

STATE OF OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *FINAL*
Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

Members Present: Nancie Bechtel, Thomas Beers, Dr. John Crow, Vickie Graymire, Kathy Haley, Dr. Sidney Miller, Debra Myers, John Ross, Dr. Johnathan Saxe, Dr. Michael Shannon, Diane Simon, Michael Winthrop, Dr. Richard Ziegler, Dr. Laurie Johnson, Dr. Greg Nemunaitis, Ed Michelson

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

Members Absent: Ellen Bryan, Gary Huston, David Pohlman, Dr. Kevin Pugh, Dr. Howard Werman

Non-Voting Liaisons Absent: Vince Caraffi

Non-Voting ODPS Staff Present: Tim Erskine, Toni Tester, Sue Morris, Rhonda Evans, Winston Ford

Guests in Attendance: Lynn Haas, Terrie Stewart, Bill Schuck, Geoffrey Dutton, Kathy Cookman, Deanna Harris, Jay Johannigman, Bryce Robinson, Shelley Akin

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 10:00 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 January 11 minutes.	A motion was made by Mr. Winthrop to approve the Trauma Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Bechtel. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.
Election of Vice chair	Chair Saxe nominated Ms. Haley for the position of Vice Chair of the Trauma Committee.	Chair Saxe nominated Ms. Haley for the position of Vice Chair of the Trauma Committee. All in favor, none opposed, Ms. Haley abstained. MOTION PASSED.
System Status Update: Data Submission Status	Ms. Tester stated that DEMS staff are currently working with a small handful of hospitals that are still working to submit 3 rd quarter 2011 data. She also stated that approximately 72 hospitals have already submitted data for the 4 th quarter of 2011, which is due on March 31, 2012.	
System Status Update: Trauma Centers	Mr. Erskine stated that there are currently 45 trauma centers with 46 verifications in Ohio: 14 Level I Trauma Centers (11 adult and 3 pediatric), 13 Level II Trauma Centers (10 adult and 3 pediatric), and 19 Level III Trauma Centers. He stated that one of the Level II adult centers and one of the Level III adult trauma centers are on provisional status working toward initial verification and three hospitals (two Level II Trauma Centers and one Level III Trauma Center) are currently operating under the administrative safety-net portion of provisional	

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designation.

**EMS Board Strategic
Plan: Ohio EMS 2015**

Mr. Erskine introduced the dashboard tool for the EMS Board strategic plan. He stated that key process owners, along with start and completion dates, need to be assigned to each task before the April EMS Board meeting. He explained that the dashboard, along with all dates and key process owners will be posted on the Division of EMS website as a means of accountability. He stated that the key process owner for each goal would be responsible for assembling a team to work on each of the specific tasks within their assigned goal.

Discussion followed regarding who could best perform each task, what authority each workgroup will have, and how progress will be reported for each goal.

Ms. Haley asked whether the workgroups for each goal would be required to have public meetings. Mr. Ford confirmed that all subcommittees and workgroups are subject to the open meetings requirements of the law. Discussion then ensued regarding how the workgroups could conduct their work with respect to the sunshine laws. Dr. Steinberg agreed to go to the EMS Board to see what resources are available for the workgroups and to seek advice regarding how best to proceed in light of the restrictions of the open meeting law.

A motion was proposed (Michelson, Shannon) that there be a representative from the Trauma Committee or its liaisons as a chair of a workgroup for each goal in in the dashboard and that each chair shall assemble a group of Trauma Committee members and non-Trauma Committee members to work toward accomplishing that goal. The chair would then report progress on their goal at each Trauma Committee meeting.

After discussion, the following representatives were assigned to each workgroup:

- Goal 1: Leadership—Dr. Steven Steinberg
- Goal 2: Injury Prevention—OIPP Liaison
- Goal 3: Emergency/Disaster Preparedness—Carol Jacobson
- Goal 4: Prehospital Care—John Ross
- Goal 5: Definitive Care-Acute Care—Michael Winthrop
- Goal 6: Definitive Care-Rehabilitation—Dr. Greg Nemunaitis
- Goal 7: Evaluation, Quality Management, and Performance Improvement—Nancie Bechtel
- Goal 8: Trauma System Registry Infrastructure—Debra Myers
- Goal 9: Professional Education and Public Information—Kathy Haley
- Goal 10: People with Functional Needs—Kitty Hevener

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A motion was proposed (Shannon, Winthrop) that Dr. Steinberg bring concerns regarding open meeting laws to the EMS Board (Saxe,) All in favor,

A motion was proposed that Dr. Steinberg serve as the chair of the Goal 1 workgroup (Michelson, Bechtel). All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was proposed that Ms. Jacobson serve as the chair of the Goal 3 workgroup (Miller, Michelson). All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was proposed that Mr. Ross serve as the chair of the Goal 4 workgroup (Michelson, Shannon). All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was proposed that the remaining workgroups be chaired as follows (Shannon, Ziegler):

- Goal 2: OIPP Liaison
- Goal 5: Mr. Winthrop
- Goal 6: Dr. Nemunaitis
- Goal 7: Ms. Bechtel
- Goal 8: Ms. Myers
- Goal 9: Ms. Haley
- Goal 10: Ms. Hevener

All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

Discussion occurred regarding the best way to implement Goal 10 and how to best define the populations that should be considered under Goal 10. It was eventually decided that the members of the Goal 10 workgroup would decide how best to make sure that the needs of special populations are being considered within the other goals.

A motion was proposed (????, Bechtel) that the concepts of Goal 10 be incorporated into the other nine goals. 5 in favor, 10 opposed. MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Erskine emphasized that all groups should have tentative start and completion dates for all pertinent tasks by the April meeting of the EMS Board.

Old Business: Status of vacant seats on Trauma Committee

Dr. Saxe welcomed Dr. Johnson and Mr. Beers to the Trauma Committee. Mr. Erskine noted that Ms. Ellen Bryan had been appointed to fill the Victim Advocate seat, but was unable to make it to the meeting. He stated that there have been two nominations that are awaiting approval. One for a coroner and one for and Emergency Medicine Physician. There is one remaining seat for a non-trauma center representative, and that call for nominations has gone out.

Old Business: Treatment protocols and transfer agreements

Mr. Erskine presented the results of a survey conducted in partnership with the Ohio Hospital Association to assess how many hospitals have written treatment protocols and transfer agreements for trauma patients.

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. He pointed out HB 127, which would create a stroke system in the State of Ohio. He emphasized how the bill could potentially impact the triage of trauma patients who have had a stroke.

Liaison Reports: EMS Medical Director Report

Dr. Cunningham stated that the EMS Board voted to realign the RPAB regions to match the current Department of Homeland Security regions at their retreat. This will result in 8 RPAB regions. She stated that she hoped to retain all of the physicians currently serving on the RPAB regardless of the resultant number of respective members throughout the transition period.

Dr. Cunningham also stated that the CDC released *Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients*, a revised version of their Field Triage Guidelines, in January, and it is available online. She emphasized that they are guidelines and meant to serve as a baseline foundation rather than to be adopted outright.

She stated that at a meeting of the NASEMSO Medical Directors Council, issues with helicopter utilization and triage were discussed. She will be traveling to Atlanta to work with the CDC on developing national guidelines for the use of air medical support and other specialty services.

Dr. Cunningham stated that NASEMSO and the ACS Committee on Trauma finalized a two-year agreement to form a Joint Organizational Committee. This committee was formed to help the EMS and trauma communities work together on some mutual issues. Their first meeting will be in May. Dr. Jay Johannigman elaborated on the Joint Organizational Committee, stating that a potential output of the committee could be a set of recommended guidelines for rotary wing assistance and performance improvement parameters.

**Liaison Reports: Ohio
Department of Health
Report, Ohio Injury
Prevention Partnership**

Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer stated that the Department of Health (ODH) is currently working on developing a State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) for the State of Ohio. She stated that the group has identified priority areas, with Injury and Violence being one of the priorities. Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer also stated that ODH, along with several partners, is finalizing a set of opioid and other controlled substance guidelines for emergency and acute care facilities, along with a complications handout.

Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer stated that the older adults falls coalition of the OIPP is sponsoring a CDC evidence-based Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance training in June in Central Ohio. She stated that this is a train-the-trainer event and all are welcome to attend and take the information back to their facilities.

Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer also stated that the OIPP is putting together an injury-related resource book for policy makers to help inform them of issues around injury in Ohio. The child injury group of OIPP is working with the Ohio chapter of the AAP on an infant sleep suffocation prevention campaign.

**Liaison Reports: EMS
Board**

Dr. Steinberg stated that there are no further updates to give.

Open Forum

Ms. Hevener distributed a handout regarding a special needs training event for emergency responders on Saturday, April 21st. She encouraged anyone who is interested to attend.

Ms. Hevener distributed another handout regarding interaction between healthcare providers and people with special needs.

Ms. Hevener stated that ADA accessible design standards will go into effect on soon. These standards address the need of healthcare settings to be accessible to patients with special needs.

**Next Regularly
Scheduled Meeting**

The next Trauma Committee meeting will be on May 9, 2012,
Conference Room 134.

Adjournment

The State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Trauma
Committee meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:35 p.m. by
Committee Chair Dr. Saxe.