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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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Braselton, Georgia

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/GWlpR2HsTp4>

Meeting Attachments: trauma.ga.gov

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman
Dr. James Dunne, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Regina Medeiros, Secretary /Treasurer
Dr. John Bleacher
Mr. Courtney Terwilliger
Mr. Vic Drawdy
Dr. Michelle Wallace
Mr. Jim Adkins via Zoom
Pete Quinones via Zoom

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN

REPRESENTING

Elizabeth Atkins	GTC, Executive Director
Gina Solomon	GTC, GQIP Director
Katie Hamilton	GTC, Finance Operations Officer
Gabriela Saye	GTC, Executive Assistant
Cheryle Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation, Executive Director
Cindy Hoggard	Advent Health Redmond Hospital, Director of ER/Trauma
Nicole Sundholm	Advent Health Redmond Hospital, Trauma Program Manager
Clarence Mckemie	Atrium Health Floyd, TMD
Faith Rand	Atrium Health Navicent, PI Coordinator
Robyn Axlund	Atrium Health Navicent, Trauma Data Coordinator
Josephine Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent, Trauma PI Coordinator
Teresa Levenson	Atrium Health Navicent, Administrative Manager
Ashley Faircloth	Augusta University, TPM PI
Kyndra Holm	Augusta University, PTPM
Terence O'Keeffe	Augusta University, Trauma Medical Director
Brian Bays	Augusta University, Trauma Program Manager
Dawn Faircloth	Augusta University, TPM Injury Prevention, and Safe Kids Coordinator
Mary Anne Nolan	Augusta University, Admin Director Emergency, and Critical Care Services
Patricia Smith	Augusta University, TPM Outreach
Kellie Rowker	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, TPM
Moe Schmid	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, TPM
Alicia Register	Crisp Regional, TMD
Ashley Bullington	Crisp Regional, TPM

Adrian Willis	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, PI Coordinator
Christopher Ruiz	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, VP of Trauma Service
Courtney Pettiford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, Trauma Medical Director
Shelby Adams	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, PI Coordinator
Laura Lunsford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, TPM
David Kiefer	Effingham Health System, TMD
Brooke Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center, RN TPM
Elizabeth Benjamin	Emory/Grady, Trauma Medical Director
Lynn Grant	Fairview Park Hospital, Trauma Program Director
April Moss	Georgia Department of Public Health, Deputy Director, Systems of Care
Xavier Crockett	Georgia Department of Public Health, State Health Protection Director
Brandin Clark	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, Regional Training Coordinator
Lanier Swafford	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, Regional EMS Director
Marie Probst	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, State Trauma Registrar
Michael Johnson	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, Director
Becca Hallum	Georgia Hospital Association, Associate General Counsel and Compliance Officer
Sofi Gratas	Georgia Public Broadcasting, Reporter
Carey Lamphier	Grady, Burn Program Manager
Rebecca Chatman	Grady, Burn Quality RN Specialist
Robin Garza	Grady, VP of Trauma and Burn
S. Rob Todd	Grady, SVP / Chief, Acute Care Surgery
Sarah Parker	Grady, Trauma Program Director
Greg Nickel	GTC, Stop The Bleed Georgia, Coordinator
Brian Delashmitt	Hamilton Medical Center, EVP-Chief Medical Officer
Judean Guinn	Hamilton Medical Center, VP/CNO
Kim Brown	Hamilton Medical Center, Trauma Manager
Steven Paynter	Hamilton Medical Center, TMD
Gregory Patterson	J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, TMD
Kelli Vaughn	J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, TPM
Mary Beth Goodwin	J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, RN PI Coordinator
Karrie Page	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital, Trauma Coordinator
Christie Mathis	Morgan Medical Center, TPM
Ralph Castillo	Morgan Medical Center, CEO
Jesse Gibson	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Trauma Program Director
Jessica Mantooth	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Trauma Educator
Matthew Vassy	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Trauma Medical Director
Becky Weidler	Northside Gwinnett Hospital, Director
Naila Avery	Northside Gwinnett Hospital, TMD
Nadirah Burgess	Northside Hospital Gwinnett, Trauma Program Manager
Heather Morgan	Piedmont Athens Regional, TPM
Jerry Mcmillan	Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center, EMT-P Trauma Registrar
Kelly Gasser	Piedmont Columbus Regional, PI Coordinator
Mary Bizilia	Piedmont Columbus Regional, TPM
Shalonda Wright	Piedmont Columbus Regional, Trauma Registrar
Jay Connelly	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Dir Trauma, and Stroke

