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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Trauma Administrators Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 18, 2022

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

[Meeting Recording](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIRS	REPRESENTING
Dr. Michelle Wallace To Be Assigned Frances Van Beek Amy Watson Damien Scott	Committee Chair, Grady Health System LI Co-Chair/Finance Workgroup LII/III Co-Chair/Diversion Workgroup, Wellstar Health System LIV Co-Chair/Diversion Workgroup, Effingham Health System LIV Co-Chair/Education Workgroup, Emanuel Medical Center

MEETING ATTENDANCE	
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
Sheila Bennett Dee Burkett Brian Delashmitt Angela Gary Amy Griffin Judean Guinn Stacey Howard Tifani Kinard Christopher Ruiz Damien Scott Jan Tidwell Bill Tustin Frances Van Beek Patrice Walker David Weih Marty Wynn	Atrium Health Floyd, EVP/Chief of Patient Services Piedmont Athens Regional, Executive Director, Patient Services Hamilton Health Care System, EVP-CMO Northeast Georgia Health System, Executive Director Trauma and Emergency Services JD Archbold, SVP of Patient Care/CNO Hamilton Medical Center, VP/CNO Fairview Park Hospital, COO Polk Medical Center, VP of Rural Health Doctors Hospital of Augusta, Vice President of Trauma Services Emanuel Medical Center, CEO Piedmont Cartersville, CNO Piedmont Columbus Regional, COO Wellstar, AVP, Neuro & Trauma Services Atrium Health Navicent, CMO Wellstar, Executive Director Emergency Services Piedmont Walton Hospital, CFO
APPOINTED DESIGNEES	REPRESENTING
David Hoffenberg Amy Watson	HCA - Memorial Health University Medical Center, COO Effingham Health System, Clinical Lead/TPM/ED Director
OTHER ATTENDEES	REPRESENTING
Holly Rodillo	Northside Hospital Gwinnett, Dir of Finance

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 Gina Solomon, GTC, GQIP Director



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Call to Order: (00:00:18 on the recording)

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

Approval of April 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes: (00:00:21)

Dr. Wallace asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION GTCNC TRAUMA ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE 2022-07-01: Motion to approve April 18, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted

MOTION BY: Damien Scott

SECOND BY: David Hoffenberg

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions

Co-Chair Updates: (00:01:02)

Presented by Dr. Michelle Wallace

1. Finance: Co-Chair To Be Assigned

We have had some changes and are looking for another Co-Chair for our Finance Workgroup due to Katrina Keefer's transition to Alabama. Please let me or Regina Medeiros know if you are interested in participating or helping lead that committee. Dr. Medeiros added that she met with Katrina and their CFO and wanted to create a sample finance dashboard to share with the group and get feedback. Our analytics team is working on providing the information we want, such as levels of activation, reconciliation with the registry, ICU combination charges, and so forth. Whoever decides to lead that group, we would be happy to share that dashboard with them. Dr. Wallace encourages the committee members to advise of interest. The finance workgroup will most likely be the most active since a tremendous amount of work needs to be done.

2. Diversion: Led by: Amy Watson and France Van Beek

We will be scheduling the group to meet soon. As we encroach on flu season and the cyclical COVID waves, we want to ensure our trauma patients can be seen. The significant part of this group is understanding how we can communicate effectively across the state.

3. Education: Led by Damien Scott

We have not been able to find a time to meet yet and attempting to set something up for the first week of August. I sent out some poll questions, and we're currently developing the rural MARCH PAWS course. I will give a talk on that MARCH PAWS program at the Center for Rural Health GHA meeting. We are looking to offer the course in the fall. Please let me know if you are not in the education workgroup but have some ideas on educational needs.

Dr. Wallace advised the committee members to keep working with the Co-Chairs to schedule the meetings and make them a priority. Not many states have an administrator's group that can have buy-in or feedback on how things are functioning. Your voice is important. If you haven't signed up for a workgroup, please let me know which one you would like to participate in. The Co-Chairs will meet in August to discuss strategic planning for next year and what the needs look like.



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We have also reached out to Jesse, the chair of the GCTE Committee, to receive feedback on what they find value in as front-line leaders in our trauma institutions. What do we need to know? We want to know what they face daily, whether it is data, finance, staffing, or the new ACS criteria that came out. We will have that information at our next meeting in October.

Dr. Wallace asked if Liz Atkins had any updates or feedback from Barnsley to share with the group.

Georgia Trauma Commission Updates (00:10:24)

Presented by Liz Atkins

1. FY2022 Trauma Allocations

Liz Atkins referenced the final FY 2022 distribution to your centers (ATTACHMENT A, reformatted). You did receive an additional amended amount that went out to trauma centers. You should have received your amended contract about a month ago. There were additional readiness funds distributed amongst all levels, including Burn Centers. Regarding Pay Based Performance (PBP), some centers lost money for not meeting the criteria. The Budget Committee is currently working on adding other trauma centers to our annual contracting amount for FY 2024. We would love to have the finance workgroup to take a look at this and incorporate it into the dashboard.

Dr. Medeiros added that we want to demonstrate to the legislators the impact the funds have on the programs and have the administrators share how it is being utilized to enhance or support your programs. Liz Atkins mentioned that we understand call pay is a tremendous amount of dollars, but what about staff support, such as ensuring you have enough registrars with the new ACS criteria. Everyone needs to understand where this money is going and where it impacts your organization most. Another way to utilize the funds is thinking of opportunities for staff development, such as sending registrars to TQIP so they can pursue education and network with others at the national level.

2. Arbormetrix Updates

Gina Solomon shared that the Arbormetrix contract was finalized and kicking off meetings with them and ESO on Friday. Dr. Wallace asked if Arbormetrix updates could be added to the next meeting agenda. The administrators need to be aware of the impact it will have.

3. Winter 2023 Meeting

Unfortunately, we will not be returning to Barnsley, it was an expensive endeavor, and now they have raised their rates considerably. We are looking at Chateau Elan as a venue. We have a credit from our cancellation due to COVID and need to take advantage before it expires. We have requested a contract and will continue to update you with any location changes. We are trying to stick to the same dates: 02/27/23-03/01/23. We may look at doing a finance part II and would love your feedback on what topics you would like us to cover.

4. Level III/IV Readiness Cost Survey

The survey results we presented at Barnsley did get accepted for podium presentation at AAST. We are currently working on the manuscript. TCAA has also invited us to do a pilot study replicating Level I and II costs. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in the study.

5. ACS Rural Focused Trauma System Consult

In addition to trauma center consults, the ACS also facilitates trauma system consults. Georgia had a full trauma system consult in 2008, and we do want to have another one soon. Right now, we are working with the ACS to visit our state to pilot a rural-focused trauma system consult focusing on our rural areas. They plan to visit the week of January 9th and hold two to three stakeholder meetings in rural areas in the state. The meetings are for those in rural areas and urban centers that support a large rural transfer



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population. It would be great for you all to attend these stakeholder meetings. They want to hear from you and what are the trauma system issues. We are working through logistics with the ACS team and will have more information finalized in the coming weeks.

6. **PTSF LIV Consult Visits**

The Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation will be coming down the week of October 10th for Level IV consult visits. Currently, the ACS does not have a consultation process for Level IV trauma centers, so we have contracted with PTSF to provide that service. For trauma centers that were recently designated, we will figure out a way to have them return to conduct your consults. PTSF will present its Level IV findings at our November Commission meeting on 11/17/22 at the Macon City Center Marriott. They will provide an overview of strengths, opportunities, and recommendations. There will also be a virtual option, and we would love you to listen in or attend.

All our upcoming events are located on our website: trauma.ga.gov.

Next Steps/Action Items

Presented by Michelle Wallace

- Let me know if you plan to attend the Summer Meeting, Day of Trauma, so we can find some time to get together. Trauma Administrators are not required to attend but are welcome. The room block is currently full, but there are other hotel alternatives
- Prioritize and schedule some time to meet with your workgroup. If you are interested in joining one, please let me know
- Review your FY 2022 trauma center allocations (ATTACHMENT A)
- Utilize the GCTE contact list for networking or questions. It's a great resource to reach out to peers across the state (ATTACHMENT B)
- The next Trauma Administrators Committee meeting will be scheduled in October
- Save the dates:
 - Summer Meeting/Day of Trauma: 08/11/22-08/12/22
 - PTSF Level IV Consult Visits: 10/10/22-10/14/22
 - ACS Rural Focused Trauma System Consult: 01/09/23-01/13/23 (ATTACHMENT C)
 - Winter 2023 Meeting: 02/27/23-03/01/23

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye