

**STATE OF OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *Final*

January 9, 2008

Chaired by: John Crow, MD

Date & Location: January 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
David Cummin, MD		X	Richard Ziegler, DDS	X	
Gary Englehart, FACHE	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		Heather Frient [‡]	X	
Greg Nemunaitis, MD	X		Tim Erskine, EMT-P [‡]	X	
Jennifer Piccione, RN	X		Sue Morris [‡]	X	
David Pohlman, EMT-P	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 - Dr. Crow called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. A quorum is present at the meeting.

Mr. Erskine informed the Committee that ODPS Director Guzmán has made two appointments to the Trauma Committee. Dr. Mark Gebhart from Dayton will fill the Emergency Medicine seat and Dr. Edward Michelson from Cleveland was appointed to the non-trauma center hospital administrator position. They were unable to attend this meeting due to the short time between appointment and now. The Trauma Surgeon seat is still pending with nominations due January 11.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve the November 2007 meeting minutes. Moved by Shannon, second by Ziegler.

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

Dr. Miller arrived at 10:15

LIAISON REPORTS

ODPS Legislative Update – Mr. Erskine reported that there was no movement on previously described legislation but he called the Committee's attention to HB 413. Introduced by Rep. Ujvagi it would allow for RNs to pronounce death. Lengthy discussion ensued and it was noted that this was introduced on behalf of nursing homes which now need to have a physician come in to pronounce or have an ambulance take the patient to a hospital to be pronounced, usually resulting in resuscitation efforts.

Mr. Pohlman arrived at 10:20

Mr. Englehart informed the Committee that the proposed changes to the Do Not Resuscitate guidelines are open for comment on the Department of Health's website. Comments are due by January 23. Mr. Erskine will send the website information to the Committee.

EMS Medical Director Report – No report

Ohio Department of Health – No report

EMS Board – Dr. Groner reported that the Board was very impressed and pleased with the geriatric triage report. He also reported that EMSC is preparing a survey of EMS agencies on their pediatric preparedness. The application for injury prevention research grants is now online at the EMS Division's website; they are due April 1.

SUBCOMMITTEE & WORK GROUP REPORTS

Geriatric Trauma Task Force

Reporting for Dr. Werman, Mr. Erskine informed the Committee that the geriatric triage article is currently being drafted for peer-review publication.

Mrs. Frient told the Committee about the process involved in changing the Administrative Code to add the geriatric triage criteria. It will require that the Committee draft and approve the changes and refer them to the EMS Board. From there it is a 75 day process that includes a public hearing on the proposed changes and submission to and review by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR).

Dr. Crow formed a workgroup to draft the new rules. Members are Crow, Haley, Graymire, Miller, Riebe, Werman and the Division staff.

Ms. Bechtel arrived at 10:34

A fiscal analysis will have to be performed for JCARR as these rules will create changes in hospital admission patterns. The initial report and the impact estimate will be sent to all stakeholder groups.

Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee

Unique Patient Identifier – A basic outline for how the unique identifier will look has been developed by the subcommittee. There are separate formats for how it will be created based on the arrival method, if the patient comes to the hospital by EMS or if the patient arrives by other means. Plans will need to be made to educate the parties that will be involved as to what the unique ID is, and what information must be shared to ensure it gets created properly. Mr. Erskine noted that EMS and hospital EDs or trauma services will need to change their practice a little, but that the real hurdle will be ensuring that the ID gets passed from the hospital floor to the rehabilitation center as there is currently nothing akin to this practice.

OLD BUSINESS

Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation – The Committee was informed that money to fund the retreat has been found. There was lengthy discussion about whether the amount on hand was sufficient to fully facilitate the document's creation. The Ohio Society of Trauma Nurse Leaders offered their completed version of the document as a starting point for the Committee, reducing the Committee's effort to a single day's work. This would allow the funds to be used for the later phase of creating a strategic plan based on the MTSPE.

Haller arrived at 11:25

Graymire departed at 11:30

MOTION: The March 2008 Trauma Committee meeting should start at 9 a.m., be abbreviated to urgent business only then adjourned, and the remainder of the day be spent working to complete the MTSPE. Moved by Bechtel, second by Glass.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Nemunaitis presented the current findings of an ongoing study of the evacuation readiness for people who use wheelchairs.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Crow.

Next meeting March 12, 2008, 9am, ODOT conference room G-A.