GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

State Office of Rural Health
Cordele, Georgia
November 16, 2023

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Georgia Trauma Commission
Annual Meeting
November 16, 2023
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
State Office of Rural Health | Cordele, GA
Agenda

09:00 am to 09:45 am (45 minutes)

Welcome, call to order & establish quorum	Dr. Dennis Ashley
• Approval of August 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes*	
• Chairman's Report	
Bylaws Amendment/Election of Officers	Dr. Regina Medeiros
Executive Director's Report	Liz Atkins

09:45 am to 10:35 am Committee Reports I (50 minutes)

Budget Committee*	Dr. Regina Medeiros
EMS Committee	Courtney Terwilliger
Level III/Level IV/Rural Trauma Center Committee	Dr. Greg Patterson Dr. Alicia Register
Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence	Tracy Johns
Rehabilitation Committee	Dr. Ford Vox

10:35 am -10:45 am (10 minutes) MORNING BREAK

10:45 am to 11:15 am Committee Reports II (30 minutes)

Trauma Administrators Committee	Dr. Patrice Walker
Trauma System Performance Committee	Dr. James Dunne
Trauma Medical Directors Committee	Dr. Matthew Vassy

11:15 am to 11:45 am Trauma System Partner Reports (30 minutes)

Georgia Trauma Foundation*	Cheryle Ward
Georgia Quality Improvement Program	Dr. S. Rob Todd Gina Solomon
Office of EMS and Trauma	April Moss

11:45 am to 12:00 pm (15 minutes)

New Business | None	Dr. Dennis Ashley
Summary of Action Items & Next Steps	
Motion to Adjourn*	

**Commission action anticipated*

DRAFT FOR NOVEMBER APPROVAL

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Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 10, 2023
2:00 PM-5:00 PM
DeSoto Hotel
Savannah, Georgia
Meeting Recording: https://youtu.be/T4Eb7c2oTo0
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 via Zoom
Dr. Michelle Wallace via Zoom
Mr. Jim Adkins

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING	ATTENDING
Elizabeth Atkins	GTC, Executive Director	In person
Katie Hamilton	GTC, Finance Operations Officer	In person
Gina Solomon	GTC, GQIP Director	In person
Gabriela Saye	GTC, Executive Assistant	In person
Cheryle Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation, Executive Director	In person
Catherine Martin	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, TMD	In person
Dawn Truett	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, TPM	In person
Katie Hasty	Atrium Health Floyd, Injury Prevention Coordinator	In person
Crystal Wynn	Atrium Health Floyd, PI Coordinator	In person
Clarence McKemie	Atrium Health Floyd, TMD	In person
Melissa Parris	Atrium Health Floyd, TPM	In person
Tracy Johns	Atrium Health Navicent, TPM	In person
Robyn Axlund	Atrium Health Navicent, Trauma Data Coordinator	In person
Kyndra Holm	Augusta University, PTPM	In person
Ashley Faircloth	Augusta University, TPM PI	In person
David Cox	Crisp Regional Hospital, ER director/MD Crisp hospital	In person
Ashley Bullington	Crisp Regional Hospital, TPM	In person
April Moss	DPH OEMST, Deputy Director, Systems of Care	In person
Michael Johnson	DPH OEMST, Director	In person
Danlin Luo	DPH OEMST, Epidemiologist	Virtual

Jonathan Lieupo	DPH OEMST, Region 8 Regional Training Coordinator	Virtual
Marie Probst	DPH OEMST, State Trauma Registrar	In person
Bernard Restrepo	DPH OEMST, Training Coordinator	Virtual
Richard Rhodes	DPH OEMST, Training Coordinator	In person
Olalekan Akinyokunbo	Emanuel Medical Center, TMD	In person
Brooke Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center, TPM	In person
Gail Thornton	Emanuel Medical Center, Trauma Registrar	In person
Becca Hallum	Georgia Hospital Association, Associate General Counsel	Virtual
Lawrence Blair	Grady Memorial Hospital, Injury Prevention & Outreach Manager	In person
Rocky Rothenberg	Grady Memorial Hospital, PI Coordinator	In person
S. Rob Todd	Grady Memorial Hospital, SVP / Chief, Acute Care Surgery	In person
Sarah Parker	Grady Memorial Hospital, Trauma Program Director	Virtual
Greg Nickel	GTC Stop the Bleed, Coordinator	Virtual
Brian Delashmitt	Hamilton Medical Center, EVP| CMO	In person
William Hardeman	Hamilton Medical Center, TMD	In person
Steve Paynter	Hamilton Medical Center, TMD	In person
Kim Brown	Hamilton Medical Center, TPM	In person
Judean Guinn	Hamilton Medical Center, VP/CNO	In person
Gregory Patterson	J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, TMD	In person
Farrah Parker	Joseph M. Still Burn Center, Supervisor Burn Services	In person
Karrie Page	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital, Training Coordinator	Virtual
Kendrix Evans	Memorial Meadows Hospital, TMD	In person
Karen Young	Morgan Medical Center, Director of Nursing and Risk	In person
David Lawrence	Morgan Medical Center, Medical Director	In person
Christie Mathis	Morgan Medical Center, TPM	In person
W Matthew Vassy	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, TMD	In person
Jesse Gibson	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Trauma Program Director	In person
Naila Avery	Northside Hospital Gwinnett, TMD	In person
Nadirah Burgess	Northside Hospital Gwinnett, TPM	In person
Rayma Stephens	Northside Hospital Gwinnett, Trauma PI Coordinator	In person
Brandi Fitzgerald	Phoebe Putney Trauma Program, TPM	Virtual
Heather Morgan	Piedmont Athens, TPM	In person

Jay Connelly	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Dir. Trauma & Stroke	In person
Fred Nichols	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Medical Director	In person
Justin Keeton	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Pi coordinator	In person
Richard Jacob	Piedmont Walton, TMD	In person
Karen Hust	Piedmont Walton, TPM	In person
Crystal Shelnutt	Region 10 RTAC, Coordinator	Virtual
Andrew Altman	RTAC Region 9, Coordinator	Virtual
Ford Vox	Shepherd Center, Medical Director / DoC	Virtual
Nadine Lynch	Wellstar Cobb, Burn Program Manager	In person
Alyssa Monda	Wellstar Cobb, PI Coordinator	In person
Winston Charles	Wellstar Cobb, TPM	In person
Roger Smith	Wellstar Cobb, Trauma Registrar	In person
Rachel Hand	Wellstar Ga Medical Center, TPM	In person
Danielle Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone / RTAC Region 3, Trauma Outreach Coordinator	Virtual
Jamie Van Ness	Wellstar Kennestone, Director of Trauma Services	Virtual
Megan Dawson	Wellstar Kennestone, PI Coordinator	Virtual
Christina Ucci	Wellstar Kennestone, Trauma PI Coordinator	Virtual
Jaina Carnes	Wellstar North Fulton, TPM	In person
Arthur Curran	Wellstar Paulding, TMD	In person
Kerry Carter	Wellstar Paulding, TPM	In person

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:13)

Dr. Dennis Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, with eight Commission members present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (00:00:38)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley requested a motion to approve the May 25 meeting minutes, p. 2-10, in the meeting packet (ATTACHMENT A).

MOTION GTCNC 2023-08-01:
Motion to approve May 25, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted

MOTION BY: Jim Adkins
SECOND BY: John Bleacher
VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.
ACTION: The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections nor abstentions.

CHAIRMAN REPORT | TRAUMA SYSTEM FUNDING ANALYSIS (00:01:06)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley explained that the Chairman Report will be a presentation of the Trauma System Stabilization Proposal, p. 11-50. The proposal is a collaborative effort to analyze the system's financial situation. It was noted that a substantial amount of data is available to support the need for additional funding. Dr. Ashley highlights the comprehensive data analysis over the past 13 years to present a financial narrative of the trauma system's journey. The presentation included both achievements and challenges faced by the system. In addition, the number of trauma centers and their current status were reviewed to emphasize the evolution of the trauma center landscape over time. The financial drivers for trauma centers, specifically readiness and uncompensated care costs, were discussed. Dr. Ashley stressed that the numbers provided are conservative estimates.

The presentation concluded with a proposal for a stabilization plan, suggesting a 50% funding model for readiness (level I, II, and II trauma centers) and 100% readiness funding for level IV trauma centers totaling $61 million. The proposal will offer trauma centers more financial predictability, allow trauma system expansion, and increase rural center support.

Dr. Ashley advised that the proposal was open for discussion and collaboration. Some discussion points included:

- The proposal's primary funding focus is readiness costs due to its predictability and alignment with established standards. Uncompensated care costs are less predictable.
- EMS funding support is also needed to address issues like interfacility transportation. It was acknowledged that EMS barriers need further examination and data analysis to determine the necessary funding.
- The importance of trauma center expansion, especially in rural areas, was emphasized. The expansion aims to stabilize patients closer to the injury site.
- There is a need for careful messaging when communicating with legislators. The recent hospital closures and potential consequences of inadequate funding were identified as key points.
- Data limitations were noted, with available data only extending up to 2020. Recent hospital closures' impact remains unmeasured.

Dr. Ashley thanked Commission members for their feedback and asked Liz Atkins to continue with the Executive Director Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (00:043:56)

Presented by Liz Atkins

Liz Atkins referenced the full report on pages 51-60, which provides a high-level overview of the last quarter's progression of our key initiatives.

- If a center was designated before May, they are now included in the contracted funding with the Georgia Trauma Commission. Bringing additional trauma centers into the funding impacted the allocation to the existing contracted centers. As the funding is spread across more centers, there is less funding to go around as our overall pool of funding does not significantly increase from year to year.
- A new committee, the Trauma System Executive Leadership (TSEL), was formed, including dyad leadership from the Department of Public Health and the Georgia Trauma Commission, to address higher-level system issues and eliminate confusion surrounding agency responsibilities.

- The draft of a Trauma System Dashboard is under development, p.55. It aims to monitor system performance, such as over and under-triage rates, treatment of critical patients, and time to definitive care. Each metric will have a clear definition and data source identifier.
- Liz reviewed the tentative 2024 Commission meeting dates and requested a motion for Commission approval, p. 60:
    - Thursday, February 15th | Madison, GA
    - Wednesday, May 22nd | Braselton, GA
    - Thursday, August 15th | Madison, GA
    - Thursday, November 21st | Cordele, GA

MOTION GTCNC 2023-08-02:
Motion to approve 2024 Commission meeting dates

MOTION BY: James Dunne
SECOND BY: Jim Adkins
VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.
ACTION: The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections nor abstentions.

COMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP REPORTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT (00:50:00)
Presented by Dr. Regina Medeiros and Katie Hamilton
Dr. Regina Medeirosa referenced the report on pages 61-99:

- All designated and verified trauma centers as of May 2023 are now funded. Funding has increased to support level III and IV centers.
- Katie Hamilton reviewed the year-end close-out, reviewing FY 2023 budget summaries. $146.74 of unspent funds were returned to the State. The committee acknowledged and commended Katie on her hard work tracking Commission dollars, p. 63-72.
- Katie Hamilton referenced the FY 2023 performance-based payment program (PBP) trauma center awards and reductions, p. 73-89. In FY 2024, quarterly invoicing will shift to semi-annual invoicing. PBP will be prospective in nature meaning that the trauma center's current performance will determine the following fiscal year's readiness allocation.
- Dr. Regina Medeiros highlighted the year-end Super Speeder Summary, p. 94-97. We are happy to report we closed out $2 million ahead of the previous fiscal year.
- Katie Hamilton reviewed open purchase orders to date, p. 91-93. Open purchase orders must be managed carefully to prevent potential fund returns to the treasury. The Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) also requests an annual status update on all open purchase orders.
- Dr. Regina Medeiros mentioned upcoming Budget Committee tasks, including developing the FY 2025 budget proposal. There were discussions about how the FY 2025 budget should adhere to the new instructions from OPB, including a 1% budget decrease and the inclusion of measurable outcomes and deliverables.

A request was made to allow the Budget Committee to draft a proposed FY 2025 budget during their next committee call. The proposed budget must be submitted to the Department of Public Health by September 1 based

on instructions from OBP. It was clarified that the proposed budget would serve as an anticipation of spending and would not obligate the Commission to specific expenditures. The Commission agreed to proceed as planned. It was noted that while the process slightly differs from year to year, we must proceed according to instructions and timelines set forth by OPB.

EMS COMMITTEE REPORT (01:07:26)

Presented by Courtney Terwilliger

Courtney Terwilliger referenced the report on pages 100-114 for the EMS Committee and provided the following updates:

- FY2023 EMS education resulted in 189,048 contact hours through GEMSA, p. 103-114 provide details of the number of courses funded and completed.
- The Automatic Vehicle Locating System (AVLS) Program is ongoing, which provides equipment throughout Georgia to enhance the State's ability to monitor EMS assets.
- A call is scheduled in September to discuss the EMS Equipment Grant. We will discuss different approaches to facilitate future applications. Dr. James Dunne asked who was eligible for the grant. Courtney Terwilliger clarified that the grant is for 911 EMS agencies. Agencies that are not 911-zoned are not eligible. The grant is based on the number of 911 ambulances operated by an agency. The total grant funds are divided by the total number of 911 ambulances across the State.
- The Department of Public Health (DPH) Office of EMS and Trauma (OEMST) and the Professional Ambulance Group organized Town Hall meetings across the State to gather input and recommendations on how EMS funds could be used more effectively to improve trauma care.
- An ongoing issue related to inter-hospital transportation for time-sensitive patients was raised. The committee is working on defining the problem and collecting data to address this issue.
- An EMS recruitment video was developed to showcase the EMS profession and attract possible candidates.
- MARCH PAWS discussion was deferred to the Level III/IV Committee Report.

Jim Adkins shared an update on the Hospital Signage project. The EMS Committee approved to work on hospital signage to improve the navigation to emergency & trauma centers. EMS agencies are tasked to report missing or incorrect signs. Progress has already been made in installing the appropriate signage.

LIII/IV COMMITTEE REPORT (01:21:48)

Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson

Dr. Greg Patterson referenced the report on page 115:

- The committee is focused on the 11 recommendation points provided by the American College of Surgeons:
  - We have addressed the need to repeat financial surveys to evaluate the impact of the new ACS standards.
  - There have been Town Hall meetings across the State to address patient transport barriers.
  - Geo-mapping has been identified as a possible endeavor, partnering with UGA to map base locations.
- Access to Specialty Care to be updated, which provides centers contact information and available resources.
- MARCH PAWS completed its first pilot course in Cordele, GA, on June 30, with attendees providing positive feedback. We are looking into providing CMEs for Physicians to encourage course participation. The scalability of the course and the idea of maintaining caches of training supplies around the State

were discussed. Upcoming courses are scheduled for September 22 in Swainsboro and October 27 in Thomasville.
- Plans for a November meeting were discussed at the State Office of Rural Health.

GEORGIA COMMITTEE FOR TRAUMA EXCELLENCE (GCTE) REPORT (01:38:23)

Presented by Tracy Johns

Tracy Johns referenced the report on page 116 for the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence.

- TQIP data uploads are completed. GQIP and State uploads are overdue, pending software updates.
- Registry education funds have been allocated. Plans are underway to disperse funds by the end of the year, focusing on ATS and AIS registry courses. Course funding may be pro-rated depending on center level: Level II/IV paid at 100%, and Level I/II paid at 50% of registration costs.
- A slide set has been created related to time to definitive care and AKI to distribute to trauma centers so they can use it for referring facility education.
- A Trauma Program Manager toolkit is in development, targeting all new trauma center Trauma Program Managers offering guidance and resources. An educational toolkit for bedside nurses is also in development.
- Injury Prevention activities are ongoing with Bingocize, Back to School Programs, and Stop the Bleed. There are plans for several teen-driving events in the fall.
- The GCTE meeting was held this morning. Jesse Gibson presented a paper published by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses on collaborating with organ procurement to raise awareness about organ donation. The focus of the recent meetings has been on reviewing the new ACS trauma standards.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for November via Zoom.

REHABILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT (01:44:14)

Presented by Dr. Ford Vox

Dr. Ford Vox referenced the report on pages 117-124:

- The committee is comprised of Wellstar, Shepherd Center, Warm Springs, Emory, Northeast Georgia, and Atrium Health Navicent representatives. We met on August 3 and will meet again in November.
- A new subcommittee focused on data analysis was formed and is led by Susannah Kidwell from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The subcommittee aims to engage Dr. Eli Mlaver, a General Surgery Research Fellow, to assist with the data analysis. We discussed contributing data to a database and streamlining a process to facilitate data sharing. Discussions have begun with quality departments at rehabilitation facilities to select relevant data for the database.
- The possibility of engaging insurers such as Medicaid and Blue Cross was considered to address issues related to rehabilitation transition.
- Plans to send out a survey targeting trauma case managers have been discussed. The survey aims to gather information on challenges related to access to rehabilitation services. The goal is to improve the transition from trauma to rehabilitation.
- The idea of creating an informative resource sheet was proposed. The sheet would offer general advice on accessing rehabilitation services, continuum of care, return to work, and disability services.

TRAUMA ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE REPORT (01:56:36)

Presented by Dr. Michelle Wallace

Dr. Michelle Wallace referenced page 125 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- There have been significant developments since our last committee meeting. The new Georgia Coordinating Center (GCC) platform went live on July 1. Lori is working on communication strategies to present to the administrator's group during the next meeting.
- Two diversion workgroup meetings were held, with extensive discussions regarding the definition of diversion. Participants felt that the existing state definition was adequate but needed additional clarity. It was decided to remove the word "saturation" from the terminology. We are seeking input from other states.
- Dr. Ashley presented the financial analysis to the group. The upcoming meeting will delve deeper into financial matters, addressing the administrator's perspectives and questions. The possibility of Georgia Medicaid was discussed, which could alleviate some financial burdens.

TRAUMA SYSTEM PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (02:02:19)

Presented by Dr. James Dunne

Dr. James Dunne provided the following updates:

- The Armband Project, conducted by the Office of EMS and Trauma, has been launched as a pilot. To date, 78 patients have received armbands. The next step is to connect the armband data with the trauma registry, which has faced challenges due to issues with ESO uploads.
- Delays have affected the State's Trauma Data Report due to ESO mapping issues. Once the linkage between ImageTrend and ESO is established, data analysis between 2022 and 2023 will commence.
- Atrium Navicent and Memorial Health University Medical Center are working on their own time to definitive care project by sharing and comparing data. Data sharing agreements and IRB approvals are in progress to facilitate analysis.

TRAUMA MEDICAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE REPORT (02:07:00)

Presented by Dr. Matthew Vassy

Dr. Matthew Vassy referenced page 126 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- There were barriers to recent leadership changes and prior disengagement. I obtained a contact list for re-engagement and look forward to revitalizing the committee.
- I am creating a survey to be sent to all TMD contacts to encourage and measure engagement, as well as obtain perceptions regarding both barriers to sending and receiving transferred trauma patients.
- Several years ago, the Georgia Trauma Commission circulated a poster and cover letter to critical access centers regarding the importance of early recognition and expedited transfer of significantly injured patients, similar to RTTDC principles, which was very effective. Like most efforts to achieve a paradigm shift, reminders are often needed. I plan to revise as needed and redistribute after Commission approval.

SYSTEM PARTNER REPORTS

GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION REPORT (02:09:53)

Presented by Dr. John Bleacher

Dr. John Bleacher referenced the report on pages 127-129.

- The Rural Continuing Education Initiative, funded by a $1.1 million grant, is progressing well, with numerous courses scheduled throughout the State.
- We have set a five-year target to raise $5 million, encompassing individual donors, small donations, corporate donations, major gifts, fundraising events, and grants. Fundraising opportunities include Giving Tuesday and an upcoming May 18, 2024 Gala.

- A question was raised regarding the Georgia Trauma Foundation's website and donation options. The website does not currently have online donations, but digital donation options are being researched and will be selected. In the meantime, donations can be routed to Cheryle Ward. Venmo or other digital payment methods could conveniently collect small donations and reach a broader audience.

GEORGIA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT (02:18:13)

Presented by Dr. Rob Todd

Dr. Rob Todd reviewed the GQIP report and content in the packet on pages 130-132:

- Time to Care and VTE workgroups are in development; we plan to start them during the Summer Meeting. Challenges exist with enlisting volunteers for workgroups.
- The launch date for ArborMetrix was pushed back to December 2023. A meeting has been requested with ArborMetrix leadership to discuss delays.
- Work with the PSO attorney has started. We plan to apply to AHRQ by the end of 2023. We are beginning to work through the required policies.
- The Trauma Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly.

Dr. Ashley highlighted the importance of the upcoming GQIP meeting with the plan to review data and share best practices, emphasizing performance improvement and learning from complications.

OFFICE OF EMS AND TRAUMA REPORT (02:22:31)

Presented by April Moss and Kelly Joiner

April Moss reviewed their report on page 133:

- Access to the GQIP ESO Central Site for 2021-2022 records for the annual reports has been granted.
- The data dictionary for 2023 was finalized, and work on the 2024 schemas has begun.
- The Armband Project is in the pilot phase, starting in Lumpkin and Hall County.
- The State Trauma Plan is being revised, focusing on essential trauma system elements.
- Collaborative efforts are ongoing to revise the Burn Performance Evaluation and identify burn care metrics.
- In the last several months, we had many ACS visits, initial verifications, and re-verifications. We also have several ACS consultative visits in the next several months and into the beginning of 2024.
- We still seek a Trauma Program Coordinator candidate to replace Renee Morgan's previous role.
- Continue collaborating with Liz Atkins and Gina Solomon to develop the Trauma System Dashboard.
- We are always in need of trauma center site reviewers. A couple of forms must be filled out to ensure the reviewer is set up as a vendor in the state system for payment. Please reach out to April Moss for any interests or questions.

Dr. Ashley expressed gratitude for April's hard work and dedication. It was noted again that the Department of Public Health Office of EMS and Trauma and the Georgia Trauma Commission leadership have created a new committee, the Trauma System Executive Leadership (TSEL), to address higher-level system issues.

NEW BUSINESS

GRACE COMMISSION AND G60 TRAUMA PROGRAM (02:33:50)

Presented by Jim Adkins

Jim Adkins provided an overview of the Grace Commission, a project initiated by the Governor's wife in 2019, focused on combating human trafficking. There is a 33-minute informational video available online.

Dr. Alicia Mangum from Phoenix, Arizona, has created the G60 Trauma Program to recognize traumatic injuries in individuals aged 60 and older, such as low-level falls and fractures of the femur, pelvis, and hip. Further investigation and discussion of the program will occur during the EMS Committee meeting.

CLOSED SESSION (02:35:44)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley asked the Commission for a motion to move to a closed session.

MOTION GTCNC 2023-08-03:
Motion to move to a closed session

MOTION BY: Regina Medeiros
SECOND BY: James Dunne
VOTING: Dr. Dennis Ashley, Dr. James Dunne, Dr. Regina Medeiros, Dr. John Bleacher, Courtney Terwilliger, Vic Drawdy, Dr. Michelle Wallace, and Jim Adkins voted in favor.
ABSENT: Pete Quinones
ACTION: The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections nor abstentions.

The Commission moved to a closed session at 5:03 PM; the closed session affidavit is included as ATTACHMENT B.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- The Commission approved the 2024 Commission Meeting dates.
- During the next committee call, the Budget Committee will draft a proposed FY 2025 budget. Based on new instructions, the proposed budget would need to be submitted to the Department of Public Health by September 1. It was clarified that the proposed budget served as an anticipation of spending and would not obligate the Commission to specific expenditures.
- The Commission moved to a closed session prior to adjournment. The closed session affidavit is included as ATTACHMENT B.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye

COUNTY OF BIBB
STATE OF GEORGIA

AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Chairman of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission (hereinafter the "Commission"), who, after being sworn, deposes and states under oath the following:

1. THAT affiant is the duly appointed Chairman of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, is over the age of eighteen years, and has personal knowledge of the facts contained in this Affidavit.
2. THAT this Affidavit is given as required by that portion of the Georgia Open Meetings Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, *et seq.*) codified at O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)(1).
3. THAT the Commission met in an open meeting, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(b)(1), on the **10th day of August 2023**, and during the course of that meeting, it became necessary for the Commission to close the meeting to the public pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
4. THAT affiant presided over the closed portion of the meeting of the Commission.
5. THAT as reflected in the minutes of the open meeting to which this Affidavit is attached, upon a majority vote of a quorum of members of the Commission present for the meeting, the meeting of the Commission was closed for the specific reason set out in the minutes, the specific exception to the Open Meetings Act being O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2) and O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4).
6. THAT during the portion of the meeting of the Commission which was closed to the public, no public matter, official business, or policy of the Commission was discussed or presented, no official action was taken, and no recommendations on any public matter, official business or policy were formulated, presented or discussed **EXCEPT** as such discussion, presentation, recommendation or action related to the specific exceptions to the Open Meetings Act for which the meeting was closed to the public, as set out in Paragraph 5 of this Affidavit.

FURTHER AFFIANT sayeth not, this 10th day of August 2023.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, this 10 day
of August, 2023.

Teresa Wanda Lyerson
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
July 14, 2026.

Dr. Dennis Ashley
Chairman,
Georgia Trauma Care Network
Commission

GEORGIA TRAUMA CARE NETWORK COMMISSION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization referred to in this document is the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission."

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

The Georgia General Assembly statutorily created the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission during the 2007 – 2008 legislative session, and its authority and duties are codified at O.C.G.A. § 31-11-100 et seq.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF THE TRAUMA CARE NETWORK COMMISSION

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission shall have the duties and responsibilities set forth in O.C.G.A. § 31-11-100 et seq.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership on the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission will be determined as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 31-11-100 et seq. establishing and empowering the Commission.

Responsibilities of Membership:

1. The Commission shall meet upon the call of the Chairperson or upon the request of three members.
2. Members will prepare by having reviewed the draft agenda, previous meeting minutes, and materials for discussion at the meeting. Members are encouraged to be involved in Commission committee activities.
3. Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the original appointing authority.
4. Removal: The Commission may recommend removing a member, to the original appointing authority, for good cause by a two-thirds vote of Commission members present at a meeting where quorum is determined. Good cause includes:
    i. Inappropriate conduct unbecoming of a member,
    ii. Neglect of responsibilities assumed by a member or assigned by the

Chairperson; and,

iii. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings in a given year, or failure to consistently attend and participate in meetings of the Commission.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Officers: There are three officer positions on the Commission. These are the Chairperson, appointed by the Governor, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer. The Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer are elected by the Commission. In the temporary absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson and conduct the Commission meeting.

The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission; and shall conduct its correspondence. Press releases and public announcements concerning the Commission's work shall be issued only by or with the approval of the Chairperson.

Officers' duties and roles include:

a. Chairperson:
    i. Determine that a quorum is present.
    ii. Open the meeting at the specified time by calling the members to order.
    iii. Announce the business of the Commission and the order in which it will be considered.
    iv. Acknowledge members who are entitled to speak.
    v. State all motions and for voting.
    vi. Announce the results of all votes.
    vii. Make sure that the discussion proceeds in an orderly fashion.
    viii. Enforce decorum.
    ix. Make the business of the meeting run as smoothly as possible.
    x. Decide all questions of order.
    xi. Inform the participants about a point of order or specific parliamentary practice when requested.
    xii. Authenticate the proceedings with his or her signature.
    xiii. Declare the meeting adjourned when all business has been concluded.
    xiv. Establish committees and appoint members as needed

b. Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in the temporary absence of the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson will assist the Chairperson with his or her duties, responsibilities and assist in orienting new members of the Commission.

c. Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/ Treasurer shall be responsible for recording votes, ensuring written minutes are developed for each Commission meeting, and serve as the point of contact for budget reporting. The Secretary/ Treasurer shall have custody of the book of minutes and shall attest such documents as the Commission or Chairperson may direct or as the law may require. The

Secretary/Treasurer will ensure fund expenditure reports are obtained for the Commission from all appropriate State agencies. The Secretary/Treasurer shall ensure proper notice of all meetings and fund expenditure reports are provided to the Commission and shall perform such duties incident the office of Secretary/Treasurer and as the Commission may direct.

d. Elections to Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer: Elections are made based on nominations from the members of the Commission at the designated annual meeting. A two-thirds vote by the members present at the annual meeting where there a quorum determined is required to elect a member to an officer position.

e. Term of Office: The Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer positions are effective following the election of the officers. The Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer shall serve for a term of three (3) years beginning at the annual meeting of the Commission. The Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer can hold a limit of 2 consecutive terms.

f. The Vice-Chairperson or Secretary/Treasurer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of Commission members present at a meeting where a quorum is determined for failure to comply with duties as defined.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

The Commission shall meet upon the call of the Chairperson or upon the request of three members. The Commission shall hold at least quarterly regular meetings of the entire Commission. Each November meeting shall be designated as the annual meeting of the Commission. The time and place of the meetings will be at the discretion of the Commission. The Commission will provide notices of meetings per the Open Meetings Act of the State of Georgia.

With the approval of the Chairperson, any Commission member who cannot attend a meeting of the Commission may participate in such meeting by speaker telephone communication when technology is available. The member shall give the Chairperson advance notice that the member desires to participate in a meeting by speaker telephone. The speaker telephone shall be positioned so that all persons in the room where the meeting is held and the Commission member or members communicating by speaker telephone can hear and speak to each other. The Commission member or members participating in a meeting of the Commission by speaker telephone communication shall be counted present at the meeting for quorum determination and voting purposes.

Commission members must attend qualifying meetings in person to be eligible for expense allowance as determined by Georgia law. Qualifying meetings are regular meetings of the entire Commission and Commission committee meetings.

Unless otherwise stipulated in these Bylaws, the business of the Commission will be determined by a simple majority vote of Commission members present during a meeting where a quorum is determined.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

The Chairperson may appoint committees to provide guidance and recommendations to aid the Commission in making informed decisions. All committees shall have a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson appointed by the Commission Chairperson. The Commission Secretary/Treasurer will chair the Budget committee. All other committees may be chaired by a Commission member or a committee member. The committee Chairpersons shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The committee Chairperson may be reappointed to serve a second term, not to exceed a maximum of six (6) years.

ARTICLE VIII. QUORUM

1. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of appointed Commission members present at a properly called Commission meeting.

2. Formal business shall take place if a quorum is present in accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act and generally accepted rules of parliamentary procedures.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Proposed amendments of the bylaws shall be sent to the entire Commission membership at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the Commission members present at the meeting where bylaws are reviewed where a quorum is determined is required to amend these bylaws.

The bylaws will be reviewed every three (3) years by members appointed by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE X. LEGAL COUNSEL

The Attorney General of the State of Georgia shall be legal counsel for the Commission. The Attorney General, or such persons as may be designated, shall represent the Commission in all legal matters.

ARTICLE XI. REIMBURSEMENT

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same expense allowance per day as that received by a member of the General Assembly for each day such member of the Commission is in attendance at a meeting of such Commission, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by public carrier or the same mileage allowance for the

use of a personal car in connection with such attendance as members of the General Assembly receive. Such expense and travel allowance shall be paid in lieu of any per diem, allowance, or other remuneration now received by any such member for such attendance.

ARTICLE XII. ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. It is the responsibility of the Commission to provide orientation to new members. With the assistance of the Secretary/Treasurer, the Vice-Chairperson will provide information and orient new members on their roles and responsibilities.

2. The Commission Secretary/Treasurer shall make Commission Bylaws, budgets, and expenditure reports, history of the Commission, other pertinent documents, and information available to a new Commission member to review and provide technical assistance as needed.

Amended, approved, and adopted by the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission on 18 November 2021.

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Dennis W. Ashley, M.D., Chairman

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Executive Director Report

Elizabeth Atkins

November 16, 2023

Cordele, Georgia

Executive Director Report

Initiative/Project Updates	Description	Update
PROJECTS & INITIATIVES		
GTC Email Migration - Final Update	Email phishing attempt in April 2022 necessitating migration to ga.gov server. GTC.GA.GOV accounts established &..ORG to .GOV migration was completed in May.	.ORG has been deactivated; emails will bounce back as undeliverable. Our .GOV business email is posted on our website if needed.
GHA Center for Rural Health Board Meeting August 15th St. Simons, GA	Continued partnership with GHA to identify challenges and barriers for rural trauma care in Georgia.	Dr. Medeiros and Liz Atkins presented a Q/A interactive format-style discussion.
American College of Surgeons Trauma Systems Consultative and Rural Focused Review After Action Planning	Critical analysis of the current system status, including its challenges and opportunities, and recommendations for system improvement. The rural-focused review is a first for the ACS and will serve as a pilot for other states to replicate.	The Trauma System Executive Leadership Committee (TSEL) continues to meet. ACS follow-up call with GTC/OEMST and Drs. Eastridge, Staudenmaier and Person on October 30, 2023. They are interested in feedback on the utility of the report, any clarity needed, our progress with recommendations and any barriers (actual or anticipated). ACS was open to feedback on the cadence of follow-up visits, the plan is to connect virtually at six-month intervals. Rural action planning kickoff to take place November 16, 2023, to address the rural-focused ACS recommendations.