Justin Keeton	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Trauma PI Coordinator
Paula Butts	Piedmont Henry Hospital, CNO
Ford Vox	Piedmont Walton, Chair, GTC Rehabilitation Committee
Karen Hust	Piedmont Walton, TPM
Richard Jacob	Piedmont Walton, TMD
Kristal Smith	Region 5 RTAC, Coordinator
Brian Dorriety	Region 7 RTAC, Coordinator
Rebecca Harkness	Stephens County Hospital, Trauma/Stroke Coordinator
Kerry Carter	Wellstar, TPM
Matthew Hinkle	Wellstar Cobb Hospital, Burn PI Coordinator
Winston Charles	Wellstar Cobb Hospital, TPM
Alyssa Monda	Wellstar Cobb Hospital, PI Coordinator
Christina Ucci	Wellstar Kennestone, Trauma PI Coordinator
Danielle Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone, Outreach, and IP Coordinator
Jamie Van Ness	Wellstar Kennestone, Director of Trauma Services
Megan Dawson	Wellstar Kennestone, RN PI Coordinator
Ezaldeen Numur	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital, Trauma Medical Director
Susan Baldrige	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital, Trauma Program Manager
Rachel Hand	Wellstar West Ga Medical Center, TPM

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:05)

Thank you to all that attended and organized the GQIP Winter Meeting. We had a great meeting yesterday and had great discussions.

Dr. Dennis Ashley called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM with nine Commission members present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (00:01:08)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley asked for a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, p. 3-13, in the meeting packet (ATTACHMENT A).

Elizabeth Atkins requested an amendment to the meeting minutes:

1. Michelle Williams needs to be corrected as representing Baker Donaldson
2. HIPPA corrected to HIPAA
3. Add Dan Walsh for attendance

MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-01:

Motion to approve November 17, 2023, meeting minutes with the proposed amendments

MOTION BY: Jim Adkins

SECOND BY: Vic Drawdy

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions.

CHAIRMAN REPORT (00:02:15)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

No updates from the Chairman Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (00:02:26)

Presented by Liz Atkins

Liz Atkins stated the full report could be found on pages 14-32, which provide a high-level overview of significant initiatives.

- We have presented our FY 2024 budget to the House and still waiting to present it to the Senate.
- ACS Trauma System Consultative Visit and Rural-Focused Review report should be available by early April. We are working closely with our partners at the Office of EMS and Trauma to review and address the issues addressed by the ACS review team.
- We have updated our strategic plan (**ATTACHMENT B**) with progress notes.

TRAUMA SYSTEM ANALYSIS REPORT (00:12:00)

Presented by Dr. Etienne Pracht

Dr. Pracht from the University of South Florida presented **ATTACHMENT C** to the Commission. The purpose of this analysis is to assess the effectiveness of the Georgia trauma system in providing access to inpatient trauma services to the State's residents. The study period covered five calendar years (2016-2020) following the transition from the ICD9CM to ICD10CM coding system.

The formal report (**ATTACHMENT D**) can be accessed on the trauma.ga.gov website under the March 1, 2023, Commission event. Burn data will be included as an appendix to the report.

COMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP REPORTS

EMS COMMITTEE REPORT (01:15:13)

Presented by Courtney Terwilliger

Courtney Terwilliger referenced the report on pages 42-43 for the EMS Committee:

- The Equipment Grant funding is proceeding. We reviewed several requests for variance in the plan. We will continue to review expenditures for AVLS, EMS Education, and Equipment Grant Funding.
- We have significantly increased our efforts to assist local EMS providers in conducting EMR and EMT-R programs. We have requested information from the SOEMS/T on initial education programs in the State. We have requested Office of EMS and Trauma, and GEMSA work together to help us accurately understand the initial EMS education being conducted. Dr. Melissa Bemiller provided information to the group regarding the location of EMS education programs provided with Trauma Commission funding.
- We continue to fund the AVLS program. There are currently eight (8) counties in Georgia that do not have an AVLS program. We are in discussion with four of these now.
- The EMS Equipment Grant documentation has been completed. We are now in the process of paying the agencies for this grant. We have identified areas we will address with a sub-committee to clarify next year's funding.

- Online training platform remains a concern. We have provided value to the EMS community by providing online content from the EMS Educators conference. This has been in conjunction with GEMSA. However, there remains a desire to offer a better platform for initial and continuing education via this medium.
- Inter-hospital transportation continues to be an issue in many areas of the State. There is support for requesting the Legislature to set up a Joint House/Senate Study Committee to look at the challenges of the EMS profession.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT (01:25:15)

Presented by Dr. Regina Medeiros and Katie Hamilton

Katie Hamilton provided a brief review of the following budget documents starting on page 33:

- Budget Cycle Timeline-p. 34
 - We continue to update the timeline with the transition to the trust fund. There is not an AFY budget.
- FY 2023 Expense to Budget-p. 35
 - We review this monthly in our budget committee meetings.
- Super Speeder Revenue-p.36-39
 - We are following the same trends as FY 2022. We are lowering the gap of our cumulative variance.
- FY 2023 Reallocation Plan-p. 40
 - Our fireworks review is coming from the Department of Revenue now, not in our AFY budget. Next year, we will include the fireworks revenue in our initial budgeting at the beginning of the year.
 - We also have items that have not been spent for FY 2023. The total fireworks and unspent funds are 1.6 million.
 - We also have FY 2023 trauma centers funds to reallocate that came from two centers that are no longer in the system, 1.5 million
 - The bottom section of page 40 outlines the allocation plan of the 3.2 million reallocation dollars.
 - Dr. Medeiros asked for a motion to approve the FY 2023 Reallocation Plan.

MOTION BY: GTC Budget Committee

MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-02:

Motion to approve the FY 2023 Reallocation Plan

MOTION BY: Budget Committee

VOTING: Dr. Dennis Ashley, Dr. James Dunne, Dr. Regina Medeiros, Dr. John Bleacher, Courtney Terwilliger, Vic Drawdy, Dr. Michelle Wallace, and Jim Adkins are in favor of the motion. Pete Quinones abstained.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections and one abstention.

We will discuss the FY 2024 budget in the next committee meetings. We are looking at some financial projections of the cost to bring all centers into our funding and what the impact will be.

Lastly, Dr. Medeiros asked Commission members to review page 41, which outlines the proposed FY 2024 metrics for each current contractor and the percentage of their funds at risk. We have always had performance-based pay metrics for trauma centers receiving funds. Moving forward, we will require some level of performance-based pay for all contractors. Each contractor was involved in the decision-making and determining their criteria. Dr. Medeiros requested a motion to approve the proposed FY 2024 contractor performance-based pay criteria.

MOTION BY: GTC Budget Committee

MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-03:

Motion to approve the FY 2024 contractor performance-based pay criteria

MOTION BY: Budget Committee

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions

LIII/IV COMMITTEE REPORT (01:34:30)

Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson

Dr. Greg Patterson referenced the report on page 44.

- MARCH PAWS equipment and supplies were delayed, but all have been received; awaiting the scheduling of the first pilot course targeted for March/April. The first course will be conducted at Emanuel Medical Center in region six, followed by a course at Crisp Regional, then J.D. Archbold. We want to create a QR code to hand out for the project. In addition, we would like permission to post the MARCH PAWS introductory PowerPoint presentation to the trauma.ga.gov website.
- The American College of Surgeon (ACS) consult visit was a success. The rural-focused review produced twenty-nine rural recommendations, with eight priority recommendations. Yesterday, we tasked our members to review the report and develop a workgroup for the priority recommendations.
- Access to specialty care will be updated by the summer meeting. We want to facilitate a central resources and demographic survey of the level III and IV trauma centers so that everyone knows the resources that are out there.
- Web-hosted ESO registry and PRQ Report Writer funding has been allocated, encumbered, and paid; but has not been deployed by all centers yet. Level IV custom reports must be built. Contracted abstraction is an ongoing discussion, and financial needs must be clarified.
- We are still digesting the Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation (PTSF) and ACS consult visit. Ultimately, we are trying to review action plans related to those reports with the Commission. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21st.

GEORGIA COMMITTEE FOR TRAUMA EXCELLENCE (GCTE) REPORT (01:41:17)

Presented by Tracy Johns

Tracy Johns referenced the report on page 46 for the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence.

