



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.	Gathering and analyzing rehabilitation-relevant data from the GTC central repository, determining trends in the data, and deriving insights from the data that are relevant to the goal of fostering the long term independence of trauma survivors. Questions include: Analysis of DC location data (eg IRF, LTACH, SNF, Home without services) for any indicators of inappropriateness or gaps in resources. Will parse further by injury severity and diagnosis codes, and so on. Analysis of lags in discharge from trauma hospital due to any factors that may be modifiable. This activity is targeted at achieving the ACS identified goals of performing “a comprehensive resource / needs assessment of rehabilitation services for trauma patients, especially for traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and pediatric patients” and analyzing “trauma patient flow and discharge patterns to rehabilitation, longterm assisted care, and skilled nursing facilities using data from the state trauma registry.”
Status: In process.	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
2.	Gathering and analyzing data on Medicaid and Medicare applications by Georgia residents, and trends over time, related to disabilities whose cause is trauma.
Status: In process	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3.	Developing a system for willing rehabilitation hospitals in the state to participate in contributing data to the GTC central repository of relevance to outcomes and disability status.
Status: In process	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4.	Discussions regarding creating a voluntary Level system for rehabilitation facilities that mirrors the level designation for trauma hospitals, with a goal of promoting the necessary rehabilitation resources in the state to support its trauma population. This activity helps achieve the ACS goal of including “the rehabilitation phase of care in a systemwide performance improvement process using appropriate indicators and benchmarks.”
Status: In process	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
5.	Providing strategic guidance on state resources of importance to trauma survivors, including vocational rehabilitation
Status: In process	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

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.



Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	GTC endorsement / authorization of the new GTC Rehabilitation Committee and its mission to gather and analyze all available data that is relevant to the rehabilitation of trauma survivors in the state, and to support the overall goal of facilitating recovery trauma survivors in the state of Georgia to as full independence as possible.
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	Motion to establish and endorse the GTC Rehabilitation Committee.
Committee Members:	In attendance at 2/23/23 Meeting: Susannah Kidwell (CHOA), Alex Liagminas (Wellstar), Dana Norall (Wellstar), Jackson Elam (Warm Springs), Kathy Clark (Warm Springs), Brick Johnstone (Shepherd), Issi Clesson (Shepherd). Absent but invited: Mark Hinrichs (Emory) Note: Northeast Georgia Medical Center and Memorial Savannah will also be invited to participate. Walton Rehabilitation in Augusta declined participation.
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Chair: Ford Vox, MD (Shepherd Center)
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	5/16/23