

STATE OF OHIO  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *FINAL*  
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

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

**Members Present:** Kathy Haley, Dr. Ed Michelson, Dr. Sidney Miller, Debra Myers, Dr. Greg Nemunaitis, Dr. Kevin Pugh, John Ross, Diane Simon, Dr. Howard Werman

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

**Members Absent:** Nancie Bechtel, Dr. John Crow, Vickie Graymire, Gary Huston, Brian Kuntz, David Pohlman, Dr. Jonathan Saxe, Dr. Michael Shannon, Dr. Richard Ziegler

**Non-Voting Liaisons Absent:** Dara Bakes, F. Barry Knotts

**Non-Voting EMS Staff Present:** Tim Erskine, Sue Morris, Toni Tester, Elizabeth Earley, Winston Ford

Guests in Attendance: Jackie Clingman, Patty Wilczewski, Lynn Haas, Debra Allen, Deanna Harris

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 10:04 a.m.
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.	
<b>MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2011</b>	Chair Haley asked if anyone wished to make any additions or corrections to the September 12th minutes.	A motion was made by Dr. Werman to approve the Trauma Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Simon. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.
<b>Dr. Mike Mackan</b>	The committee took a few moments to remember former Trauma Committee member, Dr. Mike Mackan.	
<b>Trauma Committee Membership</b>	Mr. Erskine stated that there had been 4 new appointments to the Trauma Committee:  Victim Advocate-Ellen Bryan, Nominated by the Brain Injury Association of Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine-Dr. Laurie Johnson, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Nominated by Ohio American Academy of Pediatrics EMT-Thomas Beers, Cleveland Heights Fire Dept./Cleveland Clinic, Nominated by Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters Non-Trauma Center Representative-Michael Winthrop, CEO of Bellevue Hospital, Nominated by the Ohio Hospital Association  Mr. Erskine stated that there had also been a nomination submitted from the Coroner's Association, Jan Gorniak, but that paperwork still needed to be filed before the appointment can officially be made. Once	

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that appointment is made, the only vacancy on the Trauma Committee will be the board-certified emergency medicine physician representative.

The nominees will be notified and should be present for the January Trauma Committee meeting.

**Workgroups/Committees:  
Trauma Surgeon  
Involvement in EMS  
Education**

Dr. Cunningham stated that she had submitted the names of RPAB members who volunteered to participate on the subcommittee, but the subcommittee had not met to the best of her knowledge.

Dr. Steinberg offered to help Dr. Saxe arrange a meeting of the subcommittee. Ms. Haley requested that the subcommittee bring recommendations to the January Trauma Committee meeting. Dr. Cunningham requested to be included in the emails to the subcommittee. Discussion ensued regarding what issue the subcommittee is attempting to resolve. It was agreed that the subcommittee would work on how to best address the trauma surgeon access and involvement in Ohio's EMS educational institutions.

Dr. Steinberg agreed to assist Dr. Saxe with arranging a meeting of the subcommittee and to include Dr. Cunningham on emails sent to the subcommittee.

The subcommittee will bring recommendations to the January 2012 Trauma Committee meeting.

**Workgroups/Committees:  
Metrics Document (TVC)**

Ms. Haas stated that she had received some feedback on the metrics and that the document will be discussed in further detail at the Trauma Visionary Committee meeting. She stated that she would like to bring the document back to the Trauma Committee for final approval once it is completed and an appropriate timeline has been established.

**Workgroups/Committees:  
Prehospital Triage Data  
Report**

Mr. Erskine stated that he had sent a letter to COTS summarizing the findings of the report and recommending that representatives from Lucas and Cuyahoga counties be included in further review of the data. The committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda by consensus.

**Workgroups/Committees:  
TRAS**

Mr. Erskine stated that the November TRAS meeting has been cancelled. He also stated that TRAS would like the Trauma Committee to determine whether a trauma performance improvement subcommittee should exist, and, if so, to whom that subcommittee should report. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate approach for trauma system performance improvement. The committee agreed by consensus to have the

The Trauma Visionary Committee will work with TRAS to define performance improvement for the trauma system and develop a model for performance improvement.

TRAS will develop an executive summary that specifies the locations of FSEDs in Ohio, creates a clear definition of an FSED, and includes any existing data regarding the role of FSEDs in the trauma system.

Trauma Visionary Committee work on defining performance improvement for the trauma system and to develop a model for performance improvement in cooperation with TRAS.

Mr. Erskine also stated that TRAS recommends to the Trauma Committee that data from free-standing emergency departments (FSEDs) be collected into the Ohio Trauma Registry. The committee agreed by consensus to have TRAS draft an executive summary that specifies the locations of FSEDs in Ohio, a clear definition of an FSED, and any data regarding the roles of FSEDs in the trauma system.

Mr. Erskine stated that meetings have taken place to begin working on the RFP for the trauma registry vendor. He estimates that the RFP will go out in spring of 2012. The anticipated implementation date for the new software is January of 2013.

Ms. Tester summarized the list of hospitals that are noncompliant with submission of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2011 data to the trauma registry. She also summarized hospitals that are currently on extension for data submission.

<b>NHTSA Report Items: Exclusive Trauma System</b>	Mr. Erskine stated that no decision has yet been reached regarding what it means to be an "inclusive" trauma system. Discussion ensued regarding the meaning of an "inclusive" trauma system. Mr. Erskine, Ms. Haley, and Ms. Jacobson agreed to work together to define what an "inclusive" trauma system is.	Mr. Erskine, Ms. Haley, and Ms. Jacobson agreed to work together to define what an "inclusive" trauma system is.
<b>NHTSA Report Items: PI for Presence and Consistency of Various Protocols and Agreements</b>	Mr. Erskine stated that he has been working on reading the portion of the law that involves trauma protocols and agreements. He and Ms. Jacobson have been working on developing a survey for the hospitals to determine how many hospitals have protocols and agreements. They anticipate having the survey out in two weeks and having results analyzed in time for the January Trauma Committee meeting.	Mr. Erskine and Ms. Jacobson will conduct a hospital survey regarding protocols and agreements and have the results analyzed for the January Trauma Committee meeting.
<b>NHTSA Report Items: Lead Trauma Agency</b>	No update. Trauma Visionary Committee is discussing this issue.	

<b>NHTSA Report Items: Trauma Medical Director</b>	Mr. Erskine stated that only a handful of states have readily available position descriptions for trauma medical directors: Florida, North Carolina, and Nebraska. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate role of a trauma medical director.	
<b>ACS State Trauma System Assessment</b>	Priority 2 grant funding is available for this assessment.	
<b>Trauma Framework (TVC)</b>	<p>Ms. Haas summarized the work of the Trauma Visionary Committee, including work on the metrics document, formation of JROC, TQIP participation, and working with OHA to obtain financial data. Mr. Erskine stated that the OHA is developing a new data warehouse and they are willing to work with DPS to share financial data, especially pertaining to uncompensated trauma care.</p> <p>Ms. Haley summarized the role of the Framework document in relation to the Strategic Plan of the EMS Board. Discussion ensued regarding how to best incorporate the Framework document into the Strategic Plan. The committee agreed by consensus to recommend that the goals of the Framework document be incorporated into the existing structure of the Strategic Plan and that the entire Framework document be included as an appendix.</p>	By consensus, the committee will recommend to the EMS Board that the goals of the Framework document be incorporated into the existing structure of the Strategic Plan and that the entire Framework document be included as an appendix.
<b>Report for Chief of Trauma and Research</b>	<p>Mr. Erskine stated that the 2010 Annual Report is complete and will be distributed within the week. Ms. Tester summarized the quarterly data status report for the committee.</p> <p>Mr. Erskine also stated that interviews are complete for the Trauma Data Manager position and a recommendation has been made.</p> <p>Mr. Erskine also presented a quarterly newsletter for the data center along with a data submission timeline calendar.</p>	
<b>2011 Trauma Research Awards (Priorities 2,3,4)</b>	Ms. Haley stated that the focus areas have been determined for the trauma research grants and that the applications will be available in early January 2012.	

**ODPS Legislative Liaison Report**

Mr. Erskine stated that there are several distracted driving bills that are currently pending in front of the general assembly, but none seem to be moving forward very rapidly.

**EMS Medical Director Report**

Dr. Cunningham provided an update on the current status of the draft of the State of Ohio EMS guidelines. She stated that she will be presenting a draft to the RPAB chairs soon with the proposal that EMR guidelines be reassessed to determine if the EMR guidelines should be merged with the main document or remain a separate document.

Mr. Erskine agreed to send Ms. Hevener a copy of the chapter of functional needs and to copy Dr. Cunningham in on the email.

Ms. Hevener agreed to review the chapter on functional needs and provide any feedback to Dr. Cunningham within one week.

Dr. Cunningham also stated that the new scope of practice rules have been sent to JCARR and will be presented at the December EMS Board meeting with a public hearing occurring at that time. She stated that if all goes smoothly, the rules should become effective in February.

Dr. Cunningham requested that Mr. Erskine forward the chapter on functional needs to Ms. Hevener per Ms. Hevener's request. Ms. Hevener agreed to review the chapter.

Ms. Hevener stated that there will be a disability awareness seminar for first responders on April 21, 2012 that will be sponsored by Grant Life Link. Ms. Haley stated that she would like to see if this might be an opportunity to meet a measure of success in the Framework document.

**Ohio Department of Health Report**

Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer stated that they are monitoring their preventive health block grant because its funding status is uncertain due to budget problems. She stated that further information on the status of this grant on the OPHA website.

Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer also stated that ODH, OIPP, and Grant Medical Center are sponsoring a training program for injury prevention specialists on December 12, 2011.

Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer provided an update regarding the status of the health information exchange in Ohio, called CliniSync. She

stated that one hospital, St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, is currently testing data.

Mr. Erskine stated that he is still working to arrange a follow-up meeting between the trauma community, DPS staff, and ODH.

**Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership Report** Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer stated that the next OIPP general meeting will be on November 18, 2011.

**EMS Board Report** Dr. Steinberg stated that the EMS Board is currently planning for the EMS Board retreat in February. Dr. Steinberg also stated that the Priority 2 grant application is currently posted on the EMS website and applications are due by April 1.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting** The next Trauma Committee meeting will be on January 11, 2011, Conference Room 134.

**Adjournment** Ms. Haley stated that she will be stepping down as the Trauma Committee chair and Dr. Saxe will act as the chair effective January 2012.

The State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Trauma Committee meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:20 p.m. by Committee Chair Ms. Haley.