

**STATE OF OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FINAL

Chaired by: John Crow, MD

Date & Location: May 12, 2010 at ODPS, Conference Room 134, 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 Degnan	X		Richard Ziegler, DDS	X	
Mark Gebhart, MD	X				
Todd Glass, MD	X		Dara Bakes*	X	
Vickie Graymire, RN	X		Carol Cunningham, MD*	X	
Kathy Haley, RN		X	Carol Jacobson*		X
Gary Huston, MD	X		F. Barry Knotts, MD*		X
Brian Kuntz, EMT-P	X		Forrest Smith*	X	
Edward Michelson, MD	X		Steven Steinberg*	X	
Sidney Miller, MD	X		Amy Wermert*		X
Debra Myers	X				
Greg Nemunaitis, MD		X	Tim Erskine, EMT-P ‡	X	
Jennifer Piccione, RN		X	Heather Frient‡		X
David Pohlman, EMT-P		X	Sue Morris, EMT-P ‡	X	
Kevin Pugh, MD		X	Millie Pontious‡	X	
John Ross, EMT-P	X		* = Non-Voting Committee member ‡ = Non-Voting ODPS/EMS Staff		
Jonathan Saxe, MD	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 10:07 am. Members and everyone present introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Review of the March 10, 2010 minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Werman moved to approve the minutes and second by Ms. Myers.

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

Liaison Reports

ODPS Legislative Update – Mr. Erskine stated that the only piece of legislation that has moved was the cell phone texting ban. This bill is at the senate committee at the moment but Mr. Erskine has not received any updates as of this date.

EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Cunningham stated that the RPABs are revising the State's guidelines. Several of the Chairs have been sending protocols to Dr. Cunningham and will be discussing it today at the Chairs meeting and hopefully by the September meeting it will be decided which chapters the RPABs are going to work on in order to bring it up to the new standards of the National Scope of Practice. Dr. Cunningham commented that in the national front a lot has happened with Homeland Security since the incident in New York. Specific to trauma, Dr. Cunningham reported that the National

Association of EMS Officials (NAEMSO) has been working on helicopter EMS (HEMS) issues and Dr. Cunningham has been asked to work with this group. Dr. Cunningham also participated on a conference call with Homeland Security and they are adding some more HEMS expertise to the NAEMSP workgroups. Also, Dr. Cunningham added that further discussion will continue regarding this item in two weeks at the mid-year meeting and that the annual meeting has been moved up to November because of all the activity.

Ohio Department of Health – Dr. Forrest Smith reported that he has continued participating on the monthly conference calls with Mr. Erskine regarding the Trauma Center process and it is going well. Dr. Smith reported that the Department of Health’s Violence and Injury Prevention program applied for and received monies from the CDC to develop the Ohio Violent Death Reporting System (OH-VDRS). Dr. Smith asked Dr. Crow if he thought the Trauma Committee members would like to have a 10-15 minutes presentation by ODH regarding this topic. The committee members present agreed to hear the presentation sometime in the future and Dr. Smith stated that he will coordinate this presentation with Mr. Erskine.

Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP) – Ms. Bakes reported that this group is working on the program mentioned earlier by Dr. Smith violence and injury prevention. OIPP started through ODH and is concentrating on Ohio Domestic Violence Network as well as having someone from OSU College of Public Health that will speak regarding evidence-based violence prevention program; further discussion regarding this subject will be held on Friday to see what the next steps will be. Mr. Erskine added that OIPP will be discussing the Trauma System framework on Friday.

EMS Board – Dr. Steinberg informed the committee members that the EMS Board was very supportive of the Trauma Committee’s Trauma System framework document. The Board is initiating a strategic planning process for the state EMS system and he is sure that the Trauma Committee will put in a significant part. Dr. Steinberg commented that he was very glad to be part of and working with the Trauma Committee.

Sub-Committee & Work Group Reports

Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee – Ms. Bechtel reported that TRAS has been working on defining their goals and responsibilities. These will be finalized and approved by TRAS and will be presented to this committee at the next meeting. Ms. Bechtel also mentioned that TRAS discussed the definition of “Admitted” trauma patients with input from OHA and AOTR.

Ms. Bechtel also reported that Mr. Erskine is researching the staffing of other state trauma systems to determine the best use of resources for Ohio.

Over/Under Triage – Discussion regarding whether this sub-committee needs to continue its work. It was decided that the Performance Improvement Reports Subcommittee and the Over/Under Triage Subcommittee would merge and become the Performance Improvement Subcommittee. Dr. Miller will serve as Chair of this sub-committee and also oversee the PI Reports. Ms. Bechtel suggested that Over/Under Triage be redefined and put down on paper and then Dr. Miller can submit a sub-committee report at future meetings. Dr. Miller asked for volunteers to work on this sub-committee. David Degnan and Dr. Gary Huston expressed some concerns regarding over/under triage around their areas. Dr. Cunningham encouraged the committee members to look at the State of Maryland’s protocols regarding the use of air-medical transport revised after the helicopter crash incident several months ago. She further commented that this is an issue on the national scope also. Education and some common sense need to be the main focus. Dr. Miller asked that any other member of the Trauma Committee that would like to be part of the Over/Under Triage subcommittee to please let him know. Dr. Miller would like to have a meeting sometime before or after the next Trauma Committee meeting on July 14th.

