



GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

APPROVED
02.28.23

Level III/Level IV/Rural Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 21, 2022

7:00 am to 8:00 am

Zoom Meeting

[Link to Meeting Material](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Greg Patterson	Committee Chair/ John D Archbold Memorial, TMD
Alicia Register	Committee Vice-Chair/ Crisp Regional, TMD
Victor Drawdy	Georgia Trauma Commission, Member
Courtney Terwilliger	Georgia Trauma Commission, Member
Monica Trotter	AdventHealth Redmond, Trauma PI
Nicole Sundholm	AdventHealth Redmond, Trauma Program Manager
Sharon Hogue	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, TPM
Dawn Truett	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, Quality/Accreditation Coordinator
April Dukes	Crisp Regional Hospital, CNO, VP PCS
Ashley Bullington	Crisp Regional Hospital, RN, TPM
Lindsey Lewis	Effingham Hospital, Trauma Program Manager
Brooke Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center, RN, TPM, ED Manager
Damien Scott	Emanuel Medical Center, CEO
Kim Brown	Hamilton Medical Center, Trauma Manager
C. Brian Delashmitt	Hamilton Medical Center, EVP-CMO
Steve Paynter	Hamilton Medical center, Trauma Medical Director
Kelli Vaughn	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Trauma Program Manager
Jeffrey Harden	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital
Christie Mathis	Morgan Medical Center, RN, TPM
Awharitefe Urhuogo	Morgan Medical Center, ER MEDICAL DIRECTOR & TMD
Jan Tidwell	Piedmont Cartersville, CNO
John Pope	Piedmont Cartersville, TPM
Karen Hust	Piedmont Walton Hospital, TPM
Rich Jacob	Piedmont Walton Hospital, TMD
Marty Wynn	Piedmont Walton Hospital, CFO
Kerry Carter	Wellstar Paulding, Tpm
Susan Baldrige	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital, Tpm
Rachel Hand	Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center, TPM
Michele Evans	Winn Army Community Hospital, TPM & ER Manager

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Elizabeth V. Atkins	GTC, Executive Director
Gina Solomon	GTC, GQIP Director
Gabriela Saye	GTC, Executive Assistant
Becca Hallum	Georgia Hospital Association, Associate General Counsel and Compliance Officer



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Renee Morgan
Nita Ham

OEMS/T
State Office of Rural Health, Senior Director, SORH/Hospital Services

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 am with 27 committee members present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson

Dr. Patterson asked for a motion to approve the July 22, 2022, meeting minutes.

MOTION LIII/IV Committee 2022-10-01:

Motion to approve July 22, 2022, meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION BY: Alicia Register

SECOND BY: Damien Scott

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION UPDATES

Presented by Liz Atkins

Dr. Patterson asked Liz Atkins to provide Georgia Trauma Commission updates.

1. PTSF Level IV Consultations

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the consult visits. The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) deployed two teams to facilitate the Level IV consultations the week of October 10th. Five centers were consulted: Polk, Effingham, Meadows, Emmanuel, and Morgan. The feedback has been tremendous, and the amount of education and information provided was priceless for our centers.

PTSF will send out a post-survey to participating centers. Please submit your feedback and let us know if you did not receive a post-survey from PTSF.

The PTSF will attend our November 17th Commission Meeting to provide an aggregate summary of strengths, opportunities, and recommendations from those visits. To support Rural Health Day, we will also have presentations from the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center and the State Office of Rural Health. The November Commission meeting information is posted on our website with an in-person and virtual option. Please let gabby@gtcnc.org know if you plan to attend in person.

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

The ACS visit has added a full trauma systems consult in addition to the rural-focused visit to understand how rural interacts with the full trauma system.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- **Monday, January 9, 2022**
 - Georgia Full Trauma System Review
 - Location: Lake Blackshear in Cordele, GA (Virtual Option Available)
 - Full Day



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- Identified Trauma Care Stakeholders to be invited for in-person attendance. Others are welcome to join a virtual meeting.
- **Tuesday, January 10, 2022**
 - Southern Georgia Rural-Focused Trauma System Review
 - Location: Lake Blackshear in Cordele, GA (In-Person Only)
 - 8 am-12 noon
 - Region 5-9 Trauma Care Stakeholders
- **Wednesday, January 11, 2022**
 - Northern Georgia Rural-Focused Trauma System Review
 - Location: Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville, GA (In-Person Only)
 - 10 am-2 pm
 - Region 1-4, 10 Trauma Care Stakeholders

Please plan to join your respective region's Rural-Focused Review. Please [click here](#) to view an interactive map if you need help locating which region you belong to.

MARCH PAWS

Presented by Courtney Terwilliger

Dr. Patterson asked Courtney Terwilliger to provide any updates on MARCH PAWS.

The initiative is moving forward. We have our first class scheduled for November 9th at Emanuel Medical Center. We have contacted several rural hospitals that border us and reached out to EMS, ER staff, Physicians, and Mid-Levels to participate. We have ordered about \$54,000 of training material. Casey Bridges at Mercer Rural Innovation Center is working on our presentation slides. In January, we hope to facilitate a course in Cordele and, finally, Thomasville to put in the final touches. The long-term goal of the course is to put the didactic material online, which Glenda at the Rural Innovation Center is working with us on.

Dr. Patterson added that HMP Communications are interested in what we are doing and has asked us to put together a report about MARCH PAWS and present it at the EMS World Expo next year. Hopefully, we can present a model for other people in the country.

ACCESS TO SPECIALTY CARE

Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson

The current access to the specialty care list was shared during the August Day of Trauma Meeting and posted to the trauma.ga.gov website. We will continue to update yearly.

WEB-BASED REGISTRY & CONTRACTED ABSTRACTION SERVICES

Presented by Liz Atkins

Centers received a web-based registry as part of your amended contracts. The funds were allocated in the FY2022 Q4 invoice. Next fiscal year, we will need to bump up the registry allocation to continue the web-hosting support. Please get the registry up and running as soon as you can and reach out to gina@gtcnc.org and liz@gtcnc.org with any questions.



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2023 MEETING CADENCE

Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson

Dr. Patterson reviewed the list of meeting dates for 2023 (ATTACHMENT A) and asked for a motion to approve the following:

- February 28th
 - In Person at Chateau Elan. The meeting time is to be determined after the finalization of the Winter Meeting schedule.
- April 21, 2022
 - Virtual-7am-8am
- July 14, 2022
 - Virtual-7am-8am
- October 6, 2022
 - Virtual-7am-8am

MOTION LIII/IV Committee 2022-10-02: **Motion to approve 2023 proposed meeting dates**

MOTION BY: Alicia Register

SECOND BY: Rich Jacob

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ACS Level IV Orange Book Criteria Feedback Period

- Liz Atkins advised Gina Solomon has sent a link from the ACS to receive feedback on the Orange Book Level IV criteria. They are looking to incorporate the criteria into the new standard. If you don't have the link, please let us know.

Level III/IV Readiness Cost Survey

- Dr. Ashley presented the LIII/IV Readiness Cost Survey at the AAST. Many people are interested in it, and we are at the forefront of showing what it costs to be a Level III/IV center. We did clarify that this was not the startup cost but rather a maintenance cost. There could be a follow-up study done in a couple of years. It would be interesting to see a follow-up on the Level I and II costs with the new standards and the economic inflation.

ACS Verification Updates

- Liz Atkins stated the ACS verification requirement may be pushed back further than the current June 30, 2025, deadline due to ACS consult delays. Most centers don't have a consult date yet, but some have dates as soon as September 2023, which will be before the release of the new standards. After a consult, the center has about a year turnaround to schedule their verification visit. It will be challenging to have a verification completed by 2024 or early 2025. We will look at extending the current deadline.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT

- PTSF Level IV Consultations completed and aggregate summary to be presented at November Commission Meeting. PTSF will be sending out a post-survey to participating centers. Please submit your feedback and let us know if you did not receive a post-survey from PTSF.



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- If you are interested in attending the November 17th Commission meeting in person, please let gabby@gtcnc.org know. The virtual meeting link is posted on the trauma.ga.gov website.
- Please take note of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Trauma Systems Consultation and Rural-Focused Visit dates, specifically the rural-focused visits for your regions.
- MARCH PAWS' first course is set for November 9th at Emanuel Medical Center
- Access to the Specialty Care list is posted to the trauma.ga.gov website and set to be updated yearly.
- All web-based registry centers should have received the funds to start in their FY2022 Q4 invoice. Please get the registry up and running as soon as you can. Please reach out to gina@gtcnc.org and liz@gtcnc.org for any questions.
- Committee Approved: 2023 Meeting Dates (ATTACHMENT A). Calendar invites to follow.
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- Level III/IV Readiness Cost Survey was presented by Dr. Ashley at AAST and was well received.
- Committee discussed extending the current June 30, 2025, ACS Verification deadline.

MOTION LIII/IV Committee 2022-10-03: **Motion to adjourn**

MOTION BY: Karen Hust

SECOND BY: Alicia Register

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 AM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye