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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Georgia Trauma Commission Budget Committee

February 20, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Regina Medeiros, Chair, GTC Secretary/Treasurer	Courtney Terwilliger, GTC Member
Dr. Dennis Ashley, GTC Chair	
Dr. James Dunne, GTC Vice-Chair	

OTHERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Elizabeth V. Atkins	Georgia Trauma Commission, Executive Director
Katie Hamilton	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff
Gabriela Saye	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established at 3:30 PM on Monday, February 20, 2023, with three committee members present.

Dr. Regina Medeiros stated the purpose of the meeting is to review the items for approval at the March 1, 2023, Commission meeting.

FY 2023 REALLOCATION: (ATTACHMENT A)

Presented by Regina Medeiros and Katie Hamilton

Last month we voted to move forward with the reallocation of funds from the unspent operating budget for FY2023, the two centers that left the system, and the fireworks funding.

Regina Medeiros and Katie Hamilton reviewed the report.

FY2023 FUNDS TO ALLOCATE

- **Fireworks Revenue**

- Did not come from the Governor's initial budget. They are now coming from the Department of Revenue.
- The 1.4 million comes from the 2021 fireworks tax. It took the Department of Revenue a while to adjudicate the funds to us. It is similar to uncompensated care, as they are a year behind.
- The Commission obtains 55% of the fireworks tax and goes into the trust fund, not the general fund.

- In the future, we will include and allocate the fireworks revenue in the initial budget.
- **Trauma Center Reallocation**
 - AMC and Grady Burn funds
- **FY2023 Additional Reallocation**
 - Items we were not able to spend or get up and running this year

FY2023 PROPOSED REALLOCATION PLAN

- The contingency plan for the \$200,000 is to allocate \$25,000 for a Stop the Bleed Coordinator and \$70,000 for the Patient Safety Organization Attorney. The remaining 105,000 will be used to cover meeting expenses.
 - The Stop the Bleed Coordinator will assist with the kit applications and training with our new deployment plan.
- The trauma center \$1.18 million comes from the FY2023 Fireworks Revenue and FY2023 Additional Reallocation after the 200,000 contingency is removed. The leftover funds were split between trauma centers, \$1.18 million, and then EMS, \$295,185.42.
- The trauma center \$1.5 million is the Grady and AMC funds distributed to trauma centers.
 - We currently fund Level III centers at \$61,484. With the FY2023 reallocation, each level III will receive an additional \$75,000. There are five level III centers.
 - We currently fund each level IV center at \$12,317. With the FY2023 reallocation, each Level IV center will receive an additional \$25,000. There are five level IV centers.
 - After the Level III/IV fund amounts are deducted from the \$1.5 million bucket, the remaining funds will be distributed among the level I and II centers.

We are unsure if we can continue supporting levels III/IV with the additional funds. We must wait until the governor votes on the FY 2024 budget before deciding on future funding. We will not get more money than the current Super Speeder, and if all funds are spoken for up front, we have very little to work with for special projects and meetings. Bumping up the funds for level III and IV centers reduces the pool of funds for the other centers. We also have additional designated centers that are not contracted, a level II changing to a level I, and we need to make decisions quickly for the FY 2024 budget. We are getting to the point where we need to ask the legislators for additional funding.

Regina Medeiros stated to consider the Pracht data for distinguishing the target areas for adding centers and determining who we can fund. Then take it to the legislators and say we need to bring all these centers on board, but we can't afford it. We need a list of the currently funded centers, the centers that are designated and verified that are not funded and notate the centers that have received one-time funding. We should know the cost of what it will look like to add everyone to the funding.

Liz Atkins reviewed the FY2022 trauma center allocations (ATTACHMENT B). Regina Medeiros asked to update the attachment by taking off AMC and Grady Burn and adding the other proposed centers with just their readiness and registry costs. Liz advised leaving the Grady Burn placeholder since they are supposed to return to the system. We will also need it to reflect the updated registry costs, particularly the level IV cost to web host. Katie Hamilton will complete the document within the next couple of days.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT

- Committee reviewed the approved FY2023 Reallocation Plan before Commission approval (ATTACHMENT A)
- Katie will update a trauma center allocation document (ATTACHMENT B) by removing AMC,

keeping Grady Burn as a placeholder, adding the other proposed centers with their registry and readiness costs, and noting which of those centers previously received one-time funding. Registry costs will also need to be updated, particularly the level cost to web host.

- Liz reminded members to review the Trauma System Planner job description (ATTACHMENT C). It is still in the draft phase. Some of the language needs to be changed, but the essence of it stays the same.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Minutes by G. Saye