm which was introduced in July at the Legislature. In Ohio, it will be called MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment). This Bill will probably not be approved as it is written right now. The bill will be re-written, reviewed by involved stakeholders and re-introduced where a new number will be given to the Bill. This will happen sometime around January, 2009. This law will only apply to 18 years old and older. POLST and MOLST brochures were distributed to Committee members. Further information can be found under www.polst.org.

MOTION: “This Committee recommends to the EMS Board their support for the need of implementation of the new POLST legislation to make clear to pre-hospital providers the patients’ wishes for life sustaining treatment and to guide in treatment of adult patients particularly, the geriatric trauma patients”. Moved by Michelson, second by Haley. **Vote:** All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

Geriatric triage rules were approved by the EMS Board and submitted to JCARR for review. The JCARR public meeting is scheduled for the October Board meeting (October 15th). See JCARR documentation explaining their role which was distributed at the meeting.

EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Cunningham updated the committee regarding the RPAB legislation. Dr. Cunningham has been traveling to several national conferences to present the Ohio geriatric trauma triage rules which have been very well received and shown a tremendous interest in this topic. Dr. Cunningham also completed an agreement with Ohio ITLS to present this program at their annual conference on February, 2009 in Columbus. Dr. Cunningham has been asked by the States Medical Directors Council to speak at the annual meeting of the National Association of State EMS Officials to present an update on Ohio’s EMS programs to this Association’s members. She will include the Ohio geriatric trauma triage in her presentation.

Sub-Committee & Work Group Reports

Geriatric Triage – Dr. Werman reported that the geriatric triage group has completed the article (manuscript); if members have additional comments or ideas it needs to be submitted as soon as possible since the article will be submitted for publication in the near future.

Given that the workgroup’s tasks had been completed, it was disbanded with the Committee’s thanks and congratulations.

Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee – Dr. Knotts – The Subcommittee has been working on the implementation plan of the unique identifier. The only problem that we see at the moment is the EMS ability to provide or transfer the numbers to hospitals. 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. 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 fields need to be added) create an export field for it. Upgrading the acute care registry to match NTDS is on hold due to a lack of funding.

MOTION: “This Committee refers to the EMS Board for further study and implementation of the unique identifier methodology for submitting numbers to hospitals from EMS agencies and the mechanism for transferring that number to rehabilitation facilities.” Moved by Knotts, second by Haley. **Vote:** All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

Over/Under Triage – Gary Englehart reported that the first meeting was held in July. Members of the Subcommittee are: Sidney Miller, Nancie Bechtel, Bill Crum, Gary Englehart, Jennifer Piccione, Michael Shannon, Diane Simon, Brian Kuntz, Richard Ziegler, Todd Glass, Kathy Haley, Ed Michelson, Kevin Pugh and Lynn Schweer. On a related note, T. Erskine has contacted Bridget Gargan from the Ohio Hospital Association, Laura Tiberi of Ohio ACEP and the Ohio Committee on Trauma to ask that they get together as a group to come up with guidelines that can be used by hospitals for secondary triage. Once these guidelines are established it can be distributed through the Ohio Hospital Association.

Quarterly System Reports – Dr. Crow asked the members of this Sub-Committee to meet with him for a few minutes after this meeting. The 2007 Quarterly System Report is available for review. T. Glass, G. Nemunaitis, J. Riebe, H. Werman and J. Crow, as Chairman, will be part of this Sub-Committee.

Old Business

Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation – Tim Erskine advised the Committee regarding formulas (scoring) used for the evaluation results and how the formula was going to be changed after input from Dr. Glass. The prioritization of the results will be changed; then, a draft model trauma plan will be finalized using this method. Members of this Sub-Committee are Dr. Glass, K. Haley, Dr. Saxe, Dr. Haller, Lynn Schweer, Diane Simon and Vickie Graymire.

Position on Cell Phone Use While Driving – T. Erskine distributed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Impact of Cell Phones on Motor Vehicle Accidents prepared by Dr. Nemunaitis. Another study regarding Cell Phones and Distracted Driving was distributed. Discussion regarding other distractions, other than cell phone usage, which prevent drivers from focusing on the task of driving. Extensive discussion regarding distractions while operating a motor vehicle was expressed by several members. A decision was made to keep the previous motion regarding elimination of cell phones while driving tabled since Dr. Nemunaitis and Dr. Miller were not present. Committee also discussed reviewing other study results or data available regarding other distractions affecting a driver. Work group members will be Dr. Crow, Jane Riebe, Sid Miller, Kevin Pugh and Richard Ziegler.

New Business

Trauma Triage Education Requirements – Discussion regarding current law and rule regarding trauma triage continuing education. Ohio Revised Code 4765.40(E), Ohio Administrative Code for EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic trauma triage CE would require eight hours on trauma issues, **two** of which must pertain to triage and transportation protocols approved by the board.

MOTION: “This Committee recommends to the EMS Board that the rules be changed to read: (c) Beginning with the applicant’s first full certification cycle following the effective date of this rule [Nov. 2002], eight hours on trauma issues, including triage and transportation protocols approved by the board.” Moved by Dr. Crow, second by Haley. **Vote:** All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership – T. Erskine and V. Haller discussed this new partnership. This is a state holder group which includes anybody from any agency, entity or association wanting to prevent injuries. This partnership is not part of state government although there are members who are state government representatives, such as members of Department of Education, Department of Health, etc. The first meeting was just held. Anyone wanting to attend future meetings, please notify Tim or Ginny.

Children’s Hospital of Cincinnati Study – “An Evaluation of the Impact of Outcome and the Etiology of Delayed Transport Times for Injured Pediatric Patients” was presented by Lynn Schweer. This study was funded by the Ohio EMS Injury Prevention Research Grant. The principal investigator was Richard A. Falcone, Jr., MD., MPH. T. Erskine will forward the study to all committee members. Dr. Falcone will be available to present this evaluation in more detail to the Board of EMS or this Committee. If there is an interest, please let L. Schweer know.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be on November 12, 2008, 10am, ODOT Conference Room G-A.