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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Trauma System Performance (Data) Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

[Link to Meeting Documents](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. James Dunne, Chair Danlin Luo, OEMST April Moss, OEMST Marie Probst, OEMST Gina Soloman, GQIP Tracy Johns, GCTE Kelli Vaughn, GCTE Courtney Terwilliger, GTC Dr. Regina Medeiros, GTC	Kelly Joiner, OEMST

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS PRESENT
Dr. James Dunne, GTC Vice-Chair Dr. Regina Medeiros, GTC Secretary/Treasurer Courtney Terwilliger, GTC Member	Elizabeth V. Atkins, GTC, Executive Director Gabriela Saye, GTC, Business Operations Manager Gina Solomon, GTC, GQIP Director

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with nine committee members present.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Dunne asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes:

[MOTION TRAUMA SYSTEM PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE 2024-04-01:](#)
[Motion to approve January 26, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted](#)

MOTION BY: Courney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: James Dunne

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions

EILEEN BULGER PROJECT UPDATE

Presented by Liz Atkins and Courtney Terwilliger

Liz Atkins provided an overview of the Eileen Bulger project, a study aimed at mapping the locations of EMS and 911 response assets in relation to trauma centers across the state. The goal is to understand trauma center access relative to EMS vehicle locations. Liz highlighted challenges obtaining accurate EMS vehicle location data due to discrepancies in EMS station definitions and deployment methods. Courtney Terwilliger elaborated on the complexities, mentioning instances where counties listed more EMS stations than actual ambulances, causing confusion. Courtney explained the intricacies of the zoning process and challenges posed by the diverse



nature of ambulance services across the state. Liz Atkins assured the committee that progress had been made in refining definitions and obtaining accurate data, with updates expected soon.

Plans for future projects involving comparisons between Georgia and Alabama regarding time to definitive care were discussed. More discussions are underway, with a prospect of meeting in person to advance the project.

TIME TO DEFINITIVE CARE-NAVICENT AND MEMORIAL PROJECT

Presented by Dr. Dunne and Tracy Johns

The initiative is moving forward, with all necessary approvals nearly obtained. Data analysis is ongoing, focusing on acquiring trip sheets for both facilities. Navicent is ahead, with about 95% of trip sheets obtained.

The difficulty in acquiring trip sheets was discussed. Challenges in matching trip sheet entries with hospital entries, such as misspelled names or incorrect demographics, are ongoing. Some ambulance services can scan a patient's driver's license to input demographic information, which can be helpful when searching for a corresponding trip sheet. Collaboration between the hospital and the Office of EMS and Trauma has helped procure the trip sheets needed to complete the analysis.

Dr. Dunne projected Memorial still has about six months to complete the data analysis.

TRAUMA REGISTRY DATA REPORT: UPDATE ON IMAGE TREND MIGRATION STATUS

Presented by Marie Probst

The team is in the process of closing the 2023 patient registry data set. We have given the centers an extra 45 days to send their data, but one facility still needs to submit their November and December data. Once the data is collected, Danlin will start pulling the data for the annual report. Specific data fields are not coming across due to a reduced dataset so that the team will enlist the help of Gina Solomon.

The committee discussed challenges with transferring data from ESO to ImageTrend, partly due to the issues with the schema. Despite discovering issues with the 2023 scheme, it was not correctable, so the team is moving forward with the available data. The 2023 data has approximately 90 fewer fields compared to previous years. The 2025 data set will slowly introduce specific fields to ensure smooth data transfer.

Despite the challenges, the committee acknowledged the progress in overcoming hurdles and celebrated the recent release of the 2022 Annual Trauma Report, distributed in February.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjournment, Liz Atkins confirmed that the trauma systems dashboard project had been deferred due to discrepancies between the ESO and Imagetrend datasets.

In other discussions, Dr. Dunne mentioned HCA is considering moving forward with its trauma database. The transition is expected to occur in June. Data crossover and updates may delay the process. April Moss assured the committee that the Office of EMS and Trauma is working to develop a patch for the data transfer, and conversations have begun between ImageTrend and HCA teams.

For the next meeting, Liz advised Dr. Janani Thapa to provide an update on the UGA claims database project.



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SUMMARY OF MEETING & ACTION ITEMS

- The Eileen Bulger Project is making progress. There were challenges with obtaining accurate EMS vehicle location data due to discrepancies in EMS station definitions and deployment methods. Liz Atkins assured the committee that progress had been made in refining definitions and obtaining accurate data, with updates expected soon.
- The Navicent and Memorial Time to Definitive Care Project is moving forward. All necessary approvals are nearing finalization. Navicent has made strides in its data analysis. There have been challenges in obtaining trip sheets due to mismatched demographics.
- The 2023 dataset is nearly complete, awaiting one center's November and December data. Once collected, Danlin will start pulling data for the annual report. It was noted that the 2023 data has approximately 90 fewer fields than previous years. The 2025 data set will slowly introduce specific fields to ensure smooth data transfer.
- During the next meeting, Liz Atkins advised Dr. Janani Thapa will present an update on the UGA claims database project.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye