

STATE OF OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *FINAL*
Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 134, Columbus.

Members Present: Nancie Bechtel, Dr. John Crow, Vickie Graymire, Kathy Haley, Deb Myers, Dr. Greg Nemunaitis, John Ross, Dr. Jonathan Saxe, Dr. Michael Shannon, Diane Simon, Dr. Howard Werman, Michael Winthrop, Dr. Richard Ziegler

Non-Voting Liaisons Present: Kitty Hevener, Carol Jacobson, Jolene DeFiore-Hyrmer, Dr. Steven Steinberg

Members Absent: Thomas Beers, Gary Huston, Laurie Johnson, Ed Michelson, Dr. Sidney Miller, David Pohlman, Dr. Kevin Pugh

Non-Voting Liaisons Absent: Vince Caraffi, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Non-Voting EMS Staff Present: Tim Erskine, Toni Tester, Sue Morris, Liz Earley, Rhonda Evans

Guests in Attendance: Jackie Clingman, Patty Wilczewski, Lynn Haas, Terrie Stewart, Bill Schuck, Geoffrey Dutton

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER		The State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Trauma Committee was CALLED TO ORDER by Committee Chair Dr. Jonathan Saxe at 10:01 a.m.
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.	
MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2011	Chair Saxe asked if anyone wished to make any additions or corrections to the November 9 minutes.	A motion was made by Ms. Haley to approve the Trauma Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Shannon . All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.
EMS Board's Strategic Plan: Ohio EMS 2015	Mr. Tim Erskine stated that at their December meeting, the EMS Board adopted a new strategic plan, which included the changes to section 9 (Trauma Systems) that were recommended by the Trauma Committee. He explained that part of the implementation of the new strategic plan included the sunseting of all current committees and subcommittees of the EMS Board, with the exception of the Trauma Committee and Fire Committee, which are required by law. He stated that the structure of all new committees and potential subcommittees will be discussed at the February EMS Board retreat, and any necessary committees will be created and populated at that point. Trauma Committee members expressed confusion and concern regarding the change in committee structure. After much discussion, it was decided by consensus that there should be a meeting between Trauma Committee members and Director Learning to clarify the intent behind the decision to restructure the committees. After this meeting takes place, the Trauma Committee members will be able to better determine what ideas and concerns they should present at the EMS Board retreat in February. In the discussion of the current committee structure, Ms. Bechtel stated	Mr. Erskine agreed to send out the summary of TRAS accomplishments in 2011 to all members of the Trauma Committee.

that she had compiled a list of the accomplishments of the Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee (TRAS). Mr. Erskine agreed to send this document out to the Trauma Committee members.

**System Status Update:
Data Submission Status**

Ms. Tester presented the quarterly data status report for data submitted during the 4th quarter of 2011. She stated that this was the best quarter yet in terms of number of records submitted, timeliness of records, and number of hospitals reporting data. Ms. Tester agreed to send out an electronic copy of the quarterly report to the members of the Trauma Committee. Dr. Saxe requested that a data report be presented at every meeting.

Ms. Bechtel stated that at the last TRAS meeting, they offered a suggestion to begin collecting data from free-standing emergency departments (FSEDs). Ms. Tester explained that the Trauma Committee requested that a report be put together summarizing the location, number, and patient volume of FSEDs in Ohio. Because TRAS will not be meeting, DEMS staff agreed to assemble the report.

Ms. Tester agreed to send out an electronic copy of the quarterly data report to members of the Trauma Committee.

A data summary report will be included on the agenda of all future Trauma Committee meetings.

DEMS staff will work on creating a report summarizing the role of FSEDs in trauma care in Ohio.

**System Status Update:
Trauma Centers**

Mr. Erskine stated that there are currently 45 trauma center verifications in 44 hospitals in Ohio: 13 Level I Trauma Centers, 13 Level II Trauma Centers, and 19 Level III Trauma Centers. He stated that there are 3 hospitals on provisional status working toward initial verification and 2 verified centers operating on a 12 month provisional designation due to delays in paperwork.

**Old Business: Status of
Vacant Seats/New
Members**

Mr. Erskine introduced Mr. Mike Winthrop as a new appointee to fill the non-trauma center seat. Mr. Erskine also stated that Tom Beers was appointed as an EMS representative and Dr. Laurie Johnson was appointed as a pediatric emergency medicine representative, but both were unable to make it to the meeting. Mr. Erskine stated that Dr. Jan Gorniak was nominated to fill the coroner's seat, but he is awaiting her approval from the Director of Public Safety and that Ellen Bryan was appointed as a victim advocate, but that she had not formally accepted her nomination yet. Mr. Erskine also stated that there has still not been a nomination for the emergency medicine and that Brian Coontz was no longer eligible for his seat as a non-trauma center representative because his facility is now a trauma center, so a call for nominations for that seat will be going out soon.

Mr. Erskine will send out a call for nominations to fill the non-trauma center representative seat.

**Old Business: EMS
Continuing Education on
Trauma Topics**

Dr. Saxe stated that no progress had been made on this topic due to scheduling conflicts.

Old Business: NHTSA State Reassessment-Inclusive Trauma System	Mr. Erskine stated that there was no progress to report on this topic.	
Old Business: NHTSA State Reassessment-Treatment Protocols & Transfer Agreements	Mr. Erskine stated that the OHA had sent out a survey to hospitals to determine how many have written protocols and transfer agreements and he has received the raw data but has not yet been able to analyze it. He stated that the analyzed results would be presented at the next Trauma Committee meeting. Ms. Jacobson stated that the survey had 56 responses, 30 trauma centers and 26 non-trauma centers.	Mr. Erskine agreed to present the analyzed results of the survey at the next Trauma Committee meeting.
New Business	No new business was reported.	
Liaison Reports: Legislative Update	Mr. Erskine presented a handout with a summary of trauma-related bills currently working their way through the legislature. Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer stated that there are a couple of traumatic brain injury bills that needed to be included in the list. Mr. Erskine asked that she forward him the information regarding those bills and he will include them in the list.	Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer will forward Mr. Erskine information regarding TBI bills in the legislature, and he will include them in the legislative update report.
Liaison Reports: EMS Medical Director Report	Mr. Erskine stated that Dr. Cunningham was unable to make it to the meeting because she was attending the National Association of EMS Physicians conference. He stated that she had sent him her report and that he would forward it on to members of the Trauma Committee.	Mr. Erskine will forward Dr. Cunningham's report to all members of the Trauma Committee.
Liaison Reports: Ohio Department of Health Report, Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership	<p>Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer stated that the Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP) have been developing an overall injury prevention plan for the state, which they plan on having finalized by July. She stated that the plan focuses on the OIPP's priority injuries of prescription drug overdose, falls among older adults, and childhood injuries.</p> <p>Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer also stated that ODH is working on completion of injury profiles for the counties, using ED discharge data and mortality data. She stated that counties with low E-coding rates will not be included.</p> <p>Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer stated that the OIPP is working on creating injury briefing books for policy makers because OIPP is focusing</p>	

on overall system changes and policy changes. The books include information on all of OIPP's priority injuries including national statistics, local statistics, what policies and interventions have been proven to work, and what Ohio's policymakers can do to help. She stated that they are planning an advocacy day, but the date has not yet been decided.

Liaison Reports: EMS Board	Dr. Steinberg stated that there are no further updates to give.	
Open Forum	Ms. Hevener stated that there will be a free special needs training event for emergency responders on Saturday, April 21 st . She encouraged anyone who is interested to attend. Mr. Erskine agreed to forward the specific information for this event to members of the Trauma Committee and to post the information on the DEMS website.	Mr. Erskine agreed to forward information regarding the special needs training event to members of the Trauma Committee and to post the information on the DEMS website.
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting	The next Trauma Committee meeting will be on March 14, 2012, Conference Room 134.	
Adjournment	The State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Trauma Committee meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Dr. Saxe.	