

**STATE OF OHIO  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

**TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FINAL**

**Chaired by:** John Crow, MD

**Date & Location:** November 12, 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		F. Barry Knotts, MD*	X	
Cliff Mason, EMT-P		X			
Edward Michelson, MD	X				
Sidney Miller, MD	X				
Greg Nemunaitis, MD	X		Tim Erskine, EMT-P ‡	X	
Jennifer Piccione, RN		X	Sue Morris ‡	X	
David Pohlman, EMT-P	X		Millie Pontious ‡	X	
Kevin Pugh, MD	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 10:15 am. A quorum is present at the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Review and approval of the September 2008 meeting minutes with minor changes. Moved by Shannon, second by Werman.

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

**Liaison Reports**

**Announcement** – Tim Erskine informed the Committee members that Dr. Virginia Haller had resigned from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and therefore as a member of the Trauma Committee also. Dr. Crow and K. Haley requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Haller for her dedication and valuable contribution throughout her years of service with the Trauma Committee. The Committee is hopeful that ODH will name a representative to serve in this Committee as soon as possible.

**MOTION:** “This Committee recommends to the EMS Board that a letter be sent to the Director of Ohio Department of Health urging him to name a replacement for Dr. Haller in a timely fashion”. Moved Haley, second by Shannon.

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

**EMS Medical Director Report** – Dr. Cunningham updated the committee regarding her trip, along with Executive Director Rucker, to the National Association of State EMS Officials meeting the third week of September. Some of the highlights that relates to this Committee are helicopter safety and helicopter shopping. Dr. Thomas A. Horan, Executive Director of the Claremont Information and Technology Institute (CITI) and Associate Professor in the School of Information Systems and Technology made a

presentation regarding Safe Road Maps research done in Minnesota. This is a GIS-based (Geographic Information System) mash-up to communicate public health issues related to rural and urban road transportation safety through a publicly accessible website. This can be found at [www.saferoadmaps.org](http://www.saferoadmaps.org).

K. Haley reiterated the fact that it is imperative that we have a replacement for Dr. Haller from the Department of Health as soon as possible. Dr. Haller was such an asset to the Committee plus her valuable contribution during the Geriatric Trauma Triage planning and implementation needs to be carried on. Ms. Haley asked for comments from the Committee members present as to additional ways to encourage immediate action in naming a liaison from ODH. Once the EMS Board sends the letter to the Director of ODH (see above) encouraging him to name a replacement as soon as possible, this Committee will keep an eye on this issue and discuss at our January 2009 meeting.

**ODPS Legislative Update** – Tim Erskine reported that the Legislature is still in a “lame duck” session. HB 601, the MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) legislation, is being considered at the moment. Representative Wachtmann wants this bill passed. The deal-breaking wording problems have apparently been worked out. T. Erskine has been working with the Fire Chiefs’ Association and the Honoring Wishes Task Force trying to make this right in order to avoid further conflicts with this legislation. T. Erskine will be attending a House Committee hearing that will include HB 601 tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Cunningham asked if there was an EMS immunity clause. T. Erskine will review the document again to make sure it is worded correctly.

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

**Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee** – T. Erskine presented minor changes to format being considered regarding the Unique Identifier (UID). Several committee members discussed UID arm bands suggesting the bands be provided at hospitals rather than by EMS agencies during transport of a patient. T. Erskine mentioned that the EMS Division cannot acquire and issue bands because it is very costly. Dr. Crow will update the EMS Board regarding the Trauma Committee’s recommendation regarding the hospitals being responsible for the tracking of trauma patients.

**Over/Under Triage** - Dr. Crow presented a PowerPoint presentation on geriatric triage to the Ohio Committee on Trauma where it was well received. Ohio ACEP and OSTNL have been contacted regarding establishing guidelines for secondary (hospital) triage for appropriate patient transfers, to be developed with OHA. The two groups were very interested in being part of this project. Hopefully, the group will develop general guidelines that would be used for after resuscitation transfers to trauma centers. This will also give a better, more appropriate model for hospitals which are using pre-hospital guidelines. G. Englehart and Dr. Crow will discuss this issue with the Attorney General’s representative to assure that several definitions are established.

**Quarterly System Reports** – No report. Dr. Crow asked T. Erskine to provide 2007 and part of 2008 to him in order to present it at the next Committee meeting.

#### **Old Business**

**Geriatric Trauma Triage Rules (OAC 4765-14)** – T. Erskine reported that the Rules public hearing is scheduled for next week at the Board meeting. The public hearing will pertain to the proposed changes; and hopefully there will not be any setback and it will be implemented sometime before the first of the year.

**Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation** – K. Haley is reviewing four other states’ systems data. She will continue to work in applying some of the other states’ data into our plan before presenting her final report to the Committee.

**Position on Distracted Driving** – J. Riebe has continued to research and analyze much of the data available and will be presenting a report in the near future. However, Ms. Riebe will be moving out of state and will not be able to continue her work with the Trauma Committee. Ms. Riebe will continue to work on the Distracted Driving project and share her findings with the Committee before she leaves for her new position.

**Trauma Triage Education Requirements** – Tim Erskine distributed copies of a document regarding 4765.07 Administrative Rules for Grant Program. The EMS Board has requested assistance from the

Trauma Committee on Priorities Two (Injury Prevention), Three (Rehabilitation/Retraining/Reemployment of Trauma Victims) and Four (Medical Procedures for Trauma Victims). T. Erskine collected input and suggestions from Committee members regarding revisions to this rule. The Committee's suggestions for focus areas were:

**Priority Two** – Injury prevention in geriatric population (70 and over), including mechanisms of injury, low-velocity MVC, pedestrian struck; Factors affecting motor vehicle crash drivers such as geriatric competence, distracted, aggressive, inexperienced and impaired drivers. **MOTION TO ACCEPT PRIORITY TWO:** Moved and seconded.

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

**Priority Three** (3-A & 3-B) – Priority 3-A should be changed to read: Projects that focus . . . mechanism for adult, pediatric **or geriatric** trauma victims and their families. The last bullet point under 3-A and 3-B should read: Functional outcomes after traumatic injuries . . . patients **70+** years of age. **MOTION TO ACCEPT PRIORITY THREE:** Moved and seconded.

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

**Priority Four** – **4-A** should read: **Research that focuses on primary evaluation and management in the pre-hospital and acute care settings of the trauma patient.** **4-B** – Change the word Projects to **Research.** **4-C** should read: **Research that focused on the effectiveness of trauma triage and/or secondary trauma triage scores. Two bullets to be added for under triage and over triage.** **ACCEPT PRIORITY FOUR A, B AND C:** Moved and seconded.

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

Add **Priority 4-D** which should read: **Effectiveness of measures of system-wide tracking trauma patients.** **ACCEPT PRIORITY FOUR D:** Moved and seconded.

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

**Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership** – Tim Erskine made an announcement regarding the annual meeting of this Partnership scheduled for Friday of next week here at ODPS, Room 134. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### New Business

**Trauma Committee Standard Operating Procedures** – T. Erskine distributed copies of the Trauma Committee Standard Operating Procedures to the members for their review and comment. The last review of this document was in 2004; it is supposed to be reviewed every two years and somehow it was not reviewed in 2006. Three changes were suggested. Under Committee Standard Operating Procedures, paragraph 1, first sentence should have the word **present** at the end of the sentence (after the word committee). Also, the word **present** should be included at paragraph 3, second sentence after the word vote. Finally, under Quorum, the phrase "concurrence of the majority of all members" should be replaced with the word "quorum."

**MOTION:** Move to approve as amended. Moved and seconded.

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

**Committee Attendance Report** – Dr. Crow commended at least nineteen (19) members for their attendance during the last three years. Most of the members have attended the meeting 69% or more. Mr. Englehart has been present at every meeting since January 2006 (100%). Dr. Saxe is 6 for 6. Most everyone has been present and active at least 2/3 of the time or more. At the moment the Trauma Committee has two vacancies; however, one has been selected and is being notified at the moment.

**Elections** – T. Erskine announced that two nominations had been made for Chair and Vice Chair: Dr. Crow and Ms. Haley, respectively. This is a re-nomination for both of them.

**MOTION:** Close nominations and elect Dr. Crow and Ms. Haley for Chair and Vice Chair. Moved by Englehart, second by Shannon.

**VOTE:** All in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Dr. Crow and Kathy Haley are re-elected.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be on January 14, 2009, 10am, ODPS, Room 134 (Motorcycle Room).