- A level III/IV workgroup was created after the November PTSF report. The workgroup has met a couple of times and has two goals for this year 1) to develop and understand PI plans and 2) utilize the PI/outcomes module in the registry.
- The registry group has updated the GCTE contact list to indicate contact information for patient follow-up, created a trauma data management plan template and requirements, and created a Data Dictionary workgroup to keep the dictionary current.
- With the new ACS standard for registrar education, funding is needed. The registry group requests Commission funding for AIS and ICD 10 procedure coding courses for designated trauma center staff. Priority to level III/IV staff, then level I/II staff.
 - Dr. Medeiros asked GCTE to provide a proposed budget with specific line items and the anticipated total cost for budget committee review.

- Injury prevention and outreach have created four webinars, one for each task force. They continue virtual training for Stop the Bleed and Bingocize and facilitate events to prevent trauma (road ahead & child abuse prevention). A framework to apply for injury prevention and outreach funding has been created.
- The pediatric subcommittee is still working on its pediatric shock index and helping with pediatric readiness courses. Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta recently reviewed its 2020 transfer-in data; 34% of those were discharged from the emergency department. They are working on drilling down on what are the most common injuries getting discharged and possibly putting that into the Georgia Pediatric Consult Program.
- The education subcommittee completed the first draft of their time to definitive care PowerPoint; only minor changes were needed. The AKI PowerPoint draft is to be completed by the end of February. They also distributed TCRN study guides to designated centers to increase the rate of TCRN-certified nurses in Georgia.

REHABILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT (01:52:41)

Presented by Dr. Ford Vox

Dr. Ford Vox, Shepherd Center’s Medical Director of the Disorders of Consciousness Program, introduced himself and provided an overview of the new Rehabilitation Committee (**ATTACHMENT E**). In the past, we have been included in the trauma system reviews and have been asked to convene. We hope to prevent ongoing disability and return people to as full function as possible. The committee will provide key rehabilitation stakeholders the ability to onboard into the Commission and look at the data from a rehabilitation perspective. We are looking for ways to better integrate into the trauma system and share the goal of improving the quality of rehabilitation for the trauma population in the state.

- We had our first meeting last week and had good attendance from various facilities. We hope our next meeting will be larger and add more facilities.
- Our priorities are:
 - Begin digging into the data to analyze discharge location for any indicators of inappropriateness or gaps in resources, then parse further by injury severity and diagnosis codes.
 - Gather and analyze data on Medicaid and Medicare applications by Georgia residents and trends over time related to disabilities whose cause is trauma.
 - Develop a system for willing rehabilitation hospitals in the state to participate in contributing data to the GTC central repository of relevance to outcomes and disability status.
 - Discuss creating a voluntary level system for rehabilitation facilities that mirrors the level designation for trauma hospitals, with a goal of promoting the necessary rehabilitation resources in the state to support its trauma population. This activity helps achieve the ACS goal of including “the rehabilitation phase of care in a systemwide performance improvement process using appropriate indicators and benchmarks.”
 - Provide strategic guidance on state resources of importance to trauma survivors, including vocational rehabilitation.

Dr. Vox ended the report by asking the Georgia Trauma Commission to recognize the Rehabilitation Committee formally as a Georgia Trauma Commission Committee.

MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-04:

Motion to support and recognize the Rehabilitation Committee as a Georgia Trauma Commission Committee

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Dr. James Dunne

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions.

Liz Atkins referenced Dr. Vox's email for Rehabilitation Committee participation on page 48 of the meeting packet.

TRAUMA ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE REPORT (02:00:58)

Presented by Dr. Michelle Wallace

Dr. Michelle Wallace referenced page 50 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- The request for trauma center communication to indicate transfer diversion but still accept ground and helicopters has been created and utilized across the state within the GCC system. The training was completed at the end of November with eleven center participants and went live in December. We have used it three times and continue to send education to centers. The status is only available in the hospital view to avoid confusion with EMS providers.
- We are developing a communication plan around diversion and saturation. The administrator group will not drive the plan. It will be driven in conjunction with the Georgia Hospital Association, the Department of Public Health, and a couple of trauma centers. They will be working to standardize definitions across the board.
- The GCC is moving to a new platform, ImageTrend, with a go-live within the next 30 days. Within ImageTrend, there will be the ability to create a message group and ease communication between hospitals or EMS. We asked the administrators group to advise of what their communication plans and patterns need to be.
- The finance workgroup has identified three main objectives:
 - Engagement and education
 - Understanding and transparency of funds use within trauma centers
 - Evaluation and recommendation of trauma center funding distribution
- The finance workgroup has discussed how we can track where the Commission funding is being spent within trauma centers. The Commission has not delineated how to have the information reported, and we need to ensure we communicate what our expectations are.
 - Liz Atkins added we do ask trauma centers to confirm they have spent the funds accordingly in their quarterly invoices.

TRAUMA SYSTEM PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (02:09:14)

Presented by Dr. James Dunne

Dr. James Dunne referenced page 51 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- The Office of EMS and Trauma is working internally to pull data out of the new Georgia Patient Registry to provide to epidemiologists for analysis. We are waiting for two centers to provide their data and can start building reports. In the meantime, regions five and nine will pull their data to analyze time to definitive care.
- Armband project training for EMS and Law Enforcement is in progress. Awaiting final commitment from a hospital system in the region. They need to determine where the armband number will be documented in the medical record and staff training initiated.

SYSTEM PARTNER REPORTS

GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION REPORT (02:12:21)

Presented by Cheryle Ward

Cheryle Ward referenced the report on page 52.

- The Foundation performed an internal assessment and made changes to improve its accountability and financial transparency. New policies have been adopted, and better reporting has been implemented to align the Foundation with nonprofit best practices. The changes will help assure donors they are giving money to a trustworthy organization.
- Building off the overall message of “Minutes Matter” message, fundraising consultant Alexander Haas worked with Foundation Directors to prioritize long-term projects. Before making any decisions, the Foundation will review the final report from the ACS Rural Focused Consultation. Its recommendations will be discussed with system partners to determine which projects to pursue to best support the system. The outcomes of those meetings will be the basis of a fundraising plan designed to make a statewide impact with a focus on regional fundraising.
- We are planning two fundraisers by the end of the year. Rather than the large gala event, we will hold smaller fundraising events within the RTAC regions to create a more intimate and personalized approach.
- We continue to pursue grant funding, and our grant writing will be centered around trauma education.
- Alexander Haas (AH) provided a strategic five-step board development plan to attract and retain the best leadership. They recommend increasing members each year by 2-3 directors until the maximum size is reached, as allowed by bylaws. The Foundation has activated its plan and has identified a new candidate for Commission consideration. Alexander Haas would also like to work with Commissioners to identify potential candidates. Expansion goals are centered around overcoming skill set deficits, securing regional representation, and bringing on those with the ability to give/get money. The consultants also advised the Foundation that new Directors need to be experts in raising money.

Cheryle reviewed the background of the potential new board member, Jeffery Myers. Dr. John Bleacher added that we want to ensure the board is comprised of members throughout the state. With his skill set, we believe the new board member will make a vital addition to the board. His resume and nomination form are in the meeting packet, pages 53-62.

MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-05:

Motion to approve candidate Jeffrey Myers as a Georgia Trauma Foundation Board Member.

MOTION BY: Dr. John Bleacher

SECOND BY: Vic Drawdy

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions.

GEORGIA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT (02:22:46)

Presented by Dr. Rob Todd

Dr. Rob Todd reviewed the GQIP report and content in the packet on pages 63-69:

- Workgroups reported at GQIP Winter Meeting on 2/28. The plan is to sunset AKI & Opioids. We plan to develop groups with more focus & specific deliverables. TBI is in the process of large data analysis with TQIP PUFs by a GQIP Research Fellow. TBI data analysis abstract presented at ASC and SESC by the GQIP Research Fellow.
- The GQIP Central site continues to import registry data from centers. Data completeness project completed on CY2021 data and presented at GQIP Winter Meeting. The ArborMetrix project was set back due to some unavoidable delays. New rollout target date of 9/2023 (see attached project timeline). Completed analytic dictionary.
- Scope of work developed for Public Safety Organization designation SAAG. Funding for SAAG needs to be secured.
- GQIP Trauma Advisory Committee in-person meeting held on 2/27. Plan to discuss summer meeting, ArborMetrix deliverables, and workgroup structure.
- Developed GQIP Research Fellow job description and application requirements for interested surgical residents. Need to develop a selection process.