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Initiative/Project Updates	Description	Update
PROJECTS & INITIATIVES (Continued)		
Regional Trauma System Development Manager Recruitment	Replacement of the vacant role that originated as the system planner role and was most recently (2021) known as the Deputy Director role. This role will have primary oversight of the RTACs and the GA Stop the Bleed Program.	The position was closed on October 31st after a robust pool of candidates was identified. The first-round interviews were held on November 7th and 8th, and selected candidates will move forward to the second-round panel interview in early December. The goal is for a hiring decision to be made by December 15th.
Senate Rural Provider Study Committee Presentation **September 6, 2023** **NEGMC Habersham** **Demorest, GA**	2023 Legislative Session - SR 371 created a a study committee to raise awareness of the challenges of rural hospitals to recruit surgical personnel and to hire and retain surgical support personnel	Provided an overview of the GA trauma system, GTC rural initiatives/programs and highlighted several successes and vulnerabilities.
Georgia Trauma System Dashboard	Dashboard to display trauma system metrics and GTC financial overview as recommended in the ACS System Consult.	No new updates, now that there is at least a temporary solution to the central data issues, we can resume work on the dashboard.
ACS Committee on Trauma Fall Meeting **October 22 – 23, 2023** **Boston, MA**	The ACS COT meets twice annually in Spring and Fall. The fall meeting is held in conjunction with the ACS Clinical Congress.	ACS is establishing a Rural Trauma Pillar. This is quite an undertaking, but Dr. Person will continue to lead rural for the COT. There is no release date yet for the highly anticipated level IV standards. There are expected to be revisions to the standards, which will likely be discussed at the TQIP meeting in Louisville.

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Initiative/Project Updates	Description	Update
FUTURE EVENTS		
Upcoming TCAA Webinar: ***The Gray Area of Trauma Finance: Calculating Your Trauma Readiness Costs*** **November 29, 2023**	Presented by Dennis Ashley, Tracy Johns and Liz Atkins	Overview of the history and importance of being armed with readiness cost data. The webinar will also include Dr. Ashley and Tracy reviewing some of the more nebulous calculations in a "how-to" fashion.
RTAC UPDATES		
RTAC Coordinator Transitions	Region 1 moved forward with contracting an RTAC coordinator, Scott Stephens.	All RTAC Coordinator positions are filled.
Stop the Bleed – In August 2022, the GTC voted unanimously to expand the distribution of GTC-funded bleeding control kits to include public education institutions, law enforcement, and government agencies.	The fourth phase ended on August 31, 2023. RTAC Coordinators are reviewing all past applications from phases one through four to ensure kit delivery.	154 Total Eligible Applications 2,981 Bleeding Control Kits Requested Phase 1 |40% Complete Phase 2| 10% Complete Phase 3 |13% Complete Phase 4 | 6% Complete

Executive Director Report

2024 GTC Proposed Meeting Schedule		
Date	**Location**	**Notes**
February 15, 2024 Commission Meeting	**City of Madison Meeting Hall** **Madison, GA**	
May 22, 2024 Commission Meeting & GQIP Spring Meeting	**Chateau Elan** **Braselton, GA**	Mon – TC Administrators Workshop & GCTE Meeting Tue - GQIP Wed - GTC
August 15, 2024 Commission Meeting	**City of Madison Meeting Hall** **Madison, GA**	
November 21, 2024 Commission Annual Meeting National Rural Health Day	**DCH State Office of Rural Health** **Cordele, GA**	4th Thursday to accommodate for ACS TQIP Annual meeting in Denver the week prior.

Updated Commission-related meeting information can be found at: trauma.georgia.gov/events

Jon Burns
Speaker

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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August 21, 2023

Via Email

Dr. Samual Robert Todd

Dear Dr. Todd,

Pursuant to O.C.G.A 31-11-101, I am appointing you to serve on the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission. You will serve a four-year term beginning September 24, 2023. Your term will expire September 24, 2027.

Thank you in advance for your service to this state. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Jon Burns, Speaker
Georgia House of Representatives

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

August 7, 2023

Ms. Elizabeth V. Atkins, Executive Director
Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission
248 W. Jefferson Street
Madison, GA 30650

Dear Ms. Atkins,

I write to inform you that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-101(a), I have re-appointed Dr. James R. Dunne to serve as a member of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission. Mr. Dunne's re-appointment is effective immediately, and he shall serve a term of four years. Please let me know if you need any additional information about this appointment.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

CC: Governor Brian Kemp
Speaker Jon Burns
Dr. James R. Dunne

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Budget Committee
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. Super Speeder	The super speeder funds are currently showing a 10% increase in cumulative variance compared to the previous year.
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
2. New Committee Members	During the Augusta meeting, committee members approved a motion to add Mr. Pete Quinones and Mrs. Jesse Gibson to the committee. Dr. Ashley and Mrs. Atkins met with the new members to review the guidelines and expectations of committee members. They were officially welcomed at the October meeting.
Status: Complete	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
3. FY 25 Draft Budget	In compliance with instructions from the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), the committee reviewed the proposed draft budget that included a 1% reduction following a review of all programming as it relates to performance and support of the departmental strategic plan. While all programs are performing very well the decision was made that both MAG MRC and NSQIP were the two programs that lacked complete alignment with the overall strategic plan and mission. The committee voted that the reduction would be taken from those two budget areas. Dr. Ashley will follow up with both MAG MRC and NSQIP leadership to let them know. In addition, OPB requested a proposal for a one-time 3% increase for a specific project to enhance the achievement of departmental goals. The budget committee considered a proposal to support funding start-up costs for the ESO registry for centers that will be joining the trauma network. The budget committee also supported a motion to provide registry start-up grants to level IV centers as funds are available.
Status: Complete	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
4. FY 25 PBP	The committee reviewed the proposed FY 25 PBP criteria and will bring forth a motion for full commission approval
Status: Requires a vote	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
5. Request for Additional Funding	The budget committee will be working with Dr. Ashley, Mrs. Atkins, and GHA to prepare a request for additional trauma system funding
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**

[1] Wherever possible the topic/task should be related to GTCNC Strategic Plan or activities of the GTCNC as defined by O.C.G.A. § 31-11-100, § 31-11-101, § 31-11-102 and § 31-11-103.

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Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None at this time
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	Approval of FY 25 PBP criteria
Committee Members:	Jim Dunne, Co-Chair, Courtney Terwilliger, Dennis Ashley, Pete Quinones, Jesse Gibson
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Regina Medeiros
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	November 20, 2023

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

FY 2024 Expense to Budget

ACCOUNT	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	PERCENT OF ACTUAL EXPENSES	REMAINING FUNDS
TOTAL BUDGET	$22,144,775.00	$329,277.97	1%	$21,815,497.03
OPERATIONS	$1,431,688.06	$245,042.41	17%	$1,186,645.65
Staff Salaries	$544,132.13	$73,204.38	13%	$470,927.75
Benefits	$435,843.93	$108,641.46	25%	$327,202.47
DOAS Administrative Fee	$16,229.00	$10,294.00	63%	$5,935.00
Staff Education and Travel	$35,000.00	$2,113.95	6%	$32,886.05
Commission Member Per Diem	$8,500.00	$483.74	6%	$8,016.26
Rent	$7,800.00	$1,300.00	17%	$6,500.00
Office Expenses	$1,296.00		0%	$1,296.00
Printing	$6,500.00	$807.31	12%	$5,692.69
Office Supplies and Equipment	$5,000.00	$12.65	0%	$4,987.35
Postage	$200.00	$15.85	8%	$184.15
Meeting Expense	$164,300.00	$34,497.14	21%	$129,802.86
TCAA	$1,500.00		0%	$1,500.00
Telephone	$26,900.00	$473.88	2%	$26,426.12
Virtual Meeting Platform	$1,900.00		0%	$1,900.00
Office Telephone and Internet	$16,000.00	$473.88	3%	$15,526.12
Staff Cell, Mifi, and Equipment	$9,000.00		0%	$9,000.00
Software/IT	$39,315.00	$13,198.05	34%	$26,116.95
Website Maintenance	$4,500.00		0%	$4,500.00
The Box Cloud Storage	$1,800.00		0%	$1,800.00
Adobe	$280.00		0%	$280.00
DocuSign	$2,090.00		0%	$2,090.00
Office 365.org	$4,000.00	$912.00	23%	$3,088.00
Name Cheap	$45.00	$45.08	100%	-$0.08
Quickbooks	$2,400.00	$600.00	25%	$1,800.00
Georgia GovHub/GTA	$4,200.00		0%	$4,200.00
Media/Graphic Designer	$20,000.00		0%	$20,000.00
Misc Software	$968.00	$56.97	6%	$911.03
Contingency	$138,204.00	$11,584.00	8%	$126,620.00
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	$2,168,397.27	$64,839.95	3%	$2,103,557.32
RTAC Funds	$403,640.00	$18,854.95	5%	$384,785.05
Region 1	$40,364.00		0%	$40,364.00
Region 2	$40,364.00	$3,004.77	7%	$37,359.23
Region 3	$40,364.00	$1,762.05	4%	$38,601.95
Region 4	$40,364.00		0%	$40,364.00
Region 5	$40,364.00		0%	$40,364.00
Region 6	$40,364.00	$1,943.00	5%	$38,421.00
Region 7	$40,364.00	$3,369.00	8%	$36,995.00
Region 8	$40,364.00	$3,268.75	8%	$37,095.25
Region 9	$40,364.00		0%	$40,364.00
Region 10	$40,364.00	$5,507.38	14%	$34,856.62
MulkeyMedia RTAC Website	$7,200.00	$1,600.00	22%	$5,600.00
NameCheap	$16.00		0%	$16.00
Stop the Bleed Coordinator (Contract)	$50,000.00		0%	$50,000.00
UGA Time to Definitive Care/System Economic Impact	$150,000.00		0%	$150,000.00
Legal-Peer Review P&P Development	$72,000.00		0%	$72,000.00
State Trauma Medical Director Consultant (Kaufman)	$50,000.00		0%	$50,000.00
MAG	$170,000.00		0%	$170,000.00
GQIP	$255,290.00	$43,260.00	17%	$212,030.00
Georgia Trauma Foundation	$272,500.00		0%	$272,500.00
OEMS&T	$435,983.00		0%	$435,983.00
Reserves	$301,768.27	$1,125.00	0%	$300,643.27
EMS STAKEHOLDERS	$3,727,377.93	$19,095.61	1%	$3,708,282.32
Program Management-Tim Boone	$42,000.00		0%	$42,000.00
AVLS Airtime Support	$634,800.00	$17,051.61	3%	$617,748.39
AVLS Equipment	$36,531.73	$2,044.00	6%	$34,487.73
EMS Equipment Grant	$1,123,932.44		0%	$1,123,932.44
Metro Atlanta EMS Conference	$10,000.00		0%	$10,000.00
Bulger Research Group (UW) Prehospital Research Consultant	$30,000.00		0%	$30,000.00
EMS Education	$1,850,113.76		0%	$1,850,113.76
TRAUMA CENTERS	$14,817,311.74	$300.00	0%	$14,817,011.74
Trauma Center Readiness, Registry, and Uncompensated Care	$14,664,689.74		0%	$14,664,689.74
Warren Averett UCC Audits	$50,000.00		0%	$50,000.00
Registry Education Support	$33,750.00	$300.00	1%	$33,450.00
TQIP Participation for Level III	$68,872.00		0%	$68,872.00

Open Purchase Order Summary

FY 2020 – FY 2023

November 16, 2023

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Four-Year Open Purchase Order Summary

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Current Open Purchase Order by Fiscal Year	3	3	4	19
Cumulative Open Prior Year Purchase Orders	0	3	6	10
Total Dollar Amount open on prior year Purchase Orders	$35,802.52	$1,024,350.00	$39,124.00	$423,653.31

FY 2023 Prior Year Open Purchase Order Summary Detail

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount	Explanation
Apple	2020	$16,160.81	Equipment
Home Depot	2020	$16,774.50	Regional Supplies Pending Invoices
Amazon	2020	$2,867.21	Office Supplies Pending Invoices
ArborMetrix	2021	$749,850.00	OPB Approved multi-year PO
Warren Averett	2021	$12,000.00	Audit Work Pending Invoices
March Paws	2021	$262,500.00	Classes in Progress Pending Invoices
ArborMetrix	2022	$8,484.00	Additional Funds added for multi-year PO
GTA	2022	$2,300.00	Monthly Website Maintenance Pending Invoices
Piedmont Walton	2022	$19,000.00	ACS Visit Scheduled April 2024
ESO	2022	$9,340.00	ESO Report Writer
Verizon	2023	$7,468.71	Monthly AVLS Billing Pending Invoices
T-Mobile	2023	$8,887.84	Monthly AVLS Billing Pending Invoices
Department of Law	2023	$68,000.00	Peer Review Pending Invoices

FY 2023 Prior Year Open Purchase Order Summary Detail Continued…

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount	Explanation
Emory	2023	$36,856.25	Reduced FY 2024 Grant Funds
Tim Boone	2023	$1,247.97	Monthly AVLS Support Pending Invoices
North Georgia Community Foundation	2023	$40,364.00	FY 2023 RTAC Funds Pending Invoice
First Net	2023	$1,320.74	Monthly Staff Cell Phones Pending Invoices
North American Rescue	2023	$6,437.20	Trainer Kits Pending Invoices
Prime Properties	2023	$75.00	Madison Office Cleaning Pending Invoices
Waterman Spring Water	2023	$85.00	Madison Water Cooler Rental Pending Invoices
Warren Averett	2023	$30,665.00	Audit Work Pending Invoices
Island Tech	2023	$179,763.00	2024 AVLS Equipment Pending Invoices
Fairview Park	2023	$8,609.00	Level III TQIP Pending Invoice
Piedmont Cartersville	2023	$8,609.00	Level III TQIP Pending Invoice
Wellstar Cobb	2023	$8,609.00	Level III TQIP Pending Invoice

FY 2023 Prior Year Open Purchase Order Summary Detail Continued…

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount	Explanation
Grady Burn	2023	$4,142.00	ABLS Class Pending Invoice
Commission Member Per Diem	2023	$2,200.00	Pending Invoices
GTA	2023	$10,313.60	OKTA Authentication Pending Invoices

FY 2025 Trauma Center PBP Summary of Changes	
All Centers	**Rationale**
1. Added back maintenance of registry record closure rate of 80% within 60 days.	1. Ensures contemporary data available for risk adjusted benchmarking
2. GQIP data submission requirement timeframe	2. Ensures contemporary data available for risk adjusted benchmarking
Level III Trauma Centers	**Rationale**
1. ACS Verification requirement extended to FY 2026	1. ACS has extended timeframes for consultative visits due to backlog of visits from COVID and transition to new standards
Level IV Trauma Centers	**Rationale**
1. NTDB data submissions changed to annual	1. Compliance with NTDB requirements and decrease burden of submissions
2. Submission of PI Plan	2. To ensure all level IV centers have a PI plan that addresses all required components to effectively identify and resolve patient care opportunities

PROPOSED FY 2025 PBP CRITERIA

Domain	Criteria for All Centers	Center-Specific Criteria by Level			
		Level I & II	Level III	Level IV	Burn
System Participation	1. 75% TMD Call Participation in Quarterly TMD/GA COT/GQIP Conference Calls * 2. 75% TPM participation in Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE) meetings.* 3. Summer 2024 "Day of Trauma" GQIP mtg attendance by: •TMD/Physician Leader (or designee) **AND** •TPM (or designee) 4. Winter 2025 meeting attendance by: •TMD/Physician Leader (or designee) **AND** •TPM (or designee) **AND** •Senior Executive (or designee) 5. 75% Participation by appointed Senior Executive in quarterly Trauma Administrators Committee meetings*	1. Participation by trauma program staff member in ONE GCTE official subcommittee* 2. Trauma Medical Director must be member of the Georgia Chapter Committee on Trauma (COT)	1. Participation in Level III Level IV Rural Committee* 2. Trauma Medical Director must be member of the Georgia Chapter Committee on Trauma (COT)	1. Participation in Level III Level IV Rural Committee*	1. Participation by burn program staff member in Burn Center Workgroup 2. Burn Center Medical Director must be member of the Georgia Chapter Committee on Trauma (COT)
ACS Optimal Resources Document Criteria (ABA Criteria for Burn Centers)	6. Peer Review Committee attendance at 50% for all Peer Review Committee required members.** 7. Timely NTDS data submissions **8. Record closure rate demonstrated at 80% within 60 days. Report submitted with quarterly GQIP data download.**	3. Surgeon response time compliant with established thresholds** 4. In Level I and II trauma centers, the TPM must be full-time and dedicated to the trauma program** 5. Trauma registry FTE meets minimum requirement** 6. Maintain ACS Verification***	3. Surgeon response time compliant with established thresholds** 4. TQIP Participation 5. Trauma registry FTE meets minimum requirement** **6. Achieve & Maintain ACS Verification by 6.30.2026*** (extended to FY 2026 from FY 2025)** 7. Multidisciplinary participation in "MARCH PAWS" rural trauma educational initiative by hosting the course at the level III trauma center during fiscal year	2. Multidisciplinary participation in "MARCH PAWS" rural trauma educational initiative by hosting the course at the level IV trauma center during fiscal year	3. Peer Review Committee attendance 50% * 4. Identify two quality metrics, with associated reports for reporting and sharing in the GQIP statewide quality collaborative (9.13) 5. The burn program regularly participates in regional education related to burn care (17.2) 6. Attendance at burn continuing education meetings in regional, national, or international (3.11, 6.7, 7.8) by: •Burn Surgeon **AND** •Burn Nursing leader **AND** •Burn Therapy
GQIP	**9. Data downloads to GQIP central site completed within 2 weeks of due date.**	7. Participation in external data validation visit 8. Timely email submission of facility-specific TQIP performance matrix and drill-down exercises for summer and winter meetings 9. National TQIP **In-Person** meeting attendance by: •TPM (or designee) **AND** •TMD (or designee) **AND** **•TPIC (or designee) AND** **•Registrar (or designee)** **10. All full and part-time registrars will complete the "*2024 TQIP Continuing Education: New for 2024*" online course and at least 50% of the TQIP monthly educational experiences**	8. Timely email submission of facility-specific TQIP performance matrix and drill-down exercises for Summer and Winter meetings **9. National TQIP In-Person meeting attendance by:** **•TPM (or designee) AND** **•TMD (or designee)** **10. All full and part-time registrars will complete the "*2024 TQIP Continuing Education: New for 2024*" online course and at least 50% of the TQIP monthly educational experiences**	**3.Submit written PI plan to GQIP director by March 1, 2025.**	7. (SAME AS #4 above) Identify two quality metrics, with associated reports for reporting and sharing in the GQIP statewide quality collaborative (9.13))
% of Total Readiness Dollars		**80%**	**60%**	**19%**	**50%**

