

**STATE OF OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *Final*

May 14, 2008

Chaired by: John Crow, MD

Date & Location: May 14, 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	
Gary Englehart, FACHE	X		Richard Ziegler, DDS		X
Mark Gebhart, MD		X			
Todd Glass, MD	X				
Vickie Graymire, RN	X				
Kathy Haley, RN	X		Carol Cunningham, MD [‡]	X	
Jason Kinley, EMT-P		X	Jon Groner, MD*		X
Brian Kuntz, EMT-P		X	Virginia Haller, MD*		X
Cliff Mason, EMT-P		X	F. Barry Knotts, MD*	X	
Edward Michelson, MD	X				
Sidney Miller, MD	X				
Greg Nemunaitis, MD		X	Heather Frient [‡]		X
Jennifer Piccione, RN		X	Tim Erskine, EMT-P [‡]		X
David Pohlman, EMT-P		X	Sue Morris [‡]	X	
Kevin Pugh, MD	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 10:15 am. A quorum is present at the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve the March 2008 meeting minutes. Moved and seconded.

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

Liaison Reports

ODPS legislative update – Dr. Crow provided an update on legislation of interest to the committee including a booster seat bill in committee and a healthcare simplification act introduced by OHA.

EMS Medical Director report – Dr. Cunningham reported that the RPAB chairs are working on updating the legislation for RPABs to revamp their scope. The existing laws are over 10 years old. Geriatric trauma triage is “taking off like wildfire” and she has been asked to present the findings at several conferences across the state and nationally. It was also the subject of an article in *EMS Insider*.

EMS Board – Vickie Graymire reported that EMS Executive Rucker wanted to ensure that all official interviews as a member of the Trauma Committee must go through the ODPS Public Information Office. The Board and the staff of the EMS Division are going around the state and holding open forums to allow the EMS and fire communities to meet Board and staff members and ask questions. The first of these was in Canton and went well. The EMSC Committee completed a survey on pediatric interfacility transfers. There was a high rate of response and the results are being collated now. Trauma research grant applications have been distributed for review. A tactical EMS committee has been formed to help

standardize the training of those who call themselves "Tactical Medics." A research committee has also been formed to advise the Board on what research needs to be performed.

Old Business

Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation – Send document ahead to everyone; OSTNL is working on the development of a system to prioritize the indicators for future action; include this item in Agenda of all future committee meetings.

New Business

Geriatric Trauma Triage Rules (OAC 4765-14) – Dr. Werman has been working with a group and will prepare a report with final language for the manuscript; manuscript will probably be submitted to the *Journal of Trauma* for publication. Copies of the study results will be e-mailed to the newest members of the Committee to update them on the statistics included in this document (Dec., 2007, document that went to the Board). Committee is not ready to vote on this item.

Sub-Committee & Work Group – Need to confirm committee members working on **Over/Under Triage**: N. Bechtel, B. Crum, G. Englehart, J. Kinley, B. Kuntz, S. Miller, J. Piccione, M. Shannon, D. Simon and R. Ziegler. G. Englehart will Chair this work group. Work can be accomplished via e-mail or can meet before or after Committee meetings.

Quarterly/Annual System Reports Work Group – J. Crow, T. Glass, G. Nemunaitis, J. Riebe and H. Werman. If anyone else would like to be part of this work group, please let Dr. Crow know.

Model Trauma System Planning Group – Report by Kathy Haley – Are hoping to have the final draft to this Committee by next Trauma Committee meeting (July, 2008); the Committee will then decide what recommendations we will give to the EMS Board and when. There will be three documents: 1) Summary Report; 2) Our completed evaluation document with the ranking scores; and 3) The beginning definitions that helped us all be in the same wave-length in our discussion. Sue, please send this document via e-mail ahead of time; have it available as a hand-out for next meeting, have the Executive Summary, running list of definitions and the document from the work group.

Dr. Crow urged everyone to volunteer to work on Sub-Committee Work Groups.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. by Dr. Crow.

Next meeting July 9, 2008, 10am, ODOT conference room G-A.