OFFICE OF EMS AND TRAUMA REPORT (02:27:03)

Presented by April Moss, Marie Probst, and Kelly Joiner

April Moss introduced herself as the Deputy Director for Systems of Care with the Department of Public Health Office of EMS and Trauma.

- Renee Morgan retired at the beginning of this year, and we are actively pursuing a qualified candidate to replace her. In the meantime, please contact April Moss with any questions or concerns.
- One ACS verification visit for upgrade to Level I, Northeast Georgia Medical Center in November 2022, ACS report pending.
- Two level III facilities had state designation visits in November 2022 and received provisional designation with six months to correct critical deficiencies.
- Some upcoming verifications and consultations include:
 - Two level I facilities are scheduled for ACS Re-Verification visits in April 2023
 - One level I facility is awaiting a confirmed date for an ACS Verification visit in June 2023
 - Three level II facilities are awaiting confirmed dates for ACS Verification visits in May, June, and July 2023
 - Four level III facilities are awaiting confirmed dates for ACS Consultation visits in September 2023
 - Five level IV facilities are due for redesignation visits. PRQ is in progress.
 - Nine potential level IV recruitments in EMS regions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9
- ESO and ImageTrend are preparing the 2023 schema for users to install, enabling users to continue to import 2023 records.
- Marie Probst is working on reports in the Georgia Patient Registry similar to reports in V5 and the 2021 data export for epidemiology, Time to Definitive Care Analysis, and Biospatial.

Marie Probst provided the following updates regarding registry data:

- Trauma Registry data (Nov 2017 – June 2021) is now available in Biospatial for use by the centers for data visualization reports. Recorded training sessions and login credentials were shared with all data-contributing centers.
- Today is the new day for downloading into the patient registry for quarter four. Once that closes out, we will have the 2022 data to analyze.

- The 2020 Georgia Trauma Registry Annual Report is available. The report has been distributed to the GTC Data Subcommittee and GCTE. The report contains an analysis of the Time to Definitive Care.
- The Georgia Patient Registry received 2021 and 2022 imports from the centers collecting trauma registry data.

April Moss added there will be a report writer seminar for current patient registry users or those interested in joining the registry. There will be two full-day public trainings:

- April 25th at the Houston Healthcare in Warner Robins
- April 26th at Northeast Georgia in Gainesville

Save the dates, and calendar invites will be sent out soon.

Kelly Joiner provided the following updates regarding the armband project:

- The project aims to link the crash record with the EMS and trauma registry records.
- We have completed training for EMS and Law Enforcement partners. We will meet with the hospital system in the next 15 days to finalize their participation. The pilot will include fourteen EMS agencies, six to eight law enforcement agencies, and two hospitals.
- We have identified a place to input the armband in the registry. We need to finalize with the hospital system where the number will go in the patient's chart.
- We are starting as a pilot in two counties, White and Lumpkin. Then we will expand it to region two, followed by the whole state.
- The pilot is estimated to last six months.

Before adjournment, Liz Atkins introduced Greg Nickels as the new Georgia Trauma Commission Stop the Bleed Coordinator to support our Stop the Bleed program.

MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-06:
Motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Dr. James Dunne

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT

- ACS Trauma System Consultative Visit and Rural-Focused Review report should be available by early April. We are working closely with our partners at the Office of EMS and Trauma to review and address the issues addressed by the ACS review team.
- Dr. Etienne Pracht presented the Trauma System Analysis Report (ATTACHMENT C). The formal report (ATTACHMENT D) can be accessed on the trauma.ga.gov website.
- Commission Approved: FY 2023 Reallocation Plan.
- Commission Approved: FY 2024 contractor performance-based pay criteria.
- Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE) requested Commission funding for registry education. Dr. Regina Medeiros asked GCTE to provide a proposed budget with specific line items and anticipated total cost for budget committee review.
- Commission Approved: New Georgia Trauma Commission Rehabilitation Committee, chaired by Dr. Ford Vox.

- Commission Approved: Georgia Trauma Foundation Board candidate, Jeffery Myers.
- April Moss is the new Deputy Director for Systems of Care with the Department of Public Health Office of EMS and Trauma.
- Greg Nickels is the new Georgia Trauma Commission Stop the Bleed Coordinator.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye