

**STATE OF OHIO  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

**TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

**Location:** Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Room 134, Columbus.

**Members Present:** Nancy Bechtel, Dr. John Crow, Dr. Todd Glass, Vickie Graymire, Kathy Haley, Brian Kuntz, Dr. Edward Michelson, Dr. Greg Nemunaitis, Dr. Kevin Pugh, John Ross, Dr. Jonathan Saxe, Dr. Michael Shannon, Diane Simon, Dr. Howard Werman; **Non-Voting Committee Members:** Carol Jacobson, Jolene Defiore-Hyrmer, Dr. Steven Steinberg.

**Members Absent:** William Crum, David Degman, Mark Gebhart, Dr. Gary Huston, Dr. Sidney Miller, Debra Myers, Jennifer Piccione, David Pohlman, Dr. Richard Ziegler; **Non-Voting Committee Members Absent:** Dara Bakes, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Dr. F. Barry Knotts, Amy Wermert.

**Non-Voting EMS Staff Present:** Tim Erskine, Millie Pontious. Mark Resanovich, EMS Board Vice-Chair.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</b>		The State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Trauma Committee was CALLED TO ORDER by Committee Chair Kathy Haley at 10:10 a.m.
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.	
<b>MEETING MINUTES November 10, 2010</b>	Chair Haley asked if anyone wished to make any additions or corrections to the November 10 <sup>th</sup> minutes. Chair Haley made some revisions to the minutes.	A motion was made by Dr. Werman to approve the Trauma Committee meeting minutes with Chair Haley's revisions, seconded by Ms. Graymire. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.
<b>ODPS Legislative Update</b>	Mr. Erskine reported that all previous bills died at the first of the year, and that the House had introduced 18 new bills. However, none of these bills had anything to do with EMS or trauma.	
<b>EMS Medical Director Report</b>	Dr. Cunningham was absent. Mr. Erskine reported on the CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) rules regarding reimbursement for air ambulances. Mr. Erskine forwarded a copy of the rules (via e-mail) to all committee members. The rules pertain to a change in reimbursement for air ambulances which will have a significant impact on patients who enter the emergency care system. Rule 10.4.6 – Special Payment Limitations implemented on 1/3/2011 reads: "If a determination is made to order transport by air ambulance, but ground ambulance transport would have sufficed, payment for the air ambulance transport is based on the amount payable for ground ambulance transport. If the air transport was medically appropriate (that is, ground transportation was	A motion was made by Dr. Michelson to form a working sub-committee to study the impact of the new CMS legislation (already in effect) on trauma patient air transport with a final analysis to be brought back to the Trauma Committee for consideration, seconded by Dr. Glass. Discussion followed. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED. Dr. Werman will chair and Dr. Michelson will co-chair this subcommittee. Ms. Bechtel, Dr. Steinberg and Dr. Crow offered to be part of the sub-committee. The members agreed to meet for a few minutes after this meeting.

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	<p>contraindicated, and the beneficiary required air transport to a hospital), but the beneficiary could have been treated at a hospital nearer than the one to which they were transported, the air transport payment is limited to the rate for the distance from the point of pickup to that nearer hospital.”</p> <p>Several members offered their comments regarding the air ambulance/ground transport from a pre-hospital trauma triage perspective.</p>	
<b>Ohio Department of Health</b>	<p>Due to Dr. Smith’s retirement from ODH, Ms. Jolene Defiore-Hyrmer is the new member of the Trauma Committee representing ODH. Ms. Defiore-Hyrmer commented that there was not much to report other than ODH continues to work on the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP). Mr. Erskine will meet with Ms. Defiore-Hyrmer in the near future to discuss her representation on the Trauma Committee.</p>	
<b>Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP)</b>	<p>Due to Ms. Bakes absence, Ms. Defiore-Hyrmer commented that this group is preparing for the next scheduled meeting concentrating on injury prevention.</p>	
<b>EMS Board</b>	<p>Dr. Steinberg updated the committee regarding trauma related items discussed at the December EMS Board meeting. Ms. Graymire gave an update regarding the Trauma Visionary Committee’s work and distributed a copy of the Trauma System framework; and Ms. Haley reported on the TRAS’s study identifying the understaffing of the Trauma Registry and providing justification to the EMS Board for the creation of 4.5 additional FTEs. This item will be discussed at the February Board Retreat.</p> <p>Ms. Haley took the time to update the Trauma Committee members regarding the understaffing (FTEs) item to the Trauma Committee members.</p>	
<b>Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee</b>	<p>Ms. Bechtel made a motion requesting approval of the TRAS Meeting Policies and Procedures document as it was drafted by TRAS which Ms. Bechtel had forwarded to all Trauma Committee members. Ms. Bechtel also asked that several new member applications be approved based on the applications received: Debra Allen, Joyce Burt, Margaret Koehn, Michael Nowak, Erika O’Neal, Maria Penrose,</p>	<p>Ms. Graymire moved to approve the motion, seconded by Dr. Glass. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.</p>

	<p>Terrie Stewart and Patricia Wilczewski. Ms. Haley asked for a motion to approve the TRAS new members' applications.</p> <p>Ms. Bechtel discussed an error of omission in EMS Division Policy Number EMS-888.01 – Data Release Policy. Mr. Erskine informed the members that this policy error had already been corrected since it was not a very substantive change, it was more of a typographical error and therefore, simple to correct.</p> <p>Ms. Bechtel also discussed the TRAS committee's work and accomplishments in 2010. A copy of the document listing these accomplishments was distributed to all committee members.</p> <p>Ms. Bechtel also discussed TRAS's work plans: To continue working on the reliability and validity of the database using the new commercial software once it has been implemented; passing on the TACR data dictionary changes to the end users to make them aware of the changes; implementing a TRAS annual report with T. Erskine's and his staff's assistance once the new database is running.</p> <p>Mr. Erskine reported that the Division of EMS hired an epidemiologist to mainly perform EMSC related projects. She has been doing a remarkable job on an item assigned to her regarding whether there was a similar methodology to doing pediatric triage as we had done in the past with geriatric triage. Mr. Erskine has also assigned another project regarding trauma registry annual report and asked her to transfer all the 2004-2009 data into graphic format. Once this is completed, the graphic data will have to be put into report format; TRAS will then take over this project and work on the text and layout.</p>	<p>Dr. Saxe moved to approve the motion, seconded by Dr. Pugh. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.</p>
<p><b>OTR Vendor Update</b></p>	<p>Mr. Erskine reported that the OTR software vendor demonstrations are being scheduled for the five commercial software vendors that have applied. The vendor's presentations will take place in a two-day period and the second day will be on January 31<sup>st</sup>. A decision should be made sometime during the first days of February. The money for the new software has been secured through a NHTSA (federal) 408 traffic records assessment grant. The vendors will be graded on a score card based on the functions and features that TRAS has identified as requirements.</p>	
<p><b>Trauma Visionary Committee</b></p>	<p>Ms. Graymire reported that the Trauma Visionary Committee ("TVC") had decided to hold an all-day retreat yesterday in order to</p>	

	<p>accommodate the many items that needed to be discussed and resolved. The meeting took place yesterday and the next meeting, which will be an all-day also, has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The Trauma Visionary Committee's responsibilities and priorities charged by the EMS Board are: To be a clearinghouse between the Trauma Committee and the EMS Board for resolutions of issues related to trauma; and, to be responsible for recommendation of solution-oriented strategies and priorities for Ohio's trauma system. During yesterday's meeting this group had a lengthy discussion regarding determining what should be their first priority. It was decided that data collection and analysis is going to be their major focus.</p> <p>Ms. Graymire commented that TVC is trying to focus on what they should be dealing with first, second, third, etc.; TVC is hoping to have, by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2011, some clearly accomplished items that are going to come forth to help move the trauma framework forward.</p> <p>Ms. Graymire mentioned that the Trauma Visionary Committee's meetings are opened to the public and invited everyone to attend. Ms. Graymire also announced that Mr. Resanovich (present) will be co-chair of the TVC.</p>	
<p><b>Performance Improvement Subcommittee</b></p>	<p>No report due to Dr. Miller's absence. Ms. Haley will revisit this item.</p>	
<p><b>Committee SOP Review</b></p>	<p>Mr. Erskine commented that an item had been added at the end of the Trauma Committee, SOP, labeled <i>Time-Sensitive Issues</i>. Ms. Haley proposed a motion to approve the Standard Operating Procedures in its entirety.</p>	<p>Ms. Bechtel moved to approve the motion, seconded by Dr. Shannon. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.</p>
<p><b>Grant Priorities</b></p>	<p>Ms. Haley gave an update of the Grant Priorities. Mr. Erskine advised that the grant applications will be posted on the website on February 1, 2011. Mr. Erskine read the changes made to the language on Priorities 2, 3 and 4. Mr. Erskine e-mailed these changes to all committee members. All grant applications need to be submitted by April 1, 2011. Ms. Haley reported that Ms. Graymire and herself are both members of the Grants Committee and will therefore update this committee regarding the grant applications. Ms.</p>	

	<p>Graymire asked if the Grant Priorities section (on meeting agenda) could be moved up to the Subcommittee and Work Group Reports section (liaisons's reports) in order to update the trauma committee members on grant issues on a regular basis.</p> <p>Mr. Erskine will try to post additional grant information on the EMS website to encourage EMS agencies to apply for grant funding for the 2011-2012 grant year.</p>	
<p><b>Huron Hospital Trauma Center Closure</b></p>	<p>Mr. Erskine reported that he had not received any new information regarding the Huron Hospital trauma center closing.</p>	
<p><b>3-Year Review of Trauma Triage Rules</b></p>	<p>Mr. Erskine explained that the EMS Board is required by law to review the triage rules every three years with an eye toward reducing over and under triage. Deadline for the final draft will be May 2011. A hearing will be held during the EMS Board May, 2011 meeting. The 3-Year Review of Trauma Triage Rules is due September 2011. Discussion regarding items included in the rules followed. Ms. Haley summarized the discussion by saying: "That it is reasonable to take the next two months to work with EMS agencies that we have interaction with feedback to look at the criteria and if there are recommendations for changes that the trauma committee members come back with any supporting evidence whether it be data or best practices or whatever fits under the category of evidence to have a discussion at the March meeting; and forward moving that we will take the accountability to strategically develop an action plan whether that be grant or to work within trauma committee to use the data forward moving. Therefore, the March meeting will be a very lengthy meeting where we will review all recommendations, come to consensus and make our recommendations to the EMS Board." A hearing for input will then be held during the Trauma Committee May meeting. The EMS Board will also hold a hearing for all the rules at their August, 2011 meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Werman recommended to all committee members that anyone who has any suggested changes to submit it to Ms. Haley along with the rationale to the change evidenced-based or at least the national guidelines to support it. The information regarding this item can be sent through the EMS website to all RPABs and trauma regional hospitals asking for their input or comments; if changes are offered, it needs to include the rationale and received by the March Trauma</p>	<p>Mr. Erskine will send out the current rules on trauma triage to committee members.</p>

	Committee meeting. Mr. Erskine agreed to send this out as soon as possible.	
<b>Trauma Committee Year End Report, 2010</b>	Ms. Haley asked the members to review this report. Ms. Haley will present it to the EMS Board at their February retreat. TRAS will be referenced in this document; however, TRAS will prepare a separate document listing all their accomplishments. The Trauma Visionary Committee will also prepare a summary of their work.	These documents will be posted on the EMS website and will also provide the documents to the EMS Board.
<b>EMS Website Tutorial</b>	Mr. Erskine presented a brief tutorial of the EMS website, in particular the Grants Section, to the committee members. Questions and answers followed.	
<b>Ohio Trauma System Progress MTSPE Scores – Estimates</b>	Mr. Erskine explained the two MTSPE charts for 1997 through 2010 which were distributed to each member before the meeting.	
<b>Next Regular Scheduled Meeting</b>	The date of the next Trauma Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, Conference Room 134.	
<b>Adjournment</b>		The State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Trauma Committee meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:15 p.m. by Committee Chair Ms. Haley.

Minutes submitted by: Millie Pontious