*** Compliance timeframe defined as calendar year 2023**

****Per the 2022 Published "Optimal Resources for Care of the Injured Patient" (2014 Standards for Level IV Trauma Centers)**

Proposed FY 2025 PBP Metrics

RTAC Coordinators	
Metric	**% Contract Dollars At Risk**
Submit Quarterly Reports to GTC three calendar weeks prior to the Georgia Trauma Commission meetings dates as per published events on Trauma.ga.gov. ***FY 2025 quarterly report due dates:*** February 2024; April 2024; July 2024; October 2024	2%
75% Participation in monthly RTAC Coordinator meetings.	2%
75% RTAC Coordinator attendance at EMS Regional Council Meetings for contracted EMS Region	2%
TOTAL	**6%**

Dr Tim Boone, LLC (AVLS)	
Metric	**% Contract Dollars At Risk**
Timely submission of reports to Georgia Trauma Commission EMS Committee Meeting , e.g., 2 calendar weeks before the GTC EMS Committee meeting date as per published events on trauma.ga.gov	2%
By January 1, 2025, provide an equipment replacement cost estimate that covers any AVLS-related equipment needs for inclusion in the budgeting process for the upcoming fiscal year (F.Y. 2025)	2%
TOTAL	**4%**

GEMSA	
Metric	**% Contract Dollars At Risk**
Timely Submission of quarterly invoices; on or before Nov 30 (QTR 1), Feb 28 (QRT 2), May 31 (QRT 3), July 31 (QRT 4)	2%
Timely submission of reports to Georgia Trauma Commission EMS Committee, e.g., 2 calendar weeks before the GTC EMS Sub Committee meeting dates as per published events on trauma.ga.gov	2%
TOTAL	**4%**

Georgia Trauma Foundation	
Metric	**% Contract Dollars At Risk**
Timely Submission of quarterly invoices; on or before September 30 (QTR 1), December 31 (QRT 2), March 31 (QRT 3), June 30 (QRT 4)	4%
Submit quarterly Trauma System Partner Reports three calendar weeks prior to the published date of each Commission Meeting	2%
TOTAL	**6%**

Use of Readiness Funding Summary

FY 2023

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FY 2023 Use of Readiness Funding Summary

Reported Readiness Funding Uses	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
Portion of FTE Dedicated to Trauma/Burn Program	20%	62.5%	60%	80%	
Trauma/Burn Medical Director Contract/Stipend	20%	62.5%			
Trauma/Burn Surgeon on Call Pay	60%	50%	60%	20%	50%
Subspeciality Call Pay Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, Anesthesia	20%	75%	40%		
Trauma/Burn-Related Equipment Purchase				20%	50%
Trauma/Burn-Related Education	20%	50%	60%	80%	
Other* (Free Text)			20%	60%	

***Other**

Level I: N/A
Level II: Compliance with Trauma standards, Travel, Daily operations
Level III: N/A
Level IV: Registrar Salary, Data Download, ESO Registry Update, Memberships, Travel
Burn: N/A

Super Speeder Revenue Summary

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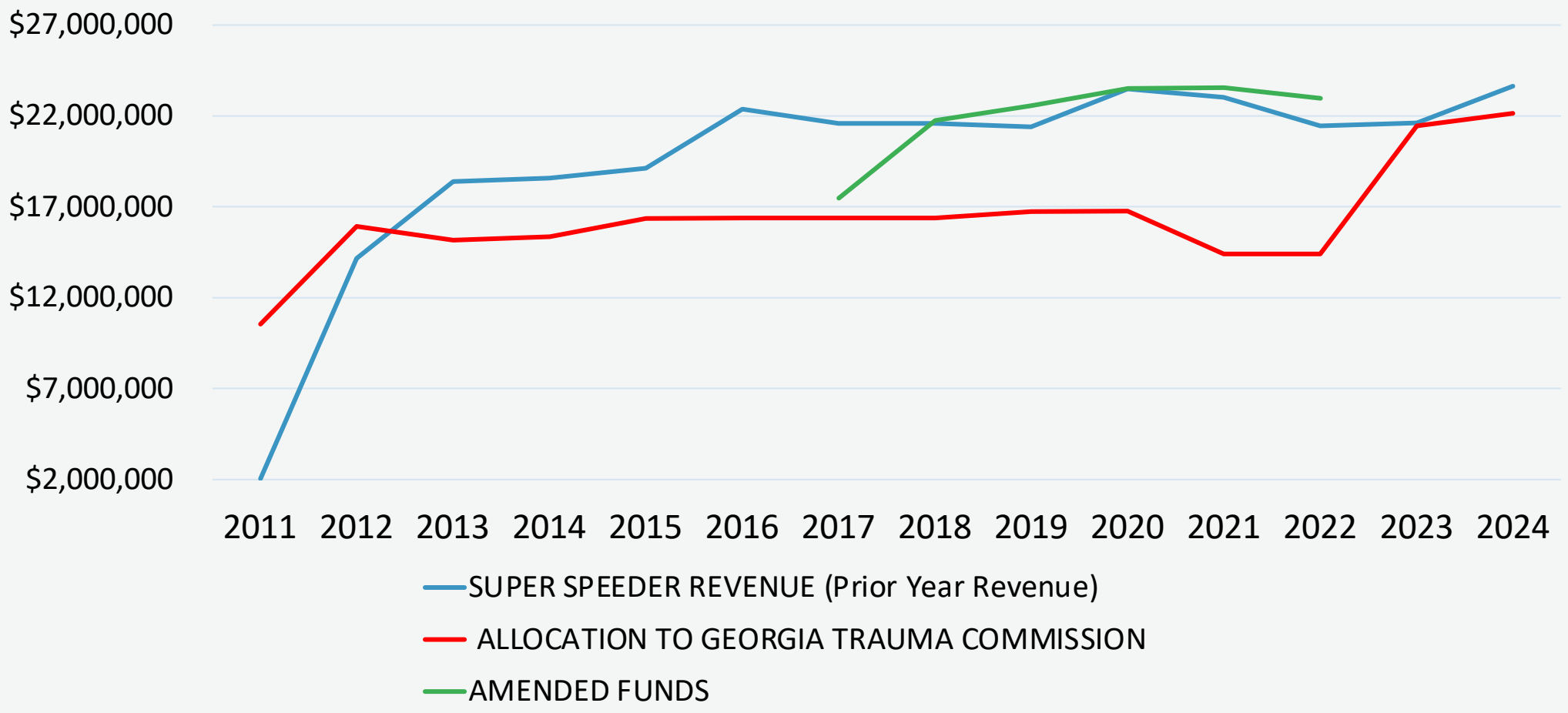
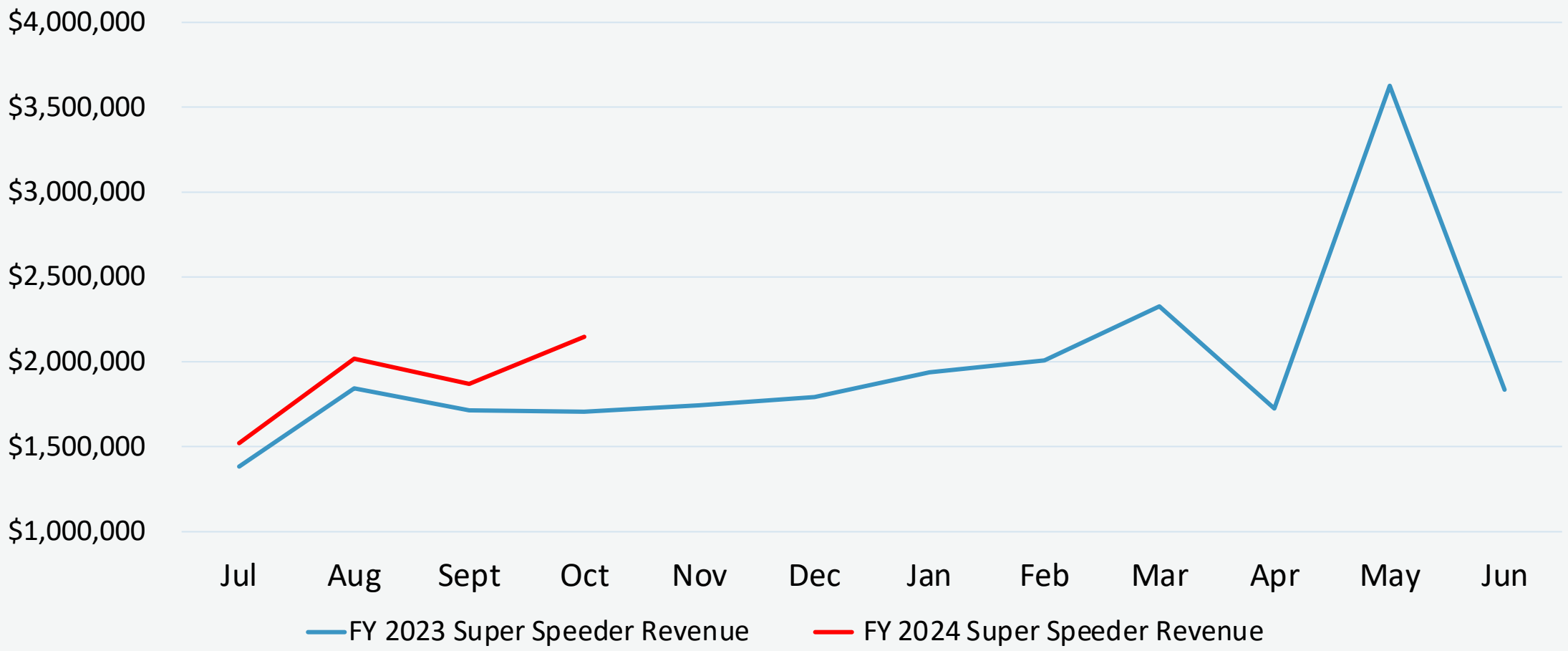
Revenue to Budget Comparison



Super Speeder Revenues FY 2023 vs. FY 2024



Super Speeder Cumulative Revenue FY 2023 vs. FY 2024

Month	FY 2023 Cumulative Total	FY 2024 Cumulative Total	Cumulative Variance	Percentage +/-
Jul	$ 1,382,770.00	$ 1,521,462.00	$ 138,692.00	10%
Aug	$ 1,843,870.00	$ 2,019,481.00	$ 314,303.00	10%
Sept	$ 1,713,281.00	$ 1,869,542.00	$ 470,564.00	10%
Oct	$ 1,705,226.00	$ 2,148,114.00	$ 913,452.00	14%
Nov				
Dec				
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Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	EMS Committee
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. Spending Plan	We are current with our work and focusing on the next FY.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
2. EMS Education	The work is continuing across the State. We continue to refine our student data list to help us understand where each course is being conducted and who attends the courses.
Status:	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
3. AVLS On-Going	Next month we will begin the first "open enrollment" process. We have been challenged when services change their provider during the FY. The services will now be given a three-month window to choose their cell provider. This allows more precise budgeting for this work
Status:	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
4. EMS Equipment Grant	The application period for this grant ended on October 31, 2023. The staff is now processing each of the applications. We have a committee trying to develop a more precise process for identifying the exact number of 911-zoned ambulances at each service. This group is also looking at how we will handle changes in the zoned providers that might occur mid-FY.
Status: Completed for this FY	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
5. Inter-hospital Transportation	We will review the survey next week with the staff at the Mercer Rural Innovation Center. After we have approved this instrument, Ms. Nita Ham has agreed to assist with getting this survey to the appropriate personnel at the rural hospitals. The GEMSA town hall meetings are continuing and should end this month. They have been collecting information from the EMS community concerning barriers to inter-hospital transportation.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): YES**
6. EMS Recruitment tool	GEMSA is working with the SOEMS/T to develop a central phone number that individuals who are interested in these courses can call to get information.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): YES**
7. Hospital Signage	Mr. Adkins has completed this work and will give a brief update to the Commission at the November meeting.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): YES**

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8. Work with Dr. Bulger's group	We are trying to quantify the capabilities of EMS in Georgia. We have engaged Nick Medrano to work on this project. We have had some challenges that we are trying to work through.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	Courtney Terwilliger, Vic Drawdy, Regina Medeiros, Scott Stephens, Pete Quinones, Scott Roberts, Lee Oliver, Duane Montgomery, Allen Owens, Huey Atkins, Brian Hendrix, Jeff Adams, Jim Atkins, John Smith
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Courtney Terwilliger
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	January 11, 2024

In June of 2023, GTC Commissioner Jim Adkins brought an idea to the EMS Committee regarding the state-wide need for Hospital signs to be placed and directional arrows affixed to help Georgia citizens & visitors trying to find Hospitals more easily.

The Emergency Medical Services Committee approved this endeavor, and Jim engaged the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) & Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). MUTCD (Municipal Uniform Traffic Control Devices) compliance is a federal program of uniform signs to identify directional traffic signs easily; the Georgia Department of Transportation strives to remain compliant.

The Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association (GEMSA) offered to assist in this sign project by surveying Emergency Medical Service Agencies and hospitals to review the needs for Hospital signs & directional arrows. The results of this effort are more than 100+ responses and identification of Hospital signs/arrows needed or to be replaced. The variety of needs shared by many agencies was very detailed, and it was surprising that the need was so great!

GDOT has been promoting this project and has taken all the information on Hospital sign needs and begun the state-wide effort to update arrows and hospital signs and remove signs for Hospitals now closed.

This project, with state-wide ramifications, will assist so many when needing to find a hospital and be more readily visible to the motoring public.

Appreciation to the GTC EMS Committee for recognizing this important undertaking. In November 2024, another survey will help identify further needs and GDOT Progress.

Sincerely,

Jim Adkins

GTC Commissioner

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Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	**Level III/IV Rural Trauma Committee**
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. MARCH PAWS	Third course October 27 in Thomasville, GA. Revisions and logistics are still in progress with constructive feedback received by participants and instructors.
Status: Awaiting availability for course dates	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):Y**
2. ACS Trauma Systems Consultation – Rural Focused Site Visit	Eleven key priorities were identified for the Level III/IV Committee, and ideas were discussed for each issue. 1) Repeat financial survey for hospitals to reflect the updated standards 2) Town hall meetings with EMS to capture barriers for transfers and patient transports 3) Possible geo-mapping to assist with base locations Kick-off stakeholder meeting this afternoon with a task force of engaged participants to determine the next steps and develop an action plan.
Status: Final report pending April 2023	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
3. Access to specialty care e.g., re-implantation, ECMO	Tabled for Summer 2024
Status: Annual update August	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
4. PI project specific to LIII/LIV: PI Process and Mentorship	GCTE is working on a mentoring program
Status: In process	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	Trauma Program Managers, Medical Director and Administrators of the Georgia Level III and IV Trauma Centers, as well as representatives from the DPH OEMS/T, SORH, GTC
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Greg Patterson MD Chair & Commission Liaison; Alicia Register MD, Vice Chair
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	January 19, 2024

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Name of Committee or Workgroup:	**Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence**
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. **REGISTRY**: Registrar Education Funding	Trauma center survey results identified the AIS 2015 course as the top choice for funding support. GCTE & GTC Leadership working on operational details to support registration cost/attendance with focus on education for participants from all center levels but primary focus on Level 3-4 centers.
Status: in progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**
2. **REGISTRY**: Georgia Vendor Data Dictionary	From the vendor perspective, the data dictionary is used to clarify data definitions to support data mapping for data uploads. Due to differences in the Image Trend (DPH) & ESO V5 (GQIP) software, there must be 2 Georgia Trauma Vendor (mapping) Data Dictionaries. There were no changes to the Georgia Trauma Program Data Dictionary for 2024 admits.
Status: completed	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**
3. **PI**: Decreasing Time to Definitive Care	Best practice supported from all center levels participating in discussions at meetings on: 1. COMPLETED: Level 4 program audit tool to monitor ED LOS focused on pt with ISS ≥ 16, measuring shock index (SI) - *SI > 0.7 strong indicator for shock dx and need for transfusion, surgery & poss transfer)* ○ Verbal feedback indicates this audit tool has helped Lev 4 personnel better understand how to monitor & improve process. Survey will be sent out at end of calendar year to see how many Lev 4 facilities adopted process. 2. IN PROGRESS: Lit review for identifying additional best practice solutions for decreasing time to definitive care (adult & peds) in progress 3. IN PROGRESS: Support C-MARCH PAWS ongoing education 4. TBD: identify metrics to assess C_MARCH PAWS training effect on time to transfer
Status: ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**
4. **PI**: Transfer Feedback Template	Group exploring creating a Georgia Transfer Feedback Template to support best practice in transfer process for hospital and EMS providers through: 1. COMPLETED: Feedback process presentations from Level 1 and Level 3 centers. 2. IN PROGRESS: Lit review (part of lit review above 3.2) trauma feedback process and incorporating into transfer process improvement & decreasing time to definitive care.
Status: ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**
5. PEDS: SIPA score (shock index, ped age-adjusted)	Education: Dr. Smith, Scottish Rite TMD, has given SIPA lectures at multiple state meetings and all the pediatric centers. A SIPA tip sheet has been developed for distribution. Ongoing efforts to establish metrics to measure effectiness of SIPA score use.
Status: ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**

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Project/Activity[2]	Comments
6. PEDS: Ped Transfers	Collaborating with Education subcommittee to create a Georgia Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Toolkit based on findings from transfer timeliness review and literature review with PI subcommittee.
Status: in progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**
7. **PEDS**: Whole Blood Transfusion	CHOA is participating in MATIC-2 to investigate use of whole blood for pediatric trauma. Biggest concerns are dosing, titer, and availability. Study outcomes will be reported.
Status: in progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**
8. INJ PREV/OUTREACH (July-Sept 2023)	1. STOP THE BLEED®: > 900 participants in webinar offerings 2. Inj Prev & Outreach and RTAC Teams (Regions 3, 5, and 6) converged on Atlanta for the National African American Gun Owners Association National Conference. Four provider sessions for STOP THE BLEED® supported. 3. The Wellstar Kennestone team has been running point on the Lutzi Teen Driving Summits across the state. They do a great job of coordinating with each RTAC and other Trauma Centers to assure that the events are really representative of the State's Trauma System 4. September was HUGE with teams focusing on Child Passenger Safety Week, Suicide Awareness Month, and Falls Prevention Month 5. Coming up, several teams will be engaging in National Injury Prevention Day Events (November 18th) - We will host a Trauma After-Hours ATV Safety Class provided by Memorial Health University Medical Center
Status: in progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**
9. **EDUCATION**: State Education Projects	• GOAL: Develop a TPM toolkit for the new TPM – one focused for the Level 3-4 centers and one focused for the TPM's in Level 1-2 centers. • GOAL: Develop a set of essential trauma nursing skills/knowledge for ED nurses in outlying hospitals need to provide safe/effective care for trauma patients.
Status: in progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? YES**

Topics for Commission Discussion:	None at this time
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	N/A
Committee Members:	Tracy Johns RN, GCTE Chair & Lynn Grant RN, GCTE Vice-Chair Representatives from most trauma centers (> 85 attendees)
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Tracy Johns RN, GCTE Chair and Lynn Grant RN, GCTE Co-Chair
Next Committee Meeting Date:	January 2024

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Shock Index, Pediatric Age-Adjusted (SIPA)

Tip Sheet for ED Nurses and Providers

Summary

SIPA (Shock Index, Pediatric Age Adjusted) is defined as the ratio of heart rate to systolic blood pressure for pediatric patients. Elevated *Shock Index* has been proven to monitor and predict severity in illness and prognosis in addition to correlate with increased mortality and the risk of massive transfuson.[i] SIPA additionally improves the discriminatory ability of identifying severely injured children at-risk of requiring operative intervention,and requiring ICU admission.[ii] This score will be caluclated for all patients, however, SIPA scores for patients 4 years and older will be flagged in the chart if abnormal.

Index Ratio Values

Ages 4-5

a. Normal SIPA Score 0-1.2
b. **If SIPA score >1.2, inform attending physician**

Ages 6-12

a. Normal SIPA Score 0-1.0
b. **If SIPA score >1.0, inform attending physician**

Ages >12

a. Normal SIPA Score 0-0.9
b. **If SIPA score >0.9, inform attending physician**

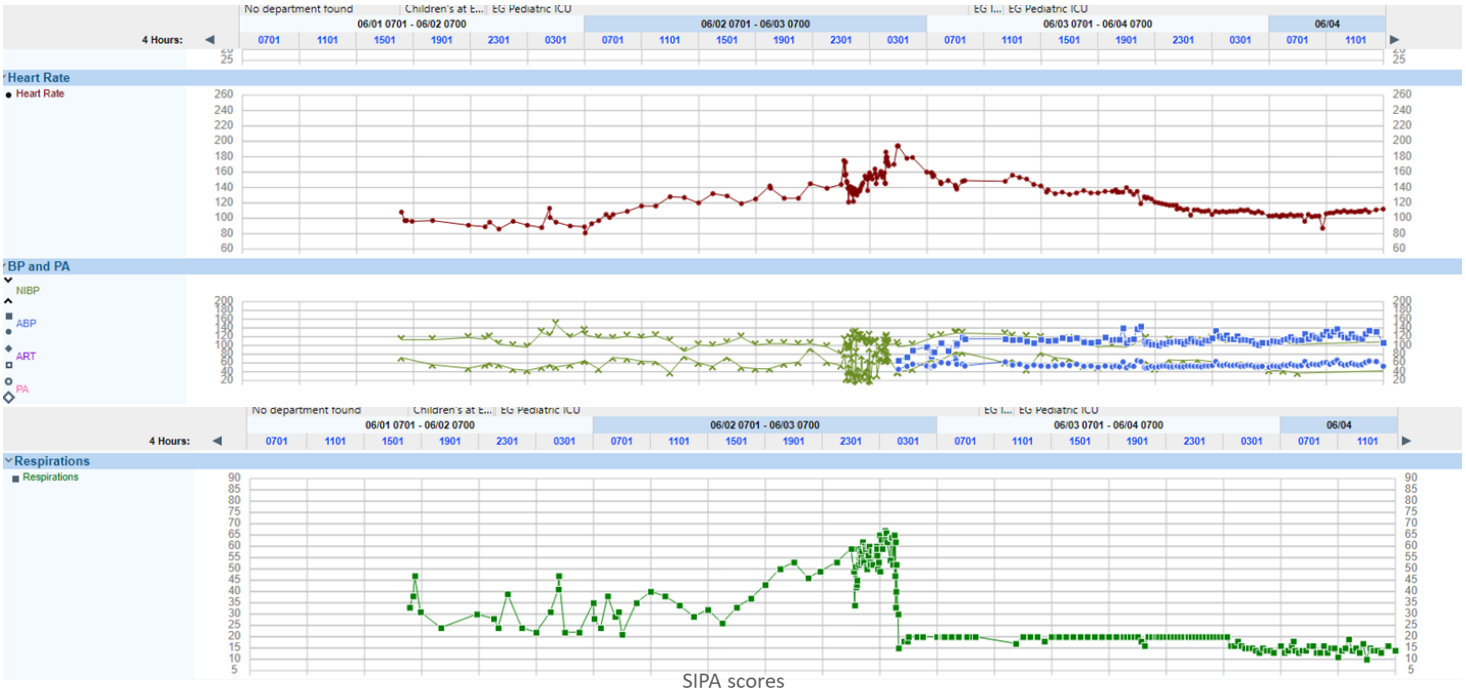
*SIPA scores will automatically populate in Trauama Narrator for all patients, abnormal values will only flag for patients that are 4 years old and greater

**SIPA scores will only populate when vitals signs are validated

Pediatric Shock Index

Full Time	Type	Event	Details	User
09:04:17		Vitals/Pain	**Vital Signs** Heart Rate (8-12 yr): **160** ! NIBP (8-12 yr): 100/50	SC
09:04:17		Trauma SIPA Score	**SIPA** SIPA Pulse: 160 SIPA Sys BP: 100 SIPA Score: **1.6** !	SC

Data Trends Example



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Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Rehabilitation Committee
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. Rehab Data Analysis	**Dr. Vox and Susannah Kidwell met with Dr. Eli Mlaver and the group began outlining the types of analyses we can pursue within the confines of the data available. Dr. Mlaver has made significant progress in this analysis and demonstrated to the rehab committee the ways in which we can analyze data by Dx, ISS, Rehab services dc, and so on. Subsequently, Dr. Vox met with Dr. Brick Johnstone, director of ABI research at Shepherd Center, and found that these types of analyses, in particular where they reveal access disparities are in line with ongoing research priorities of its TBI Model System. Shepherd Center will commit additional analysis resources, in particular cross referencing the trauma commission dataset with other health research datasets by zip code.** *This activity addresses the following ACS recommendation:* 5.5.5. Perform a comprehensive resource needs assessment of rehabilitation services for trauma patients, especially for traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and pediatric patients. (This was also a recommendation from the 2009 Georgia State Trauma System Consultation.)
Status:	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):**
2. Rehab quality standards / Develop trauma rehab quality indicators	**The committee reviewed a list of services lines that are ideally available at rehabilitation centers serving the trauma population, and made various edits. The committee endorsed a process whereby the committee will contact all known rehabilitation centers in the state and invite them to participate in a datatabase where their facilities are listed along with the services provided, and in ongoing discussions with the committee about improving services and access to the trauma population.** *This activity addresses the following ACS recommendations:* 5.5.4. Define minimum requirements and qualifications for inpatient rehabilitation centers caring for injured patients. (This was also a recommendation from the 2009 Georgia State Trauma System Consultation.) 5.5.6. Include the rehabilitation phase of care in a system performance improvement process using appropriate indicators and benchmarks. (This was also a recommendation from the 2009 Georgia State Trauma System Consultation.)
Status:	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):**
2. Improve Rehab Transition	**Rehabilitation access survey is in development. Rehabilitation services info sheet is in development.** *This activity addresses the following 3 ACS recommendations:* 5.5.2. Optimize the transition process from the acute inpatient setting to rehabilitation from both a timing and funding source allocation perspective.

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	5.5.3. Develop inpatient rehabilitation transfer recommendations and guidelines for the statewide trauma system. (This was also a recommendation from the 2009 Georgia State Trauma System Consultation.) 5.5.7. Work with payers and governmental agencies to improve access to rehabilitation services in a timely manner.	
Status:		**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):**
4.		
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5.		
Status:		**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):**

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	
Committee Members:	Committee expects to welcome Dr. Hamad Aslam of Northside Glancy Rehab at the next meeting. Kevin Gohman (Northeast Georgia), Susannah Kidwell (CHOA), Alex Liagminas (Wellstar), Dana Norall (Wellstar), Jackson Elam (Warm Springs), Kathy Clark (Warm Springs), Brick Johnstone (Shepherd), Issi Clesson (Shepherd), Edelle Field-Fote (Shepherd), Mark Hinrichs (Emory/Grady).
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Ford Vox, MD
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	1/25/24

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Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma Administrators Committee
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. OIG Audit Discussion	OIG reviewing CMS payments for trauma claims for trauma activation billing integrity
Status: Reviewed	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
2. 2024 Proposed Meeting Dates	January 22, May 20, July or August-TBD, October 28th
Status: Scheduled	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
3. GQIP Spring Meeting	Break out session for administrators discussed. TCAA Finance Workshop Part II planning is underway with objectives to: i. Differentiate between physician and facility billing (e.g., critical care) and how they intersect in optimizing reimbursement for trauma charges ii. Describe the appeals process and nuances for denials of activation fees and other trauma-related charges. iii. Explain the CMS trauma center charges audit iv. List trauma center finance best practices ("must have" policies and guidelines, utility of a finance committee, development of a trauma center finance dashboard)
Status: Scheduled	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
4. Proposed FY 2025 PBP	Upcoming changes reviewed; No questions
Status: Reviewed	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	Designated Trauma Center Senior Executives and Appointed Designees
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Patrice Walker, MD, Chair; Dr. Regina Medeiros, Commission Liaison
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	January 22, 2024

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Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma System Performance Committee
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. Armband Project Update	The Armband project pilot is ongoing, with 154 armbands placed to date. • 152 of 154 patients were scene transports • 2 of 154 patients were inter-facility transfers • Data linkage remains a limitation for hospital records, but a temporary fix is being executed. • Kelly Joiner will discuss the pilot project duration with their partners and internal team. She will also review the timeline to confirm the education timeframe with the stakeholders. • Gina Solomon agreed to analyze the 2023 data and create a report to review armband data and hospital records.
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
2. Registry SBAR	The Registry SBAR was reviewed, which provides an overview of the challenges of registry data transfer with the two proprietary data vendors, ESO and Imagetrend. All trauma centers use ESO, and OEMST uses Imagetrend to link EMS and hospital records. Elizabeth Atkins asked to discuss the SBAR further with April Moss offline.
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
3. Trauma Registry Data Report: Update on Image Trend Migration Status	ESO is expediting the 2023 SDL file turnaround. The 2024 SDL file will be ready soon. It was clarified that an SDL file would need to be installed annually at each trauma center.
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
4. Time to Definitive Care-Navicent and Memorial Project	This is on hold due to data use agreement and data gap challenges.
Status: Hold	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
5. Trauma System Dashboard	There are no updates due to the stall on the access to data.
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**

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Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	Kelly Joiner, Danlin Luo, April Moss, Marie Probst, Gina Solomon, Courtney Terwilliger, Jim Adkins
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Dr. James Dunne
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	In January 2024, pending Dr. Dunne's Call Schedule

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Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma Medical Director Committee
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1.Revitalization of Committee	Barriers are recent leadership changes and prior disengagement. Obtained contact list for purposes of re-engagement. See Project 2 for initial strategies.
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
2. TMD survey	I am currently creating a survey to be sent to all TMD contacts with the goals of 1) encouraging/measuring engagement, 2) obtaining perceptions regarding both barriers to sending/receiving transferred trauma patients (to perhaps supplement our "Ditch to Door" initiative) as well as participation in/value added by TQIP/GQIP.
Status: Formulating survey questions (done) Submitting to Gina Solomon for input into Survey Monkey.	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
3. Redistribution of early transfer guidelines	Several years ago, GTC circulated a poster and cover letter to critical access centers regarding the importance of early recognition and expedited transfer of significantly injured patients (similar to RTTDC principles), which was very effective. Like most efforts to achieve a paradigm shift, reminders are often needed. I plan to revise as needed and redistribute this (after review from GTC, of course) in a similar manner.
Status: Poster obtained and reviewed, revisions and cover letter in process (obtaining input from MARCH PAWS stakeholders)	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	All interested TMDs in Georgia
Chair/Commission Liaison:	W. Matthew Vassy, MD FACS, Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	TBD

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Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Name of Partner:	Georgia Trauma Foundation	
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**	
Board Expansion	The Foundation Board of Directors has identified two new candidates for Commission consideration. One from RTAC region two; the other from RTAC region five. These candidates are being presented to the Commission for approval.	
Status: Ongoing		**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
Public Awareness/Fundraising	The Foundation is in its inaugural year of participating in Georgia Gives on Giving Tuesday. This is a statewide campaign that encourages people to support non-profits making a difference in their communities. It is part of a much larger global day of giving earmarked this year for November 28th (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving).	
Status: Ongoing		**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
Continuing Education	The Rural Continuing Education Program Initiative is fully operational. In its first five months, seven courses have been conducted at rural facilities across the state. Another eight courses are scheduled for the first three months in 2024. Courses offered in year-one of this initiative are: TNCC, ENPC and RTTDC.	
Status: Ongoing		**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
Status:		**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):**

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	Board Member Candidates
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Commission Liaison:	John Bleacher
Date of Next Meeting:	December 6, 2023

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Nominated by: Jesse Gibson/John Bleacher Today's Date: July 28, 2023

Name of Nominee: Rustin Smith

Company: Smith Hulsey – Attorneys at Law

Position/Title: Founder & Partner

Address: 756 Green Street

City/State/Zip Code: Gainesville, GA 30501

Phone: 678.940.6329

Candidate Overview:

Rustin Smith is co-founder and partner of Smith & Hulsey, a law firm in Gainesville, Georgia. He is described as "young, energetic and community-focused". He has handled cases in both federal and state courts, argued before the Supreme Court of Georgia and litigated appeals in the Georgia Courts of Appeals and U.S. Courts of Appeals, 11th Circuit. He is a graduate of both UGA and Emory University. For the past five years, Rustin's attorney peers have elected him as "Super Lawyer," a distinction given to fewer than three percent of the state's attorneys.

Rustin has served on multiple nonprofit Boards, including Georgia Mountains YMCA, Family Promise of Hall County, Three Dimensional Life, More Than Sparrows, and Gainesville Jaycees.

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Rustin Smith

Attorney At Law

As a partner in one of the largest law firms in North Georgia, Rustin defended insurance companies and large businesses before co-founding Smith Hulsey. He has handled cases in both federal and state courts, appearing in U.S. District Courts and counties throughout Georgia. He has argued before the Supreme Court of Georgia, and litigated appeals in the Georgia Court of Appeals and U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit.

Rustin graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia before attending Emory University School of Law, where he was selected for the Dean's List, received the Dean's Award, and was recommended for the Kesler-Eidson Trial Techniques Scholarship.

Rustin has served on multiple Hall County nonprofit boards, was elected Gainesville Jaycee of the Year in 2011, and was a member of the 2015 State Bar Young Lawyer's Leadership Academy.

Every year since 2018, Rustin's attorney peers have elected him as "Super Lawyer," a distinction reserved for only 2.5% of attorneys in the state. He also was voted onto the Legal Elite list as featured in GeorgiaTrend Magazine. Rustin is a Lifetime Member of both the Multi-Million and Million Dollar Advocates Forums, credentials awarded by Top Trial Lawyers in America for attorneys serving as principal counsel in recoveries of over $2,000,000 and $1,000,000 from separate cases.

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Nominated by: Regina Medeiros Today's Date: July 5, 2023

Name of Nominee: Cecil Staton

Company: Smyth & Helwys Publishing

Position/Title: President & CEO

Address: 6316 Peake Road

City/State/Zip Code: Macon, GA 31210

Phone: 478.757.0564

Candidate Overview:

Cecil Staton has enjoyed a 30 plus year career as a faculty member, university administrator, state senator, university system vice chancellor, university president and chancellor, association president and entrepreneur. Cecil was the 11th Chancellor of East Carolina University in North Carolina. At ECU, he launched the largest capital campaign in the school's history as well as the Rural Prosperity Initiative, dedicating the resources of ECU to address healthcare, education and economic disparities.

Thirty years experience as a faculty member, university administrator, state senator, university system vice chancellor, university president and chancellor, association president, and entrepreneur.

Dr. Cecil P. Staton has enjoyed a 30 plus year career as a faculty member, university administrator, state senator, university system vice chancellor, university president and chancellor, and entrepreneur. He has been recognized for his integrity, commitment to servant leadership, and his ability to make a positive difference in complex organizations.

Dr. Staton served as President and CEO of AAHOA, leading the world's largest hotel owners association based in Atlanta and Washington, DC, throughout the COVID pandemic. Through best-in-class daily communications, educational offerings reaching more than 70,000 unique users, numerous in person and virtual events, and impactful lobbying at the federal and state levels, Staton guided AAHOA members and their 32,000 owned hotels through their most challenging industry crisis ever.

Previously, following a national search and nomination by UNC President Margaret Spellings, Staton served as the 11th Chancellor of East Carolina University in North Carolina. At ECU Staton launched the largest capital campaign in the institution's history as well as the Rural Prosperity Initiative, dedicating the resources of ECU to address healthcare, education, and economic disparities. He provided leadership for more than $400 million dollars in capital improvements across campus during his tenure. Upon stepping down, he was elected Chancellor Emeritus by the ECU Board of Trustees.

Staton served as Interim President of Valdosta State University. He also served the University System of Georgia and its 26 institutions as Vice Chancellor for Extended Education. He was Chief International Officer and responsible for the system-wide priorities of international

education, professional education, entrepreneurial education, and military affairs. He worked to connect the resources of USG institutions with Georgia's evolving workforce needs and led efforts to create the Georgia Film Academy addressing the workforce issues of Georgia's burgeoning film industry.

Staton served as a Georgia State Senator for ten years, including two terms as Majority Whip. Serving on all major committees, he chaired the sub-committee of Senate Appropriations responsible for Georgia's $2 billion annual investment in higher education.

Staton served Mercer University as Associate Professor, Associate Provost, and University Publisher from 1991-2003.

An entrepreneur, Staton served as the founding CEO and President of several successful media companies in publishing and broadcasting.

Dr. Staton holds the D.Phil. degree (1988) from the University of Oxford in England, the Th.M. (1985) and M.Div. with Languages (1982) degrees from Southeastern Seminary, and the B.A. (1980) from Furman University. In 2014, Mercer University awarded him the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Staton has received numerous awards including the inaugural Richard Furman Award from Furman University in 2000, and the 2014 Miller-Deal Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Georgia Independent College Association.

Staton is a former faculty member and Associate Provost at Mercer University, Vice Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Interim President at Valdosta State University, and Chancellor of East Carolina University.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	GQIP
Project/Activity[1]	**Comments**
1. Workgroups	Another call for volunteers & leaders for VTE & Interfacility Transfer workgroup going out at November call.
Status: In Progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
2. Benchmarking Platform & Data Central Site	Received new project managers after meeting with ArborMetrix leadership. Testing site and UAT launched 10/13. Testing phase was extended due to data issues and schedule constraints. Launch date for the user interface go live is 12/19. Still, due to continued work on data bugs, the need for center orientation, and identifying potential super users to assist centers, access will not occur at that time, and access will be staggered.
Status: In progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
3. Peer Protection & Data Use Policies	Application completed with plan to submit before the end of 2023. Draft center agreement started. Will have 3 years from time application submitted to get most documents in place.
Status: In Progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**
4. GQIP Trauma Advisory Committee	Meeting as needed.
Status: In Progress	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	Dr. R. Todd, Dr. J. Sharma, G. Solomon, Trauma Center Program Staff
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Dr. Todd & G. Solomon
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	Call on 11/14/23. Next Virtual Meeting February 20, 2024

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Project Status Report

Overview

Project Name:	Status Report Period:	Project Manager:	Detailed project plan:
GQIP Implementation	10/19/23 – 11/1/23	Donna Cassell	Click here

Executive Project Status Summary

- Overall project status: Green
- Project % complete: 83%
- Project continues to move forward at a good pace and team has consistently hit project deadlines.

Deliverable Status

Below provides a summary of deliverables accomplished in the last two weeks as well as upcoming planned work in the next two weeks.

Recently completed deliverables

- Began UAT
- Removed some validation to populate more data
- Loaded 20069 for CY2022
- Provided Data Counts

Planned deliverables

- Load April/Sept 2022
- Update site names per confirmed site list
- Map region codes (create bucket for all regions outside of GA)
- Update GCS scores
- Begin UAT Rework

ArborMetrix

Milestone Tracker

★ = end user functionality

Item #	Milestone	Owner	Status	Dependency	Due Date	Updated Date	Notes
1	~~Confirm all final data questions from GQIP~~	Rose/Theresa	Complete		8/1/2023		
2	~~Finish data mapping~~	Rose	Complete	2	8/15/23		
3	~~Modify data model and load data to QA~~	Rose	Complete		8/22/23		
4	~~Update measures and finish testing in QA~~	Steven	Complete	3	9/8/23		
5	~~Build schema in UAT~~	Amanda	Complete		9/12/23		
6	~~Load data into UAT~~	Rose	Complete	3	9/15/23	9/22/23	All data except April/Sept 2022
7	~~Update and promote reports to UAT~~	Eva	Complete	4	9/22/23	9/29/23	
8	~~Promote UI to UAT~~	Eva	Complete	7	9/27/23	9/29/23	
9	~~Internal UAT testing~~	AMx	Complete	8	10/13/23	10/11/23	
10 ★	~~GQIP UI UAT testing~~	GQIP	Complete	9	10/25/23	11/3/23	Data testing ongoing
11	UAT rework & internal testing	AMx	Not started	10	11/17/23	11/24/23	
12	GQIP Final Sign-off	GQIP	Not started	11	11/24/23	12/1/23	
13 ★	Move to Production	AMx	Not started	12	12/19/23		
14	Final Production Testing	AMx	Not started	13	12/22/23		
15 ★	Load Users to Production	AMx	Not started	14	TBD		Discuss with Gina

Note: The milestone tracker is a high-level view of project milestones and deliverables and is supplemental to the detailed project plan provided by your assigned project manager (see link above).

Project Risk Summary

Below is a summary of medium to high impact risks along with the description and mitigating actions/risk responses.

Issue/Risk Description	Impact Summary	Action Steps
Delay in receiving sample data file	Pushed launch date by 3 months	
Delay with data load to QA and UAT environments	Pushed overall timeline to December 2023	
Delay with data load to UAT environment	Deadline (9/15) missed; however, hasn't impacted launch/go live date yet	Obtain needed files from GQIP and finish load.
Data gaps/UAT	UAT pushed out 1 week due to data gaps and testing physicians' schedules	

Action Items

Below includes a summary of follow-up/action items that require GQIP to resolve/act upon.

Description	Action Request	Owner	Due Date	Status
Piedmont Data	Send 2022 - Piedmont Cartersville data	Gina	11/2/23	In Progress
April & Sept 2022 Data	Re-send April & Sept 2022 data	Gina	11/2/23	In Progress
2023 Data	Send 2023 data (1st half of the year) – all sites	Gina	TBD	Uncontrollable challenges due to vendor/EHR
Review data (UAT)	Once Cartersville and April/Sept are loaded, review all data	Gina	11/10/23	Not Started
Confirm Rollout Approach	- Turning all sites at once vs. staggered rollout - Taya/Gina to setup meeting	Gina/Taya	11/16	In Progress

Georgia Trauma Registry SBAR
Authored by: Gina Solomon (GQIP), Marie Probst, (OEMST) April Moss (OEMST), Liz Atkins (GTC)

SITUATION	OEMST and GQIP have faced challenges acquiring registry data from the trauma centers to their central sites. The OEMST central site is on ImageTrend, and the GQIP central site is on the ESO platform. All designated trauma centers are on the ESO trauma registry platform. Most issues are around OEMST receiving data from the trauma centers to the ImageTrend central site. An annual transfer file is required to download to the ImageTrend central site. Efforts to create a transfer file have not been successful because the ESO and ImageTrend registries, while similar, are two different proprietary data models. The differences in the data models between ImageTrend and ESO require formatting for ingesting ESO data into the ImageTrend central site. Data fields outside of NTDB and ITDX attributed to suspected data corruption resulting from mapping discrepancies during the data transfer processes for 2021 and 2022 and current delays with 2023 downloads. The dependence on mapping and data conversion erodes data quality and limits the utility of the data in driving improvements in patient care.
BACKGROUND	According to Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia 511-9-2-.05.(1)(b)4., "Each designated trauma center shall submit data to the state trauma registry in a manner and frequency as prescribed by the Department." Georgia trauma centers and the OEMST have been on the Digital Innovations registry product (initially NTRACS, now v5) for the last 20 years. In July 2021, OEMST migrated to ImageTrend Patient Registry as the state registry repository with the objective of linking data between EMS and trauma/cardiac records as well as providing patient outcome data to Georgia EMS agencies. GQIP's pursuit of statewide risk-adjusted benchmarking identified the need for a central data repository. In July 2022, GQIP implemented a statewide central site on the ESO platform.
ASSESSMENT	The OEMST and GQIP collaborated to produce a unified data dictionary to minimize confusion for the registry users. The proprietary nature of each registry software does not allow for interoperability with data submissions between vendors. Options included: 1. Creating a two-data dictionary model in which OEMST and GQIP each have discreet data dictionaries and separate transfer files. This option requires that OEMST accept NTDB + TQIP + ITDX with only the GA extension fields necessary for the trauma armband grant. This option allows GQIP to receive 2023 data starting mid-September and OEMST at close-out dates for 2023 (March 2024). 2. Maintaining the unified data dictionary for OEMST and GQIP with OEMST receiving all requested GA extension fields. The timeline for OEMST and GQIP to receive 2023 data would be unknown and likely significantly protracted, potentially 2024 being the best-case scenario. This option would result in no access to registry data by either OEMST or GQIP entity having access to data and compromising the $1.3M ArborMetrix project.

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RECOMMENDATIONS	After carefully considering possible solutions, the second option was chosen and implemented for the following reasons. OEMST & GQIP determined that two separate data dictionaries were required to maintain data integrity for both central sites. Moving forward with individual data dictionaries allowed the GQIP central site to receive 2023 data very quickly. OEMST agreed to receive NTDS, TQIP, ITDX, and minimal extension fields to mitigate the delays with receiving 2023 data. This option keeps OEMST in compliance with the grant requirements for the trauma armband project and includes data required for the 2023 Georgia Trauma Registry Annual Report.
ACTIONS	1. The GTC provided OEMST access to the GQIP ESO central site to the state registrar and epidemiologist so they would have usable 2021 and 2022 data. 2. The GTC budget subcommittee supported supplying start-up registry grants for candidate trauma centers to purchase the ESO V5 registry. 3. The 2024 GQIP ESO Data Dictionary was completed and provided to ESO. 4. The GQIP ESO central site has received January to June 2023 data from all but two centers as of 10/12/2023. 5. The 2023 and 2024 OEMST ImageTrend Patient Registry Data Dictionary was completed and provided to ImageTrend. 6. A letter from GTC to OEMST prescribing access and use of the data accessed from the GQIP central site (pending).

Definitions:

DIV5 – Digital Innovations (now ESO) “version 5” trauma registry software and/or cloud-based registry applications.

ESO – ESO Solutions, Inc. (formerly DI) – state registry central repository for GQIP

GQIP – Georgia Quality Improvement Program

GTC – Georgia Trauma Commission

ImageTrend Patient Registry – state registry central repository for OEMST

ITDX – International Trauma Data Exchange

NTDB – National Trauma Data Bank

OEMST – Office of EMS and Trauma

TQIP – Trauma Quality Improvement Program

Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma Report to Trauma Commission, November 16, 2023

	Trauma Program
Significant Events (Previous or Upcoming):	Previous: • New Level III Trauma Center Designated by DPH June 2023 • 3 ACS initial verification visits for Level II Trauma Centers June 2023. • 1 ACS initial verification visit for Level III Trauma Center July 2023. • State Trauma Program Coordinator position has been filled. Stacee Smith, RN, BSN • State Systems of Care Medical Director position has been filled. Dr. Shehzad Muhamed • Received finalized Georgia ACS Consult Review Summary. Reviewing and prioritizing areas for improvement. Working in collaboration with GTC to update our state trauma plan. Upcoming: • 5 Level III facilities pending ACS Consultative visits September – November 2023 • New Level II facility scheduled designation visit for February 2024 • 9 potential Level IV Recruitments in EMS regions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 • OEMST and GTC are working on writing an updated state trauma plan per recommendations from the ACS consult visit in January. • 2023 schema status – Since the last report to GTC, ESO identified software differences in the June 2023 XSD file that OEMST, GQIP, ESO, and ImageTrend carefully considered. With time being of the essence, an intermediate solution was accepted by OEMST. The decision was made for the OEMST and ImageTrend to prepare a condensed schema and data dictionary. The condensed schema includes a minimal number of Georgia Extension fields, all NTDS/TQIP, and all ITDX fields. The combination of fields is required for the OEMST to meet the needs of the Armband Project and the Annual Trauma Registry Data Report. ImageTrend sent the 2023 updated/condensed schema to ESO on 10/18/2023. The OEMST sent the condensed DPH OEMST Georgia Trauma Data Dictionary to ESO on 10/25/2023. A timeline from ESO is pending for the SDL preparation and distribution to ESO V5 users. ESO understands the urgency of preparing the 2023 SDL. ESO previously estimated the 2023 development would take a minimum of 90-120 days to complete. Once the SDL is distributed to the ESO V5 users and installed into the facility's registry, the centers will resume downloads to the OEMST ImageTrend Patient Registry central site. • 2024 schema status – ESO provided ImageTrend with the 2024 ITDX file in late August. Due to the same complications involving the 2023 XSD file, the decision was made for the OEMST and ImageTrend to prepare a condensed 2024 schema and data dictionary. The condensed schema will include a minimal number of Georgia Extension fields, all NTDS/TQIP, and all ITDX fields. The combination of fields is required for the OEMST to meet the needs of the Armband Project and the Annual Trauma Registry Data Report. ImageTrend sent the 2024 updated/condensed schema to ESO on 10/24/2023. The OEMST sent the condensed DPH OEMST Georgia Trauma Data Dictionary to ESO on 10/24/2023. A timeline from ESO is pending for the SDL preparation and distribution to ESO V5 users. ESO understands the urgency of preparing the 2024 SDL. ESO previously estimated the 2024 development would take a minimum of 180 days to complete. Once the SDL is distributed to the ESO V5 users and

	installed into the facility's registry, the centers will resume downloads to the OEMST ImageTrend Patient Registry central site.
Successes for the Entity/Program/Region:	• The GCTE Registry Subcommittee and OEMST finalized the 2023 Georgia Trauma Data Dictionary. The Georgia Data Dictionary and the National Trauma Data Standard Dictionary represent the fields required by OEMST and GQIP. • The OEMST and GTC meeting to create a Trauma Data Dashboard to track and trend data from 2019 - to the present.
Challenges for the Entity/Program/Region:	• GOHS/OEMST Armband Project: The pilot project has begun (April 11th) with Law Enforcement and EMS in White County, Law Enforcement and EMS in Lumpkin County, Air Life GA and Northeast GA Health System Gainesville and Dahlonega. Data from the trauma records remains on hold pending new SDL file being sent to trauma centers. • ACS new Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient does not have Level IV Trauma Center Criteria. Will be utilizing 2014 standards until ACS adds back level IV criteria. • As previously reported, the ImageTrend Georgia Patient Registry received 2021 and 2022 imports from ESO V5 registry centers except one facility. The single facility experienced significant data entry delays due to corporate changes and registry access restrictions. As a result, the facility installed a new ESO V5 registry. As the facility completes the backlog of records, the center is committed to downloading the annual data to the OEMST. On 10/6/2023, the center imported 2022 records into the ImageTrend Patient Registry. • Data validity discrepancies were discovered in the 2021 and 2022 data due to mapping changes made by the software vendors. The mapping discrepancies have been corrected for the 2023 SDL file and 2023 data imports. • GQIP data export access is being provided to Dr. Danlin Luo to prepare the 2021 and 2022 trauma registry annual reports. • In the Georgia Patient Registry, bulk exports of data continue to be tested for 2023 data forward. The bulk export data will be used to prepare the trauma registry annual report analysis and upload to Biospatial.
Other items of note not listed above:	• Marie Probst, State Trauma Registrar and Gina Solomon, GQIP Director began the data validation visits with the Level IV Trauma Centers. A list of questions was prepared for the facility to answer before and during the visit to learn the status of the registry data, aspects of registry maintenance that are successful or need improvement, and what the registry staff need to be successful. Feedback is provided in-person and in writing. On 10/24/2023, we visited Morgan Medical Center. The schedule of visits is being prepared. The visits will be based on upcoming re-designation dates or immediate need. • Kelly Joiner is working with Trauma Commission (Liz and Courtney) on the GA Trauma System Project to identify trauma hospitals and EMS locations (air/ground) across the state.
Name of Person Submitting Report:	*April Moss* *Deputy Director, Systems of Care*