Trauma System Plan – V. Graymire mentioned that the 2010 Ohio EMS Trauma System Framework had been presented by Kathy Haley and Dr. Crow to the EMS Board and it was very well received. The Board was very impressed by the hard work this committee had done and what had transpired up to this point. The Board recommended that we develop a sub-committee to be in charge of this framework and communicate or update the EMS Board periodically. Ms. Graymire reported that after the EMS Board

meeting, Mr. Erskine had forwarded the document under the direction of the EMS Board to various stakeholders to make sure that they take it to their independent committees and ask for feedback regarding the framework. Mr. Erskine named the stakeholders that had received the Trauma System Framework. The list of stakeholders had been provided to all committee members previously. Ms. Graymire asked committee members that if there are any other group or contact they feel would have comments or recommendations regarding the Trauma System Framework to please forward a copy of the framework to them. July 15th is the deadline for receiving initial comments from stakeholders and others. Once these comments are received this subcommittee group will review it and incorporate it into the document. Ms. Graymire also mentioned that Mr. Davis (EMS Board Chair) would like to have a subcommittee group formed to include a few members of the Trauma Committee and some members from the EMS Board to then review all the information, develop the framework further and identify what is needed, and to take it to the next level. Dr. Crow followed by naming the individuals who will be part of this subcommittee: Representing the EMS Board, Ms. Graymire, Dr. Steinberg, Mr. Self, Mr. Marchetta, Dr. Dahl-Grove and Mr. Resanovich; and representing the Trauma Committee will be Ms. Haley, Dr. Crow, Dr. Saxe, Ms. Bechtel, Ms. Simon and another person that has not been confirmed as of this date. This subcommittee will conduct public meetings once a month and everyone is welcome to attend. Of course, Mr. Erskine will also be part and participate at these meetings.

Old Business

PEC article on geriatric triage – Dr. Michelson will again contact the editor of *Prehospital Emergency Care* to try to find out why the article has not been published or addressed. Ms. Bechtel suggested that this item be taken off future agendas until there is a response or an article published.

Distracted Driving – Ms. Bechtel distributed copies of *Driving While Distracted by a Cell Phone and/or Texting Device: Review of the Literature and Recommendations for Ohio*. Mr. Erskine commented that the Trauma Committee members needed to adopt it as is or with modifications before it is forwarded to the EMS Board.

MOTION: Dr. Shannon moved to adopt the document as written and second by Dr. Miller.

Open Discussion.

2ND MOTION: Dr. Crow moved to table this item until next meeting in order to give all trauma committee members more time to review this document and to be in full agreement before forwarding it to the EMS Committee; second by Dr. Miller.

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

Committee Goals – Dr. Crow suggested reviewing the Trauma Committee's Standard Operating Procedures before defining the five to ten year goals by the subcommittees.

New Business

Mr. Erskine announced that the epidemiologist intern hired by the EMS Office of Research and Analysis a few weeks ago had to resign the internship because of a family emergency. This office has re-started the search for another intern.

Mr. Erskine also reported that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) performed a traffic records assessment for Ohio which includes any type of traffic data. Mr. Erskine provided testimony regarding the Ohio Trauma Registry and EMSIRS. NHTSA recommended that the Ohio Trauma Registry be prioritized to be updated to the National Trauma Data Standard. The Ohio Traffic Records Coordinating Committee has decided that with the distribution of federal highway safety's 408 grant money that the trauma registry would be given top priority for funding. In trying to update to the national registry data standards, the registry can be updated internally by ODPS IT or commercial software could be acquired. Mr. Erskine surveyed other states in order to find out how much it would cost to purchase commercial software so that an estimate of how much grant money would be needed could be given. Mr. Erskine will know by the end of the summer if this grant is awarded. This gives this office time to make a decision as far as processing this data internally or through an outside source. ODPS needs to review the security issues regarding using an outside source before a decision is made.

Ms. Bechtel asked about an Agenda item listed under *New Business, EMS Board ad hoc committee*. Dr. Crow has tabled this item until the next committee meeting.

Ms. Bechtel asked for guidance regarding documents that are marked **DRAFT**, specifically, the trauma system report. She requested clarification regarding the process of documents stamped **DRAFT**, the date the document shows and the fact that these documents are posted on the web as drafts, etc. Mr. Erskine responded that once the Trauma Committee approves a document, then the draft label is removed from the document. Ms. Bechtel requested to have this specific document approved at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, Conference Room 134