

**STATE OF OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
TRAUMA COMMITTEE
TRAUMA REGISTRY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Co-Chaired by: Barry Knotts and Nancie Bechtel

Date & Location: May 17, 2011 at ODPS, Room 134, Columbus, Ohio

Attendance: Debra Allen, James Begley, Joyce Burt, Roxanna Giambri, Vickie Graymire, Renae Kable, Margaret Koehn, Erika O'Neal, Deb Myers, Michael Nowak, Maria Penrose, Terrie Stewart, Richard Treat
Members Absent: Sally Betz, Barry Knotts, Wendy Pomerantz, Mike Smeltzer, Patricia Wilczewski

ODPS Staff in Attendance: Tim Erskine, Sue Morris, Toni Tester, Summer Boyer

Others in Attendance:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bechtel called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members and everyone present introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Several changes were requested to be made.

MOTION: Mr. Begley moved to approve the March minutes with above noted changes by consensus, seconded by Ms. Kable. All in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

TACR COMMERCIAL VENDOR

Product Selection Work Group Vendor Recommendation

Ms. Bechtel gave an overview of the vendor reviewing and selection process utilized by the group. She noted that after the initial review, two vendors were identified as potential candidates for purchase. A work group was formed for further analysis using impartial reviewers and a Likert scale scoring system. Digital Innovations (DI) and Clinical Data Management (CDM) each presented their software through a hands-on workshop, during which reviewers scored each vendor on various criteria. The recommendation of the group is that DI is the product that will best meet the state's needs at this time. TRAS will make a formal recommendation for the purchase of DI to the Trauma Committee.

MOTION: Ms. Stewart moved to recommend purchasing DI to the Trauma Committee, seconded by Mr. Treat. None opposed, Burt, Giambri, Kable, Koehn, O'Neal, Penrose abstained. **Motion approved.**

Burn Data Work Group

Discussion was held regarding whether or not a burn data subset should be added to TACR. Members noted that a burn registry already exists and questioned the level of need for a subset in TACR. Centers that are burn centers should be reporting burn trauma records to TACR. Specifically, the group would like to see the percent of burn centers reporting data, non-burn centers that are reporting burn data and the percentage of burn cases reported by non-burn centers.

MOTION: Ms. O'Neal moved to not form a data burn subset in TACR, seconded by Ms. Koehn. All in favor, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

Next Steps for TRAS

Ms. Bechtel will follow-up and will write a vendor review recommendation and send it to Kathy Haley, Chair of Trauma Committee, and copy Mr. Erskine. Regarding the data dictionary, implementation should be postponed until launching the new software to prevent redundancy and confusion. A subgroup, co-

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chaired by Ms. Koehn and Ms. Burt, was formed to identify new NTDB data fields and for possible inclusion in the OTR Data Dictionary. A draft will be brought to the next meeting for review.

Next Steps for ODPS Division of EMS

Mr. Erskine explained the process ODPS will follow to purchase the new TACR software. Installation is anticipated sometime during the fall and the new TACR should be rolled out by first quarter 2012.

MOTION: Ms. Myers moved to have DI build the TACR off of the new OTR Data Dictionary, seconded by Ms. Allen. All in favor, no abstentions. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Erskine stated that intensive education will need to be provided for hospitals that are entering records directly into TACR. TRAS would like EMS staff to put together an education plan for the new OTR and Data Dictionary, along with a timeline of implementation, and present it at the next meeting.

A data quality work group comprised of TRAS members and EMS staff was created to examine potential quality issues and solutions with the new TACR. Ms. Allen, Ms. Myers, Ms. Burt, Ms. O'Neil, and Ms. Tester volunteered to work on this group.

STATE TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES

The Trauma Committee would like a registry overseeing EMSIRS, TACR, and the Rehab registry to be created, tentatively named the Joint Registry Oversight Committee (JROC). A unique patient identifier would be needed to do this. The Trauma Visionary committee further expounded on this idea and discussed what the structure of JROC might look like. EMS Board members are further exploring how this committee might best be structured.

OVERVIEW OF NOTS PILOT PROJECT ON UNIQUE TRAUMA IDENTIFIER NUMBER

Mr. Nowak gave a detailed explanation of the pilot study on data linkage that NOTS and Cleveland EMS are currently formulating. EMS personnel will give each patient a lime green wristband that will follow them from the scene through the hospital and rehab. The price is twelve cents per band for an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 patients per year (\$30-36,000). They are looking at various software vendors to provide an interface to increase data entry and reliability of the wristband data. The 2011 NHTSA assessment included a recommendation to utilize a unique patient identifier. Mr. Erskine will send a copy to TRAS members for review. NOTS has not yet formulated a plan for patients who arrive via method other than EMS to be integrated into the unique identifier system.

TACR DATA ELEMENTS COMMON DEFINITIONS DRAFT

Dr. Begley suggested that definitions be added for alternate home residence, scene intubation, ED abdominal, and hospital discharge disposition. Psychiatric hospitals should be added as an option for discharge disposition. Long Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACHs) and Extended Care Facilities (ECFs) should be separated into two fields for better data quality.

MOTION: Ms. Kable moved to accept the changes outlined by Mr. Begley, seconded by Ms. Koehn. All in favor, no abstentions. **Motion approved.** Ms. Bechtel will follow up with incorporating the changes and a draft will be presented at the next meeting.

OPEN FORUM

The draft of the Registry Report was distributed. TRAS members should review it and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Ms. O'Neal asked why TACR data submission is due quarterly and wondered if changing it to yearly would be a better option. Submission policies are currently set by the EMS Board. After discussion, there was no consensus to change to another timeframe other than quarterly data submission.

ADJOURNMENT

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Stewart motioned to adjourn, Kable seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held July 20, 2011.

Submitted by Summer Boyer, MPA

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