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	1	RTAC Chair	Brad Cothran	RTAC Coordinator	Scott Stephens

Date Submitted	10/17/23
Quarter	1

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	• Facilitated Murray Co S.O. completing training • Working through getting kits to trained grant recipients • Ongoing training for any requested agency • The Original Stop. the Bleed training for counties has been completed
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
2. Education	While multiple agencies are engaged in on going training around the Region. The previous Coordinator had no specific records.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Working through the Region EMSC PEDS CQI project, looking to expand it to adults as well.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
4. Injury Prevention Activities	July: Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) CEU class in Polk Co. August: CPST course, CPST CEU, and CPST Renewal course all held in Calhoun
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	The Region RTAC has two new members in place to move us forward,next week will be the first meeting with those new appointments.
RTAC Barriers	People are engaged, but with leadership changes people are waiting for the new to move us forward. The PEDS PI project has ran into some issues with hospitals not wanting to release information about the calls that have been submitted through the QR code.
Date of last BIS Assessment	3/22
Date of last Trauma Plan	11/16
Date of last region meeting	RTAC region meeting occurred on July 27, 2023
Date of next region meeting	10/26/2023

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Regional Summary

Region 1 is currently replacing the RTAC Chair and the RTAC Coordinator, with this in mind both of us are attempting to get our feet underneath us and are catching up to what the previous people had in place. This has proven to be a challenging task, but we are moving forward in a positive direction. Our first meeting will take place next week to be formally introduced to the RTAC.

The Region as a whole is engaged and excited to see what information we get out of the PEDS PI Project and has expressed interest in taking that into the adults as well. Work has begun with updating the Trauma Plan as it is out of date. Committees will be formed at the October Meeting to finish this update. The new leadership has discussed plans moving forward with the evaluation of ongoing training and is in the process of formulating a plan. The overall Stop the Bleed Schools and Buses are complete in Region 1.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	2	RTAC Chair	Jesse Gibson, MBA, RN	RTAC Coordinator	Kyle Gibson, APRN

Date Submitted	October 18, 2023
Quarter	QTR 1 FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023)

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	**STB Application Kits** As a group, individual coordinators evaluated the applications. There were no further opportunities for Region 2 when the list was evaluated. We have reached out to local law enforcement to notify them of future opportunities to partner with the Stop The Bleed program. **School Bus Drivers** Franklin County has trained 40 individuals at the end of September (9/26). They are working on additional training at the end of October. **Organizations** Dave Shanks, from the Department of Homeland Security, has assisted in regional training. Board of Education employees from Towns (9), Lumpkin (9), Banks (5), Rabun (30) and White (13) counties have been trained. Members from Piedmont University (26) and Lanier Tech (27) were also taught. Cornelia Police Department (5) and Tallulah Falls/Hart County (12) Police Department also participated in the training.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
2. Education	**Annual Northeast Georgia Trauma Symposium** 450 in-person attendees and 100 virtual attendees have signed up. **RTTDC** Scheduled Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) at NGMC-Barrow for October.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
3. Performance Improvement Projects	**Pre-Hospital Ultrasound Project** Education Continues – Planned education opportunity at the GEMSA educators conference by Robert Poole, PA-C.

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	Regional EMS Performance Improvement To assist Northeast Georgia Medical Center with PI initiatives with EMS, which was an opportunity for them during their American College of Surgeons (ACS) site visit for Level-1 verification. We will work with NGMC trauma staff to spot-check a few counties based on intubation in TBI, traumatic arrest, or any issues our trauma team at Northeast Georgia Medical Center brings. We will attempt to broaden the PI group into a multidisciplinary group to include EMS leadership, trauma center PI leadership, nursing, and provider viewpoints. Once again, we would like to incorporate a dashboard during our quarterly RTAC meetings. **Regional Response Team** Working with Region-B coalition, GSAR, and Northeast Georgia Medical Center leadership regarding a regional response team with mitigation capabilities (blood, REBOA, ultrasound, advanced skills). Once established, it will attempt to grow as a State of Georgia resource.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
4. Injury Prevention Activities	**Distracted Driving** Members from the RTAC participated in the Lutzie 43 Safe Driving Summitt at Cherokee Bluffs High-School. We continue to partner with Safe Kids to provide distracted driving education for parents.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	We have significant participation in registration for the symposium. We are working with regional medical direction to incorporate standard operating guidelines.
RTAC Barriers	Due to EMS scope of practice discussions, momentum for the ultrasound project has decreased, and we will likely have to retrain counties and start over. Participation of rural facilities in RTAC meetings – effort is underway with the creation of a rural facilities subgroup.
Date of last BIS Assessment	Unknown, will update post symposium
Date of last Trauma Plan	Unknown, will update post symposium
Date of last region meeting	September 8, 2023
Date of next region meeting	January 2024

Regional Summary

Region 2 has completed STB education for all schools and is nearly 100 percent with bus driver education. In the previous quarter, we were at 85 percent, but with the help of members of the region putting pressure on the superintendents, we have broken down those barriers. We should be fully completed by Q2 of fiscal year 2024. We will continue the current plan and backfill as new schools and buses come online in the respective counties.

We will continue to work with our law enforcement agencies on Stop The Bleed training and outfit them with additional kits as education is completed. We will increase law enforcement agency participation in our RTAC and US Army personnel participation.

The 8th annual symposium continues to be successful, and we appreciate the support of the Georgia Trauma Commission. Now that the RTAC coordinator position is filled, we will look at other means to help fund the symposium without drastically increasing pricing for participants.

RTTDC continues to be taught in the region. All Northeast Georgia Health Systems campuses have completed the course and two courses at Stephens County Hospital. We will continue encouraging participation in this course and incorporating MARCHPAWS when appropriate.

As mentioned above, we are working on a formal regional response to field requests for advanced resuscitation. We have had working meetings every three weeks with regional partners to discuss this and equipment needs.

The regional plan and BIS assessment will be evaluated post-symposium by RTAC leadership. We hope to have a rough draft by our January 2024 assessment meeting.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	3	RTAC Chair	Dr. Elizabeth Benjamin	RTAC Coordinator	Danielle Johnson

Date Submitted	10/18/2023
Quarter	1 – FY24

Current Quarter Project/Activity	Comments
Stop The Bleed	Ongoing coordinating and providing of STB information, classes and supplies • Cobb County School Nurses – STB & Instructor Training • Planning for large scale event with R5 Coordinator • National African American Gun Association Conference (NAAGA) Vendor & Presenter – STB Training • Coordinating and providing training materials to Atlanta Classical Academy – STB Training • Virtual Back to School Blitz – STB Training • Avalon Health Park – STB Training • Coordinating and providing training materials for Clayton Co. School District – Working with Athletic Trainers for High School Trainings • Ongoing promotion of current & upcoming Bleeding Control Kit Application Periods • Management of R3 Bleeding Control Kit Applications • Distribution of Approved Allocations
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
Injury Prevention	• Distribution of new Bingocize supplies to Grady, Kennestone, and Northside Gwinnett trauma programs • Safe Driving Summit – Coordinated event with R2 Coordinator - 1000 Students with focused breakout sessions for 300 teens (15-19) - Kennestone, North Fulton Participated - Partnered with Northeast Georgia Medical Center, AirLife 2 - R10 Coordinator observed, Grady I.P. observed • Safe Driving Summit – Coordinated event with R5 Coordinator - 350 Students - Kennestone, North Fulton Participated - Partnered with Atrium Navicent, Macon-Bibb FEMS, Community EMS, Atrium EMS - Fairview Trauma Program observed • Shattered Dreams – Grant funding procured by Grady. This is a school-based program that promotes responsible decision-making among junior and senior high school students regarding underage drinking and impaired driving.

	- Two events in September: Cedar Grove HS, Stockbridge HS
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
Education	• R3 re-allocations of Coordinator funds to provide two grant-funded ABLS courses for first responders - First offering 8/31/2023 (Capacity met) • Trauma Grand Rounds – Kennestone – "Trauma Informed Care" – 9/8/2023 • Trauma Grand Rounds – Grady – "Surgical Morbidity and Mortality Conference: An Anachronism or a Quality Key" – 9/12/2023 • EMS Trauma Grand Rounds – Grady – 30min Cardiology case study & 30min Trauma case study – 9/13/2023 • Trauma Grand Rounds – Grady – "Updates and Controversies in Management of Traumatic Hemopneumothorax" – 10/3/2023 • 30 for 30 & MIST Handoff – Training Video posting to RTAC Website for ongoing education
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
Sub-Committees	PI/EMS Sub-committee within RTAC • Zach Botkin, Clayton Co. Fire & EMS – Deputy Chief Medical Officer volunteered to chair the sub-committee • Secondary meeting held with Subcommittee Chair, RTAC Coordinator and GQIP Director to discuss gathering of regional data - Followup subcommittee meeting to be scheduled for next steps Re-vamp of Education Sub-committee within RTAC • Pending regional participation • Coordinator calls with R3 EMS Council Education Chair for collaboration - Discussed regional facility capability reference sheet - Discussed regional education of trauma center variability
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	Multiple Educational Offerings provided with CE for pre-hospital and trauma personnel around the region Multiple partnerships with other RTAC Coordinators
RTAC Barriers	Minimal regional engagement/interaction
Date of last BIS Assessment	1/2016
Date of last Trauma Plan	8/10/2023
Date of last region meeting	August 24th | 3:00 – 4:00p (Virtual via Teams)
Date of next region meeting	November 28th | 12:00 – 1:30p (Vinings Health Park & Virtual via Teams)

Region 3 May – Aug Bleeding Control Kit Application Summary

- All kits listed below have been delivered
- 2 Applications remain pending more information
  - South Fulton
  - Clayton County
- 2 Applications did not receive response after multiple multiple contacts
  - Georgia Drugs & Narcotics Agency (Requires training first)
  - Newton County School District (Does not qualify, already received allotments)

# of Kits	Agency	Contact	Comments
14	Northwest Classical Academy	Kent Messini	Charter School + 2 Buses
12	Resurgence Hall	Danielle Nathan	Charter School
20	Johns Creek Fire Department	Brian Johnson	
64	Fulton County Public Health	Donald Porter/Tanji Chuma	
65	Georgia Cyber Academy	Jennie Gibson	State-wide testing sites
22	City of Lovejoy Police Department	John Schneller	
40	Chamblee Police Department	Travis Darley	
12	Atlanta Classical Academy	LaNeish Holland	Charter School
17	Georgia Worker's Compensation – Investigator/Enforcement Division	Jeff Potter	
122	DeKalb County Facilities	Tremayne McMurray	
31	City of Morrow Facilities	Jeff Moss	
40	City of Decatur Police Department	Gary Menard	
40	Brookhave Police Department	Matthew Murray	
499 Kits			

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	4	RTAC Chair	Scott Roberts	RTAC Coordinator	Jay Connelly,RN

Date Submitted	10-19-23
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	Multiple STB courses completed—minimal response to requests for kits and for inventory of current supplies. I reached out for guidance for future steps.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
2. Education	Rural Trauma course completed with Henry and Spaulding participating as trauma centers with representatives from hospital and pre-hospital staff from both facilities. The second Rural class is scheduled in West Georgia in November. Trauma Skills lab completed at Atlanta Motor Speedway with good participation. Shattered Dreams completed at Stockbridge High School.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Needs assessment requested at re-launch of region 4 RTAC ongoing. Developing monthly meetings among all trauma centers in the region to begin to drive performance locally with regional themes.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
4. Injury Prevention Activities	• Shattered Dreams (impaired and distracted driving) • Henry night out (pedestrian safety, fall prevention, and motorcycle safety) with hospital, pre-hospital, and law enforcement participation. • Car Seat Safety
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	Continue to gain traction. Have developed much higher level of communication among the trauma centers and will continue to improve with monthly meeting. Successful injury prevention and trauma skills lab. Have seen a reduction of trauma patient having to leave the region for care. This helps to take load off level 1 center and access to more timely care.
RTAC Barriers	Participation-continue to have limited participation from pre-hospital members. Will attempt to develop more regional participation within

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	Region 4 by having each trauma center take a lead in their catchment area. This topic was discussed at regional EMS meeting.
Date of last BIS Assessment	NA
Date of last Trauma Plan	NA
Date of last region meeting	10-10-23
Date of next region meeting	TBA

Regional Summary

We continue to see improvement in access and level of care around the region. Trauma center communication and interactions are improving. Look for trauma centers to take the lead locally to improve all aspects of care delivery. We will continue to advertise the ever-changing abilities of each trauma center in the region to assist the pre-hospital personnel better and improve the timely care to the patients of Region 4. We have several educational opportunities ahead of us as we roll into the new year and look for continued growth.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	5	RTAC Chair	Todd Dixon	RTAC Project Coordinator	Kristal Smith

Date Submitted	10/19/23
Quarter	FY 2024; Q1

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
1. STOP THE BLEED®	**7/7/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 12 Participants **7/8/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course – GPSTC Teen Driving Camp – 120 Participants **7/11/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 11 Participants **7/18/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 19 Participants **7/24/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course – 3 Sessions – 50 Participants **7/24/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation – Virtual – 5 Participants **7/26/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course – 3 Sessions – 63 Participants **7/26/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation – Virtual – 5 Participants **7/28/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course – Ace Academy (Bibb Co) – 30 Participants **7/28/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – NAAGA (Atl) – 150 Participants **7/29/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course – NAAGA (Atl) – 4 Sessions – 108 Participants **7/29/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation – NAAGA (Atl) – 10 Participants **7/30/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 8 Participants **7/31/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course – 3 Sessions – 75 Participants **7/31/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation – Virtual – 8 Participants **8/2/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course – 3 Sessions – 120 Participants **8/2/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation – Virtual – 10 Participants **8/7/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course – 3 Sessions – 220 Participants **8/7/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation – Virtual – 12 Participants **8/9/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course – 3 Sessions – 268 Participants **8/9/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation – Virtual – 8 Participants **8/12/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course – Hunt Chapel (Bibb) – 28 Participants **7/24/23 – 8/9/23** – CPR/AED/STOP THE BLEED® – Dublin City Schools – 200 Participants **7/27/23 – 8/19/23** – CPR/AED/STOP THE BLEED® – Dodge Co. Schools – 91 Participants **8/16/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course – CGTC Students – 23 Participants **8/21/23 –** STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – Fairview Park (Drop-in) – 56 Participants **9/27/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course – Georgia State Patrol – 38 Participants **9/23/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – Bibb Co EMA (Drop-in) – 160 Participants **9/26/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training/Tabling – GPSTC – 35 Participants **9/27/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training/Tabling – GPSTC – 25 Participants **9/30/23** – STOP THE BLEED® Skills-Only Training – Bibb Co Schools(Drop-in) – 152 Participants **On-going -** R5 RTAC PI continues to drive regional STOP THE BLEED® initiatives. We continue to maintain and resupply our regional equipment caches. We support an incredibly passionate instructor cadre and promote flexible program delivery strategies when possible.

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Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	**7/6/23 – 7/7/23** – TECC Provider Course – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 12 Participants **7/8/23 – 7/9/23** – ATLS Provider Course – Atrium Health Navicent – 16 Participants **7/10/23 – 7/11/23** – TECC Provider Course – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 11 Participants **7/17/23 – 7/18/23** – TECC Provider Course – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 19 Participants **7/29/23 – 7/30/23** – TECC Provider Course – Monroe Co. – LE, FD, EMS – 19 Participants **8/12/23** – ATLS Refresher Course – Atrium Health Navicent – 16 Participants **8/21/23 –** Surge Readiness Course **–** Fairview Park Hospital – 9 Participants **9/9/23** – ATLS Refresher Course – Atrium Health Navicent – 16 Participants **9/14/23 –** MCI Multiverse TTX – Region 5 Educators Symposium **9/26/23** – Stop the Dying – TECC Skills Workshops (2 sessions) GPSTC – 35 Participants **9/27/23** – Stop the Dying – TECC Skills Workshops (2 sessions) GPSTC – 25 Participants **9/28/23** – Stop the Dying – RTF Workshops (2 sessions) GPSTC – 25 Participants **On-going** - Eleven RTAC-sponsored The Q-Word Podcasts have been published. Over 25,000 podcast downloads to date. Partner with the Office of EMS and Trauma to post RTAC webinars posted to the GA TRAIN System.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
3. Performance Improvement Projects	**General System Improvement –** Continue to educate partners on 2022 Field Triage Guidelines and 2022 NASEMSO Clinical Guidelines. Case reviews and follow-up on-going. **Management of trauma cardiac arrest (TCA), Peri-arrest –** Continue to educate partners on 2022 Field Triage Guidelines and 2022 NASEMSO Clinical Guidelines, CoTECC Guidelines, etc. **Pediatric Readiness** – Support of Regional EMS-C and Peds Champs Initiatives, Pediatric Specific content included in Surge Readiness and MCI Multiverse offerings, Regional Pediatric Trauma Symposium planning underway. **Surge Readiness –** Continue to educate partners on surge management priorities and tactics. Education offerings include - STOP THE BLEED® Offerings, HRUC/RTF/TECC Offerings, Coalition Skills Day Sessions, M-A-R-C-H and M-A-R-C-H P-A-W-S, MCI Multiverse/Exercises, Hospital Surge Readiness Course. Case reviews and follow-up on-going. **Time to Definitive Care –** Continue to educate partners on 2022 Field Triage Guidelines and 2022 NASEMSO Clinical Guidelines. Case reviews and follow-up on-going. **On-going -** R5 RTAC PI continues to drive regional education and outreach initiatives. The PI Subcommittee works in close collaboration with our Regional Education Committee, Regional EMS for Children Committee, and our regional stakeholders.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
4. Injury Prevention Activities	**7/8/23** – GPSTC Teen Driving Camp – Trauma Survivor Presentation – 120 Participants **7/15/23** – Telfair County Public Safety Day – Helmet Distribution – 60 Participants **8/5/23** – Car Seat Safety Check – Telfair County Sherriff's Office **9/13/23 –** Lutzi 43 Foundation – Teen Driving Summit – 200 Participants **9/18/23** – CarSeat Safety Check – Monroe County Health Department **9/22/23 –** CarSeat Safety Check – Macon-Bibb Health Department **9/23/23** – Macon-Bibb Emergency Preparedness Fair – 160 Participants **9/30/23** – Macon Kiwanis Teen Driving Roadeo – 152 Participants **On-going:** Material Distribution and Social Media Messaging specific to fireworks safety, fall prevention, TBI prevention, pedestrian safety, hyperthermia prevention, suicide prevention, child occupant protection, gun safety etc.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	Our MCI Multiverse offerings continue to be well received. We have been asked to expand the Multiverse resources by a number of regional, state, and national partners. Our last virtual mass casualty FTX was a highly successful multi-modal, multi-state exercise. In addition to the full-scale exercise responders, we had over 80 participating organizations, 200 individuals, and 50 unique Zoom logins.
RTAC Barriers	Our calendars are saturated as we work to ensure all of our regional efforts are adequately supported.
Date of last BIS Assessment	**Jan 2012. New BIS assessment under review.**
Date of last Trauma Plan	**10/12/2022**
Date of last region meeting	**10/6/2023**
Date of next region meeting	**TBD**

Regional Summary

The Region 5 RTAC continues to be strong, active, and innovative. We remain committed to sharing resources, talent, expertise, and success.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	6	RTAC Chair	Nicky Drake	RTAC Coordinator	Farrah Parker

Date Submitted	10/19/2023
Quarter	1

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
Stop the Bleed/Active Intruder Drills	Public Stop the Bleed Training. Columbia and Richmond County during "Saturday Market" 7/22/2023, 8/5/20239/9/2023. Savannah River Academy 09/29/2023,
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
Performance Improvement Projects	The level 1 and level 2 trauma centers still continue to work on time to definitive care along with review of shared patient cases to improve patient outcomes and provide opportunities for education. With identified areas for improvement, local EMS agencies align with the new 911 EMS responder in Richmond County, who will now be a part of the patient case reviews. We will continue to invite all parties to the RTAC meetings to continue the increased education around improving issues that are identified in transport and communication from the facilities.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
Education	The first MARCH PAWS pilot class was held and after completion of 3 classes, there will be the opportunity to open this class up. The intent of the 3 pilot classes is to identify possible gaps in the curriculum. Region 6 has had at least 1 GEMSA-sponsored class in the region. The number of grant-funded classes in the Region has increased. The RTAC along with additional stakeholders in the region on working on increasing the participation in these classes. We were identified as having low participation and will continue to work on this to include increasing notification of these classes.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
Injury Prevention	Region 6 is still focusing on continuing STB to the region. Along with these efforts, the RTAC is working on gathering injury data from the trauma centers along with the non-designated centers to identify the areas most needed for injury prevention. The RTAC continues to support the trauma centers in their injury prevention efforts across the region.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

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RTAC Successes	The Region 6 RTAC continues to make great strides now that we have our established RTAC committee. The RTAC has increased its presence in the community and continues to partner with other organizations, like Strong Augusta and Safe Kids to help with injury prevention.
RTAC Barriers	Currently, we have no barriers within the RTAC. We have identified areas of improvement with communication and increased participation in educational opportunities within the region.
Date of last BIS Assessment	2011
Date of last Trauma Plan	June 8, 2023 Final copy approved
Date of last region meeting	09/07/2023
Date of next region meeting	12/07/2023

Regional Summary

The RTAC continues to strengthen and increase community involvement. We are still working with the Injury Prevention committee on the the Safe Schools Act. Wel will continue to work with Strong Augusta, so we can partner with the school systems to support their efforts.

Region 6 will continue to work on increasing particiapiton in the education oppourtunies. We will work on communication with our local EMS agencies and Trauma centers.

The RTAC did a review of the ACS Rural Consult visit final report, and identified the recommendations in which the RTAC could support. A formal outline was created and areas identified. The group will continue to work on these with formal reporting and findings that can be presented back to the group. These efforts will be supported by our trauma centers and non-designated centers as well.

Region 6 continues to work and communicate with other RTACS.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	7	RTAC Chair	Duane Montgomery	RTAC Coordinator	Brian Dorriety

Date Submitted	October 19, 2023
Quarter	1st Quarter FY 24

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	STB Training is on-going. Trained several new STB Instructors. Trained multiple government agencies in Region 7. 1 kit application in process for Schley County Sherrif's Department. Training is scheduled for late October.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
2. Education	• Columbus Technical College EMS program completed the AMLS Course with 5 students • Columbus Fire and EMS Academy will graduate their AEMT class in early November with over 30 students • Trinity EMS Academy has a new EMT course in progress with 12 students • Taylor County EMS has an EMT course in progress with 15 students attending, graduating in December 2023 • Columbus Technical College has an AEMT course in progress with 17 students attending; graduation is expected to be in December 2023 • Columbus Fire and EMS Academy graduated 20 students from their paramedic program • Columbus Technical College will start a new paramedic program in January 2024 • RTAC 7 will be hosting a Trauma Skills Lab in January 2024 at Columbus Technical College • Currently working on Region 7's Educational Needs Assessment
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Continuously monitoring our time to infinitive care. We are showing improvements with the reports being turned in for our Registars to evaluate, however we still have a couple of agencies that need to improve with getting their reports in so that our registars can track appropriate data. Our EMS Council is addressing those agencies so that we may show better results with our data. We will continue to monitor those agencies.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
4. Injury Prevention Activities	**Fall Prevention:** • Fall injuries are still our number 1 among trauma-related patients • Muscogee - Matter of Balance & Tai Chi Classes for 2023 in partnership with Area Agency on Aging **Penetrating Injuries:** • Continues to be our number 2 in trauma-related injuries • We are partnering up with Cure Violence Columbus. Region 7 has 4 trained Cure Violence Interrupters who are visiting the Youth Detention Centers and Speaking with the young boys about violence and retaliation, including visiting schools that have a high volume of violence. In the process of looking for grant funding to help purchase gun lock boxes to be given away.

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	Safe Kids Columbus • **River Savvy Kids Event** – working on next year's "Free Life Jackets" for kids giveaway. Gave away over 700 last year. Looking to beat that number for next year. Partnered up with Academy Sports and planning for next year. • **ATV Safety**- working with Robert Green, ATV Instructor for the Columbus Police Department on ATV safety course. We have a significant amount of ATV accidents and deaths.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	We are seeing more support from our Regional Stakeholders. According to the database, results show that injuries have been decreasing slowly, but surely.
RTAC Barriers	Amount of funds available to do more for the region
Date of last BIS Assessment	March 2020
Date of last Trauma Plan	July 1, 2023
Date of last region meeting	July 26, 2023
Date of next region meeting	October 25, 2023

Regional Summary

Region 7 has progressed with Stop the Bleed in the hospitals, using our new STB trainer kits. The plan is to continue training throughout the region. To include government buildings, civic centers, and schools as they schedule training sessions.

Region 7 is 100% complete with STB in the Schools and Buses. We will continue to add additional training sessions for new hires and new schools as they request.

Region 7 continues to schedule different types of training throughout the region for EMS agencies and hospitals. We continue offering courses for our region as agencies request. This is an opportunity where a regional training grant may be utilized.

Region 7 continues receiving tremendous support from our partners, agencies, hospitals, and communities.

Thanks to the Georgia Trauma Commission, Region 7 is making a difference. We see the difference. We will continue making a difference in our Region 7 and the lives at stake.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	8	RTAC Chair	Allen Owens	RTAC Coordinator	Anita Matherley

Date Submitted	10/18/2023
Quarter	1

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed 2. Fall injury prevention	1. Stop The Bleed training and coordination-Providing storage and coordinating delivery of teaching supplies and STB Kits as appropriate across Region 8. 2. Participation in Fall Prevention/Safety Outreach Project-Distribute/provide appropriate, consistent training for hospital staff, law enforcement, and EMS personnel in Region 8. This will address home safety issues related to fall injury requiring hospital admission. Follow-up education will provided after discharge if the patient agrees. The goal will be to decrease readmission related to fall injuries.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
3. Education	1. Planning and information toward Trauma Center Designation Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Administration 2. We are planning to provide education for upcoming guidelines with Crisp Regional Trauma Surgery and other regions. This education will be for hospitals and EMS across Region 8. 3. Provided TNCC and ATLS courses at Archbold Memorial Hospital.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
4. Performance Improvement Projects	Region 8 RTAC to obtain additional information and guidance for educational needs. The goal was established needs assessment across Region 8 in order to improve patient care.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
5. Injury Prevention Activities	August 14, 2023 Injury Prevention/Safety Outreach-Partnering with SGMC and Fire and Safety to conduct classes for follow-up post-discharge from the hospital for patients admitted for fall injuries. Post-discharge protocols will include fall safety-related home inspections conducted by trained individuals to reduce home falls.
Status: On-going	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

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RTAC Successes	1. Safety outreach and injury prevention developed a plan for active involvement with hospitals across Region 8 to directly address fall prevention for patients admitted for fall injuries to reduce falls and, therefore, injuries. 2. Increase communication for identification across Region 8 among stakeholders assessing top traumatic injury and death as falls. Plans have been developed to reduce the incidence of this type of injury. 3. Provide communication/education related to STB and upcoming guideline changes for greater continuity of care across Region 8. The Region 8 RTAC continues collaboration with our regional and state partners and provides bleeding control training to all facilities as requested. Multiple hospital staff and EMS personnel have stepped up to provide instruction and leadership in Region 8 for Stop The Bleed Training. Training and kits were provided for Dougherty, Grady Ben Hill, and Lowndes Counties.
RTAC Barriers	Time constraints and staffing demands/shortages continue to be significant barriers in regard to RTAC project execution.
Date of last BIS Assessment	
Date of last Trauma Plan	
Date of last region meeting	August 15, 2023
Date of next region meeting	November 14, 2023

Regional Summary

Region 8 continues progressing with Stop the Bleed in the school systems, colleges, transportation agencies, law enforcement, and fire departments. As planned, Region 8 has resumed training at the beginning of the school year in August of 2023.

Only a small number of school faculty members have completed their training. Across Region 8, there are available local instructors for the training. Many school districts have the infrastructure, resources, and expertise to sustain in-house Stop the Bleed programming, and several of our region's school nurses assist with providing community training.

Safety Outreach group will meet again in November 2023 for an update on training addressing fall injury and prevention. This is for patients admitted to the hospital related to fall injuries status post-discharge. The group will partner with hospitals and fire departments across Region 8.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	10	RTAC Chair	Dr. Kurt Horst	RTAC Coordinator	Crystal Shelnutt

Date Submitted	10/18/2023
Quarter	1 (July- September 2023)

Current Quarter Project/Activity[1]	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	7/17- Georgia Cyber Academy STB- 62 Participants 7/31- Oconee County School Nurse STB, Hands-Only CPR, First Aid 8/1- Oconee County School Nurse STB, Hands-Only CPR, First Aid 9/14- STB with Dave Shanks (GEMA/HS) Greene, Oconee, Lincoln County
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities?[1] (Y/N): Yes**
2. Performance Improvement Projects	The primary focus for performance improvement this quarter was the development of the Region 10 Educational Needs Assessment. This project includes surveys for EMS directors, EMS educators, EMS providers, and trauma care staff at the hospitals. This effort includes collaboration with many regional stakeholders and will provide keen insight into future successes of trauma education in the region and aim to identify gaps in current offerings.
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**
3. Injury Prevention Activities	Fall Prevention Week (September 18-22) at the Oconee Health Campus and the Piedmont Athens Regional Main Lobby events were hosted to provide materials and strategies for fall prevention. We have also partnered with Katie Calkin with Matter of Balance to support balance training courses. National Child Passenger Safety Week (September 17-23): partnered with Safe Kids and Govenor's Office of Highway Safety for multiple car seat safety checks throughout the region. September 21- Cornerstone Church in East Athens, September 22- Oglethorpe County, September 28- YMCA West Athens
Status: Ongoing	**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	While we had an eventful quarter, one of the most significant successes was that of our partner, Piedmont Athens Regional, in successfully receiving Level II Verification from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. We are incredibly proud of their success and appreciate the leadership in commitment to trauma care in our region.

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RTAC Barriers	This quarter we continued to struggle with communication efforts for STB training at a new elementarty school that opened this fall. Additionally, we continue working to promote engagement with EMS leadership in the region.
Date of last BIS Assessment	October 31, 2016
Date of last Trauma Plan	December 18, 2018
Date of last region meeting	September 19, 2023
Date of next region meeting	December 12, 2023

Regional Summary

Region 10 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) is pleased to report a highly successful first quarter. Notably, our Injury Prevention Committee has demonstrated significant progress in establishing new partnerships and the development of various programs.

Our car seat safety events have garnered considerable attention and participation, proving an invaluable platform for engaging with key stakeholders from the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and regional and local law enforcement agencies. These events have heightened awareness of regulation and best practices while fostering collaboration amongst these critical organizations.

The ongoing educational needs assessment is already showing great promise. It has garnered substantial support and crucial information from our community stakeholders, paving the way for informed decision-making and proactive measures to improve trauma-based EMS education.

On July 17th, we conducted one of the largest Stop The Bleed classes in recent months, with 62 educators traveling from various corners of the state. This group had not previously received STB training and was an eager and engaged audience.

Region 10 RTAC remains dedicated to advancing injury prevention and trauma care in our region, and we are excited to continue our efforts and collaborations throughout the year. We look forward to further building on this momentum in the upcoming quarters to enhance our community's safety and well-being.

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

QUARTERLY MEETING
9 AM-12 PM

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