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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Trauma Administrators Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Zoom

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MEETING ATTENDANCE	
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
Dr. Michelle Wallace Dr. Regina Medeiros Patrice Walker Mark Schreiber April Dukes Christopher Ruiz Amy Watson C. Brian Delashmitt Brad Griffin Amy Griffin Angela Gary Becky Weidler Dee Burkett Jan Tidwell Bill Tustin Paula Butts Frances van Beek	Committee Chair , Grady Health System Georgia Trauma Commission, Secretary/Treasurer Atrium Health Navicent, CMO Augusta University Medical Center, CNO Crisp Regional Hospital, CNO, VP PCS Doctors Hospital of Augusta, VP of Trauma Services Effingham Health System, Executive Clinical Lead Hamilton Medical Center, EVP-CMO HCA Doctor's Hospital of Augusta, COO John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Sr. VP of Patient Care/CNO Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Exec Director Trauma/ED/Obs Northside Gwinnett, Director Piedmont Athens Regional, Exec Director Patient Services Piedmont Cartersville, CNO Piedmont Columbus Regional, COO Piedmont Henry Hospital, Chief Nursing Officer Wellstar Health System, AVP, Neuro & Trauma
APPOINTED DESIGNEES	REPRESENTING
Cindy Hoggard Rana Roberts Judean Guinn David Hoffenberg	Advent Health Redmond, Director ED/trauma Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Director, Trauma, Transport, and Transfer Center Hamilton Medical Center, VP/CNO Memorial Health University Medical Center, COO

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMISSION STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Michelle Wallace, GTC Member Dr. Regina Medeiros, GTC Secretary/Treasurer	Elizabeth V. Atkins, GTC, Executive Director Gabriela Saye, GTC, Executive Assistant Katie Hamilton, GTC, Finance Operations Officer

Call to Order: (00:00:05 on the recording)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM with sixteen committee members and four committee member designees present. Dr. Wallace thanked everyone for joining the meeting and reviewed the agenda items.

Approval of February 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes: (00:01:29)

Dr. Wallace asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes.

[MOTION GTCNC TRAUMA ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE 2023-04-01:](#)
[Motion to approve February 28, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted.](#)

MOTION BY: Dee Burkett

SECOND BY: Patrice Walker

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.



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ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions

Georgia Trauma Commission Updates: (00:02:00)

Presented by Liz Atkins

FY2024 Budget

Our FY2024 budget was approved during the last day of the session. There was an attempt to pull 692,000 from the Commission, but thankfully it did not go through. The Commission needs around 80-100 million additional funding to fund the current system. Due to the delay in the approved budget, we will try to get your contracts out by June 15th instead of June 1st.

American College of Surgeons (ACS) Trauma Systems Consultation and Rural-Focused Visit

We had a call with the ACS for edits. The final report will be out within the next two weeks.

RTAC Coordinators

We are in the process of contracting a new Region 4 RTAC Coordinator, Jay Connelly. Region 9 RTAC Coordinator interviews will be held this Thursday.

Trauma System Dashboard

The Commission and the Office of EMS and Trauma are working together to develop a statewide trauma dashboard with metrics accessible to the public.

Office of EMS and Trauma

The office is looking to hire Renee Morgan's replacement. Interviews were conducted last week.

Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act

The legislation was passed to improve care areas and ensure a coordinated response across the country. The next step is to acquire funding. They are asking for 24 million. We await more information on what this means for us within the state.

Georgia Coordinating Center (GCC): Trauma Transfer Diversion Update (00:12:40)

Presented by Dr. Michelle Wallace

The Trauma Transfer Diversion is still live in the system; There is very little usage at this time. We have sent out information multiple times, and Lori is willing to facilitate any additional education if needed.

Becky Wielder stated the diversion status is built into their processes, but they have not utilized it as often. Dr. Patrice Walker echoed Becky's input stating they are trying to avoid trauma-related diversion and have not used the status yet.

Dr. Wallace added that the new Imagetrend platform with communication capabilities transition is running behind, and a tentative update will take place in the next four to six weeks.

Trauma Center Diversion and Communication Workgroup (00:16:35)

Presented by Dr. Michelle Wallace

As we wait for the Imagetrend update, I want to open up the opportunity for members to discuss ED best practices. Previously, Frances Van Beek and Amy Watson assisted in developing the leading practices document sent in



November. If you are interested in joining the workgroup, please let me know. Dr. Wallace will resend the leading practices to the group again for review.

Other Discussions (00:20:42)

- Dr. Wallace advised there is a need to look at our trauma funding and sustainability. We must ensure we are proactive in what is happening in the state. Medicaid expansion was successful in North Carolina, so hopefully, it is a bit closer for us in Georgia. Grady will start developing a snapshot of what our funding is and what we report to ensure we are providing the level of care needed.
- Dr. Patrice Walker and Tracy Johns shared that Atrium Health Navicent completed their ACS visit last week. Tracy Johns advised that documentation review is much more thorough, and the amount of preparation may exceed that of your administrative staff. The ACS surveyors mentioned they would probably continue with hybrid-format verifications. Dr. Walker advised after the visit that they will review FTE and put resources into additional positions, another social worker, to meet the new standards. As administrators, it is important to communicate to leadership that the resources are not extra but needed to meet the standards of being a trauma center.
- Mark Schreiber shared that Augusta University Medical Center completed its ACS visit last week. The surveyors also recommended additional registry staffing and eluded that they would like to see a dedicated social worker to the trauma department in the future.

Summary of Action Items and Adjournment (00:35:15)

Presented by Michelle Wallace

- Please email Dr. Michelle Wallace if you are interested in joining the Diversion and Communication Workgroup: We are starting the work with ED and hospital operations and will look to schedule a meeting in mid-May
- Dr. Wallace will resend the leading practices document developed by Frances and Amy to the committee as a refresher.
- GQIP Summer Meeting, August 10-11, will occur in Savannah, Georgia. Trauma Administrators are not required but are welcome to attend.
- The next Trauma Administrators Committee meeting will be on July 24, 2023, at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye