



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

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City of Madison Meeting Hall  
May 25, 2023



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## Georgia Trauma Commission

May 25, 2023

09:00 AM to 12:00 PM

City of Madison Meeting Hall

Madison, Georgia

Agenda

### **09:00 am to 9:25 am (25 minutes)**

Welcome, call to order & establish quorum

Dr. Dennis Ashley

Approval of March 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes\*

Chairman's Report

Executive Director's Report

Liz Atkins

### **9:25 am to 10:15 pm 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\*

Lynn Grant

Rehabilitation Committee

Dr. Ford Vox

### **10:15 am -10:30 am (15 minutes) MORNING BREAK**

### **10:30 am to 11:00 pm Committee Reports II (30 minutes)**

Trauma Administrators Committee

Dr. Michelle Wallace

Trauma System Performance Committee

Dr. James Dunne

Trauma Medical Directors Committee (Defer)

Dr. Matthew Vassy

### **Trauma System Partner Reports 11:00 am to 11:45 pm (45 minutes)**

Georgia Trauma Foundation

Cheryle Ward

Georgia Quality Improvement Program

Dr. S. Rob Todd

Gina Solomon

Office of EMS and Trauma

April Moss

MAG Medical Reserve Corps FY2023

Dr. John Harvey

### **11:45 pm 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  
APPROVAL AT  
MARCH MEETING**



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

8:30 AM-12:00 PM

Chateau Elan

Braselton, Georgia

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/GWlpR2HsTp4>

Meeting Attachments: [trauma.ga.gov](https://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  
Dr. Michelle Wallace  
Mr. Jim Adkins via Zoom  
Pete Quinones via Zoom

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Elizabeth Atkins	GTC, Executive Director
Gina Solomon	GTC, GQIP Director
Katie Hamilton	GTC, Finance Operations Officer
Gabriela Saye	GTC, Executive Assistant
Cheryle Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation, Executive Director
Cindy Hoggard	Advent Health Redmond Hospital, Director of ER/Trauma
Nicole Sundholm	Advent Health Redmond Hospital, Trauma Program Manager
Clarence Mckemie	Atrium Health Floyd, TMD
Faith Rand	Atrium Health Navicent, PI Coordinator
Robyn Axlund	Atrium Health Navicent, Trauma Data Coordinator
Josephine Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent, Trauma PI Coordinator
Teresa Leverson	Atrium Health Navicent, Administrative Manager
Ashley Faircloth	Augusta University, TPM PI
Kyndra Holm	Augusta University, PTPM
Terence O'Keeffe	Augusta University, Trauma Medical Director
Brian Bays	Augusta University, Trauma Program Manager
Dawn Faircloth	Augusta University, TPM Injury Prevention, and Safe Kids Coordinator
Mary Anne Nolan	Augusta University, Admin Director Emergency, and Critical Care Services
Patricia Smith	Augusta University, TPM Outreach
Kellie Rowker	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, TPM
Moe Schmid	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, TPM
Alicia Register	Crisp Regional, TMD
Ashley Bullington	Crisp Regional, TPM

Adrian Willis	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, PI Coordinator
Christopher Ruiz	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, VP of Trauma Service
Courtney Pettiford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, Trauma Medical Director
Shelby Adams	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, PI Coordinator
Laura Lunsford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, TPM
David Kiefer	Effingham Health System, TMD
Brooke Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center, RN TPM
Elizabeth Benjamin	Emory/Grady, Trauma Medical Director
Lynn Grant	Fairview Park Hospital, Trauma Program Director
April Moss	Georgia Department of Public Health, Deputy Director, Systems of Care
Xavier Crockett	Georgia Department of Public Health, State Health Protection Director
Brandin Clark	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, Regional Training Coordinator
Lanier Swafford	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, Regional EMS Director
Marie Probst	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, State Trauma Registrar
Michael Johnson	Georgia Department of Public Health OEMS/T, Director
Becca Hallum	Georgia Hospital Association, Associate General Counsel and Compliance Officer
Sofi Gratas	Georgia Public Broadcasting, Reporter
Carey Lamphier	Grady, Burn Program Manager
Rebecca Chatman	Grady, Burn Quality RN Specialist
Robin Garza	Grady, VP of Trauma and Burn
S. Rob Todd	Grady, SVP / Chief, Acute Care Surgery
Sarah Parker	Grady, Trauma Program Director
Greg Nickel	GTC, Stop The Bleed Georgia, Coordinator
Brian Delashmitt	Hamilton Medical Center, EVP-Chief Medical Officer
Judean Guinn	Hamilton Medical Center, VP/CNO
Kim Brown	Hamilton Medical Center, Trauma Manager
Steven Paynter	Hamilton Medical Center, TMD
Gregory Patterson	J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, TMD
Kelli Vaughn	J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, TPM
Mary Beth Goodwin	J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, RN PI Coordinator
Karrie Page	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital, Trauma Coordinator
Christie Mathis	Morgan Medical Center, TPM
Ralph Castillo	Morgan Medical Center, CEO
Jesse Gibson	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Trauma Program Director
Jessica Mantooth	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Trauma Educator
Matthew Vassy	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Trauma Medical Director
Becky Weidler	Northside Gwinnett Hospital, Director
Naila Avery	Northside Gwinnett Hospital, TMD
Nadirah Burgess	Northside Hospital Gwinnett, Trauma Program Manager
Heather Morgan	Piedmont Athens Regional, TPM
Jerry Mcmillan	Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center, EMT-P Trauma Registrar
Kelly Gasser	Piedmont Columbus Regional, PI Coordinator
Mary Bizilia	Piedmont Columbus Regional, TPM
Shalonda Wright	Piedmont Columbus Regional, Trauma Registrar
Jay Connelly	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Dir Trauma, and Stroke



Justin Keeton	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Trauma PI Coordinator
Paula Butts	Piedmont Henry Hospital, CNO
Ford Vox	Piedmont Walton, Chair, GTC Rehabilitation Committee
Karen Hust	Piedmont Walton, TPM
Richard Jacob	Piedmont Walton, TMD
Kristal Smith	Region 5 RTAC, Coordinator
Brian Dorriety	Region 7 RTAC, Coordinator
Rebecca Harkness	Stephens County Hospital, Trauma/Stroke Coordinator
Kerry Carter	Wellstar, TPM
Matthew Hinkle	Wellstar Cobb Hospital, Burn PI Coordinator
Winston Charles	Wellstar Cobb Hospital, TPM
Alyssa Monda	Wellstar Cobb Hospital, PI Coordinator
Christina Ucci	Wellstar Kennestone, Trauma PI Coordinator
Danielle Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone, Outreach, and IP Coordinator
Jamie Van Ness	Wellstar Kennestone, Director of Trauma Services
Megan Dawson	Wellstar Kennestone, RN PI Coordinator
Ezaldeen Numur	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital, Trauma Medical Director
Susan Baldrige	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital, Trauma Program Manager
Rachel Hand	Wellstar West Ga Medical Center, TPM

#### **CALL TO ORDER (00:00:05)**

Thank you to all that attended and organized the GQIP Winter Meeting. We had a great meeting yesterday and had great discussions.

Dr. Dennis Ashley called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM with nine Commission members present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (00:01:08)**

*Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley*

Dr. Ashley asked for a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, p. 3-13, in the meeting packet (ATTACHMENT A).

Elizabeth Atkins requested an amendment to the meeting minutes:

1. Michelle Williams needs to be corrected as representing Baker Donaldson
2. HIPPA corrected to HIPAA
3. Add Dan Walsh for attendance

#### **MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-01:**

**Motion to approve November 17, 2023, meeting minutes with the proposed amendments**

**MOTION BY:** Jim Adkins

**SECOND BY:** Vic Drawdy

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

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

#### **CHAIRMAN REPORT (00:02:15)**

***Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley***

No updates from the Chairman Report.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (00:02:26)**

***Presented by Liz Atkins***

Liz Atkins stated the full report could be found on pages 14-32, which provide a high-level overview of significant initiatives.

- We have presented our FY 2024 budget to the House and still waiting to present it to the Senate.
- ACS Trauma System Consultative Visit and Rural-Focused Review report should be available by early April. We are working closely with our partners at the Office of EMS and Trauma to review and address the issues addressed by the ACS review team.
- We have updated our strategic plan (**ATTACHMENT B**) with progress notes.

#### **TRAUMA SYSTEM ANALYSIS REPORT (00:12:00)**

***Presented by Dr. Etienne Pracht***

Dr. Pracht from the University of South Florida presented **ATTACHMENT C** to the Commission. The purpose of this analysis is to assess the effectiveness of the Georgia trauma system in providing access to inpatient trauma services to the State's residents. The study period covered five calendar years (2016-2020) following the transition from the ICD9CM to ICD10CM coding system.

The formal report (**ATTACHMENT D**) can be accessed on the [trauma.ga.gov](https://trauma.ga.gov) website under the March 1, 2023, Commission event. Burn data will be included as an appendix to the report.

## **COMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP REPORTS**

#### **EMS COMMITTEE REPORT (01:15:13)**

***Presented by Courtney Terwilliger***

Courtney Terwilliger referenced the report on pages 42-43 for the EMS Committee:

- The Equipment Grant funding is proceeding. We reviewed several requests for variance in the plan. We will continue to review expenditures for AVLS, EMS Education, and Equipment Grant Funding.
- We have significantly increased our efforts to assist local EMS providers in conducting EMR and EMT-R programs. We have requested information from the SOEMS/T on initial education programs in the State. We have requested Office of EMS and Trauma, and GEMSA work together to help us accurately understand the initial EMS education being conducted. Dr. Melissa Bemiller provided information to the group regarding the location of EMS education programs provided with Trauma Commission funding.
- We continue to fund the AVLS program. There are currently eight (8) counties in Georgia that do not have an AVLS program. We are in discussion with four of these now.
- The EMS Equipment Grant documentation has been completed. We are now in the process of paying the agencies for this grant. We have identified areas we will address with a sub-committee to clarify next year's funding.

- Online training platform remains a concern. We have provided value to the EMS community by providing online content from the EMS Educators conference. This has been in conjunction with GEMSA. However, there remains a desire to offer a better platform for initial and continuing education via this medium.
- Inter-hospital transportation continues to be an issue in many areas of the State. There is support for requesting the Legislature to set up a Joint House/Senate Study Committee to look at the challenges of the EMS profession.

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT (01:25:15)**

***Presented by Dr. Regina Medeiros and Katie Hamilton***

Katie Hamilton provided a brief review of the following budget documents starting on page 33:

- Budget Cycle Timeline-p. 34
  - We continue to update the timeline with the transition to the trust fund. There is not an AFY budget.
- FY 2023 Expense to Budget-p. 35
  - We review this monthly in our budget committee meetings.
- Super Speeder Revenue-p.36-39
  - We are following the same trends as FY 2022. We are lowering the gap of our cumulative variance.
- FY 2023 Reallocation Plan-p. 40
  - Our fireworks review is coming from the Department of Revenue now, not in our AFY budget. Next year, we will include the fireworks revenue in our initial budgeting at the beginning of the year.
  - We also have items that have not been spent for FY 2023. The total fireworks and unspent funds are 1.6 million.
  - We also have FY 2023 trauma centers funds to reallocate that came from two centers that are no longer in the system, 1.5 million
  - The bottom section of page 40 outlines the allocation plan of the 3.2 million reallocation dollars.
  - Dr. Medeiros asked for a motion to approve the FY 2023 Reallocation Plan.

#### **MOTION BY: GTC Budget Committee**

#### **MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-02:**

#### **Motion to approve the FY 2023 Reallocation Plan**

#### **MOTION BY: Budget Committee**

**VOTING:** Dr. Dennis Ashley, Dr. James Dunne, Dr. Regina Medeiros, Dr. John Bleacher, Courtney Terwilliger, Vic Drawdy, Dr. Michelle Wallace, and Jim Adkins are in favor of the motion. Pete Quinones abstained.

**ACTION:** The motion PASSED with no objections and one abstention.

We will discuss the FY 2024 budget in the next committee meetings. We are looking at some financial projections of the cost to bring all centers into our funding and what the impact will be.

Lastly, Dr. Medeiros asked Commission members to review page 41, which outlines the proposed FY 2024 metrics for each current contractor and the percentage of their funds at risk. We have always had performance-based pay metrics for trauma centers receiving funds. Moving forward, we will require some level of performance-based pay for all contractors. Each contractor was involved in the decision-making and determining their criteria. Dr. Medeiros requested a motion to approve the proposed FY 2024 contractor performance-based pay criteria.

**MOTION BY: GTC Budget Committee**

**MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-03:**

**Motion to approve the FY 2024 contractor performance-based pay criteria**

**MOTION BY: Budget Committee**

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

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

**LI/II/IV COMMITTEE REPORT (01:34:30)**

***Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson***

Dr. Greg Patterson referenced the report on page 44.

- MARCH PAWS equipment and supplies were delayed, but all have been received; awaiting the scheduling of the first pilot course targeted for March/April. The first course will be conducted at Emanuel Medical Center in region six, followed by a course at Crisp Regional, then J.D. Archbold. We want to create a QR code to hand out for the project. In addition, we would like permission to post the MARCH PAWS introductory PowerPoint presentation to the trauma.ga.gov website.
- The American College of Surgeon (ACS) consult visit was a success. The rural-focused review produced twenty-nine rural recommendations, with eight priority recommendations. Yesterday, we tasked our members to review the report and develop a workgroup for the priority recommendations.
- Access to specialty care will be updated by the summer meeting. We want to facilitate a central resources and demographic survey of the level III and IV trauma centers so that everyone knows the resources that are out there.
- Web-hosted ESO registry and PRQ Report Writer funding has been allocated, encumbered, and paid; but has not been deployed by all centers yet. Level IV custom reports must be built. Contracted abstraction is an ongoing discussion, and financial needs must be clarified.
- We are still digesting the Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation (PTSF) and ACS consult visit. Ultimately, we are trying to review action plans related to those reports with the Commission. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**GEORGIA COMMITTEE FOR TRAUMA EXCELLENCE (GCTE) REPORT (01:41:17)**

***Presented by Tracy Johns***

Tracy Johns referenced the report on page 46 for the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence.

- A level III/IV workgroup was created after the November PTSF report. The workgroup has met a couple of times and has two goals for this year 1) to develop and understand PI plans and 2) utilize the PI/outcomes module in the registry.
- The registry group has updated the GCTE contact list to indicate contact information for patient follow-up, created a trauma data management plan template and requirements, and created a Data Dictionary workgroup to keep the dictionary current.
- With the new ACS standard for registrar education, funding is needed. The registry group requests Commission funding for AIS and ICD 10 procedure coding courses for designated trauma center staff. Priority to level III/IV staff, then level I/II staff.
  - Dr. Medeiros asked GCTE to provide a proposed budget with specific line items and the anticipated total cost for budget committee review.

- Injury prevention and outreach have created four webinars, one for each task force. They continue virtual training for Stop the Bleed and Bingocize and facilitate events to prevent trauma (road ahead & child abuse prevention). A framework to apply for injury prevention and outreach funding has been created.
- The pediatric subcommittee is still working on its pediatric shock index and helping with pediatric readiness courses. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta recently reviewed its 2020 transfer-in data; 34% of those were discharged from the emergency department. They are working on drilling down on what are the most common injuries getting discharged and possibly putting that into the Georgia Pediatric Consult Program.
- The education subcommittee completed the first draft of their time to definitive care PowerPoint; only minor changes were needed. The AKI PowerPoint draft is to be completed by the end of February. They also distributed TCRN study guides to designated centers to increase the rate of TCRN-certified nurses in Georgia.

#### **REHABILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT (01:52:41)**

##### ***Presented by Dr. Ford Vox***

Dr. Ford Vox, Shepherd Center's Medical Director of the Disorders of Consciousness Program, introduced himself and provided an overview of the new Rehabilitation Committee (**ATTACHMENT E**). In the past, we have been included in the trauma system reviews and have been asked to convene. We hope to prevent ongoing disability and return people to as full function as possible. The committee will provide key rehabilitation stakeholders the ability to onboard into the Commission and look at the data from a rehabilitation perspective. We are looking for ways to better integrate into the trauma system and share the goal of improving the quality of rehabilitation for the trauma population in the state.

- We had our first meeting last week and had good attendance from various facilities. We hope our next meeting will be larger and add more facilities.
- Our priorities are:
  - Begin digging into the data to analyze discharge location for any indicators of inappropriateness or gaps in resources, then parse further by injury severity and diagnosis codes.
  - Gather and analyze data on Medicaid and Medicare applications by Georgia residents and trends over time related to disabilities whose cause is trauma.
  - Develop 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.
  - Discuss 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."
  - Provide strategic guidance on state resources of importance to trauma survivors, including vocational rehabilitation.

Dr. Vox ended the report by asking the Georgia Trauma Commission to recognize the Rehabilitation Committee formally as a Georgia Trauma Commission Committee.

#### **MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-04:**

#### **Motion to support and recognize the Rehabilitation Committee as a Georgia Trauma Commission Committee**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Dr. James Dunne

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

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

Liz Atkins referenced Dr. Vox's email for Rehabilitation Committee participation on page 48 of the meeting packet.

#### **TRAUMA ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE REPORT (02:00:58)**

***Presented by Dr. Michelle Wallace***

Dr. Michelle Wallace referenced page 50 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- The request for trauma center communication to indicate transfer diversion but still accept ground and helicopters has been created and utilized across the state within the GCC system. The training was completed at the end of November with eleven center participants and went live in December. We have used it three times and continue to send education to centers. The status is only available in the hospital view to avoid confusion with EMS providers.
- We are developing a communication plan around diversion and saturation. The administrator group will not drive the plan. It will be driven in conjunction with the Georgia Hospital Association, the Department of Public Health, and a couple of trauma centers. They will be working to standardize definitions across the board.
- The GCC is moving to a new platform, ImageTrend, with a go-live within the next 30 days. Within ImageTrend, there will be the ability to create a message group and ease communication between hospitals or EMS. We asked the administrators group to advise of what their communication plans and patterns need to be.
- The finance workgroup has identified three main objectives:
  - Engagement and education
  - Understanding and transparency of funds use within trauma centers
  - Evaluation and recommendation of trauma center funding distribution
- The finance workgroup has discussed how we can track where the Commission funding is being spent within trauma centers. The Commission has not delineated how to have the information reported, and we need to ensure we communicate what our expectations are.
  - Liz Atkins added we do ask trauma centers to confirm they have spent the funds accordingly in their quarterly invoices.

#### **TRAUMA SYSTEM PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (02:09:14)**

***Presented by Dr. James Dunne***

Dr. James Dunne referenced page 51 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- The Office of EMS and Trauma is working internally to pull data out of the new Georgia Patient Registry to provide to epidemiologists for analysis. We are waiting for two centers to provide their data and can start building reports. In the meantime, regions five and nine will pull their data to analyze time to definitive care.
- Armband project training for EMS and Law Enforcement is in progress. Awaiting final commitment from a hospital system in the region. They need to determine where the armband number will be documented in the medical record and staff training initiated.

## SYSTEM PARTNER REPORTS

### GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION REPORT (02:12:21)

*Presented by Cheryle Ward*

Cheryle Ward referenced the report on page 52.

- The Foundation performed an internal assessment and made changes to improve its accountability and financial transparency. New policies have been adopted, and better reporting has been implemented to align the Foundation with nonprofit best practices. The changes will help assure donors they are giving money to a trustworthy organization.
- Building off the overall message of “Minutes Matter” message, fundraising consultant Alexander Haas worked with Foundation Directors to prioritize long-term projects. Before making any decisions, the Foundation will review the final report from the ACS Rural Focused Consultation. Its recommendations will be discussed with system partners to determine which projects to pursue to best support the system. The outcomes of those meetings will be the basis of a fundraising plan designed to make a statewide impact with a focus on regional fundraising.
- We are planning two fundraisers by the end of the year. Rather than the large gala event, we will hold smaller fundraising events within the RTAC regions to create a more intimate and personalized approach.
- We continue to pursue grant funding, and our grant writing will be centered around trauma education.
- Alexander Haas (AH) provided a strategic five-step board development plan to attract and retain the best leadership. They recommend increasing members each year by 2-3 directors until the maximum size is reached, as allowed by bylaws. The Foundation has activated its plan and has identified a new candidate for Commission consideration. Alexander Haas would also like to work with Commissioners to identify potential candidates. Expansion goals are centered around overcoming skill set deficits, securing regional representation, and bringing on those with the ability to give/get money. The consultants also advised the Foundation that new Directors need to be experts in raising money.

Cheryle reviewed the background of the potential new board member, Jeffery Myers. Dr. John Bleacher added that we want to ensure the board is comprised of members throughout the state. With his skill set, we believe the new board member will make a vital addition to the board. His resume and nomination form are in the meeting packet, pages 53-62.

#### **MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-05:**

**Motion to approve candidate Jeffrey Myers as a Georgia Trauma Foundation Board Member.**

**MOTION BY:** Dr. John Bleacher

**SECOND BY:** Vic Drawdy

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

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

### GEORGIA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT (02:22:46)

*Presented by Dr. Rob Todd*

Dr. Rob Todd reviewed the GQIP report and content in the packet on pages 63-69:



- Workgroups reported at GQIP Winter Meeting on 2/28. The plan is to sunset AKI & Opioids. We plan to develop groups with more focus & specific deliverables. TBI is in the process of large data analysis with TQIP PUFs by a GQIP Research Fellow. TBI data analysis abstract presented at ASC and SESC by the GQIP Research Fellow.
- The GQIP Central site continues to import registry data from centers. Data completeness project completed on CY2021 data and presented at GQIP Winter Meeting. The ArborMetrix project was set back due to some unavoidable delays. New rollout target date of 9/2023 (see attached project timeline). Completed analytic dictionary.
- Scope of work developed for Public Safety Organization designation SAAG. Funding for SAAG needs to be secured.
- GQIP Trauma Advisory Committee in-person meeting held on 2/27. Plan to discuss summer meeting, ArborMetrix deliverables, and workgroup structure.
- Developed GQIP Research Fellow job description and application requirements for interested surgical residents. Need to develop a selection process.

#### **OFFICE OF EMS AND TRAUMA REPORT (02:27:03)**

***Presented by April Moss, Marie Probst, and Kelly Joiner***

April Moss introduced herself as the Deputy Director for Systems of Care with the Department of Public Health Office of EMS and Trauma.

- Renee Morgan retired at the beginning of this year, and we are actively pursuing a qualified candidate to replace her. In the meantime, please contact April Moss with any questions or concerns.
- One ACS verification visit for upgrade to Level I, Northeast Georgia Medical Center in November 2022, ACS report pending.
- Two level III facilities had state designation visits in November 2022 and received provisional designation with six months to correct critical deficiencies.
- Some upcoming verifications and consultations include:
  - Two level I facilities are scheduled for ACS Re-Verification visits in April 2023
  - One level I facility is awaiting a confirmed date for an ACS Verification visit in June 2023
  - Three level II facilities are awaiting confirmed dates for ACS Verification visits in May, June, and July 2023
  - Four level III facilities are awaiting confirmed dates for ACS Consultation visits in September 2023
  - Five level IV facilities are due for redesignation visits. PRQ is in progress.
  - Nine potential level IV recruitments in EMS regions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9
- ESO and ImageTrend are preparing the 2023 schema for users to install, enabling users to continue to import 2023 records.
- Marie Probst is working on reports in the Georgia Patient Registry similar to reports in V5 and the 2021 data export for epidemiology, Time to Definitive Care Analysis, and Biospatial.

Marie Probst provided the following updates regarding registry data:

- Trauma Registry data (Nov 2017 – June 2021) is now available in Biospatial for use by the centers for data visualization reports. Recorded training sessions and login credentials were shared with all data-contributing centers.
- Today is the new day for downloading into the patient registry for quarter four. Once that closes out, we will have the 2022 data to analyze.



- The 2020 Georgia Trauma Registry Annual Report is available. The report has been distributed to the GTC Data Subcommittee and GCTE. The report contains an analysis of the Time to Definitive Care.
- The Georgia Patient Registry received 2021 and 2022 imports from the centers collecting trauma registry data.

April Moss added there will be a report writer seminar for current patient registry users or those interested in joining the registry. There will be two full-day public trainings:

- April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Healthcare in Warner Robins
- April 26<sup>th</sup> at Northeast Georgia in Gainesville

Save the dates, and calendar invites will be sent out soon.

Kelly Joiner provided the following updates regarding the armband project:

- The project aims to link the crash record with the EMS and trauma registry records.
- We have completed training for EMS and Law Enforcement partners. We will meet with the hospital system in the next 15 days to finalize their participation. The pilot will include fourteen EMS agencies, six to eight law enforcement agencies, and two hospitals.
- We have identified a place to input the armband in the registry. We need to finalize with the hospital system where the number will go in the patient's chart.
- We are starting as a pilot in two counties, White and Lumpkin. Then we will expand it to region two, followed by the whole state.
- The pilot is estimated to last six months.

Before adjournment, Liz Atkins introduced Greg Nickels as the new Georgia Trauma Commission Stop the Bleed Coordinator to support our Stop the Bleed program.

**MOTION GTCNC 2023-03-06:**  
**Motion to adjourn.**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Dr. James Dunne

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

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

**SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT**

- ACS Trauma System Consultative Visit and Rural-Focused Review report should be available by early April. We are working closely with our partners at the Office of EMS and Trauma to review and address the issues addressed by the ACS review team.
- Dr. Etienne Pracht presented the Trauma System Analysis Report (ATTACHMENT C). The formal report (ATTACHMENT D) can be accessed on the trauma.ga.gov website.
- Commission Approved: FY 2023 Reallocation Plan.
- Commission Approved: FY 2024 contractor performance-based pay criteria.
- Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE) requested Commission funding for registry education. Dr. Regina Medeiros asked GCTE to provide a proposed budget with specific line items and anticipated total cost for budget committee review.
- Commission Approved: New Georgia Trauma Commission Rehabilitation Committee, chaired by Dr. Ford Vox.

- Commission Approved: Georgia Trauma Foundation Board candidate, Jeffery Myers.
- April Moss is the new Deputy Director for Systems of Care with the Department of Public Health Office of EMS and Trauma.
- Greg Nickels is the new Georgia Trauma Commission Stop the Bleed Coordinator.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye*



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Executive Director Report

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Elizabeth Atkins

May 25, 2023

Madison, GA

# Executive Director Report

Initiative/Project	Description	Update
<b>FINANCE/LEGISLATIVE</b>		
<b>FY 2024 Budget</b>	Approved 3/30/2023, last day of legislative session.	FY 2024 GTC budget pending approval.
<b>FY 2024 Trauma Center Performance Based Pay Criteria</b>	Developed Proposed PBP and Stakeholder Feedback process.	Approved at the 11/17/2022 GTC meeting.
<b>2023 Legislative Session Presentations</b> Senate HHS House Public Health	Annual presentation to the Georgia General Assembly on the impact of trauma funding.	Presentation to Chairman Cooper's House Public Health Committee (formerly House HHS) on March 14, 2023. No presentation to Senate HHS this year; Chairman Watson assured us we would present early in the 2024 session.
<b>Federal</b> <i>Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act</i>	The goal is to strengthen coordination and communication, improve emergency medical and trauma system access, establish evidence-based practices; improve rural trauma care through innovative technology, training and education, transportation, prehospital care, benefitting underserved rural communities.	Sponsored by Senators R. Warnock (D-GA), J. Reed (D-RI), B. Lujan (D-NM), A. Klobuchar (D-MN), C. Van Hollen (D-MD) <i>Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act</i> grant programs requesting funding at the fully authorized amount of \$24 million for FY 2024.



# Executive Director Report

Initiative/Project Updates	Description	Update
<b>PROJECTS &amp; INITIATIVES</b>		
<b>American College of Surgeons Trauma Systems Consultative and Rural Focused Review</b>	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 final full report is available at: <a href="https://trauma.georgia.gov/system-development/acs-trauma-systems-consultation">https://trauma.georgia.gov/system-development/acs-trauma-systems-consultation</a>  <b><i>*Next steps – Action planning meetings for stakeholders</i></b>
<b>Trauma System Analysis</b> Replication of the 2013 trauma system study by E. Pracht	The 2013 trauma system analysis included a summary on access as well as survivability. The new study will use the most available data from 2010 – 2020.	Presented on March 1, 2023, GTC meeting; pending workgroup development.
<b>TCAA National Replication of Level I/II Trauma Center Readiness Costs Survey</b>	In collaboration with TCAA, this is a national replication opportunity for our readiness costs methodology, now known as the “Haley Model Trauma Center Readiness Cost Assessment Tool.”	Five level I centers participating from across the country. The data set is limited, and TCAA is calling for participants to expand the pilot.
<b>Georgia Hospital Association Center for Rural Health</b>	Dr. Ashley and Liz were Invited to address the GHA CRH on May 11, 2023, to discuss the ACS Trauma Systems Consult and Rural Focused Review findings. There were approximately 43 attendees, CEO-level from 23 rural centers, and the GHA team.	The group provided great feedback. Interfacility transportation to tertiary care was the top issue. This stems from a lack of personnel/trucks in rural areas and competing priorities with 911 zone contracts.



# Executive Director Report

Initiative/Project Updates	Description	Update
<b>PROJECTS &amp; INITIATIVES (Continued)</b>		
<b>GTC Email Migration</b>	Email phishing attempt in April 2022 necessitating migration to ga.gov server. New gtc.ga.gov accounts have been established and are active.	Migration from .org to .gov domain complete & GTC team has converted to .gov. Please use our .gov email addresses moving forward as the .org emails will no longer forward after 08/07/23.
<b>RTAC UPDATES</b>		
<b>RTAC Coordinator Transitions</b>	Recruiting for contracted RTAC coordinator for Regions 4 & 9.	We welcome Jay Connelly to the RTAC 4 Coordinator role and Andrew Altman to the RTAC 9 Coordinator role.
<b>RTAC Website</b>	Request by RTAC coordinators to stand up a website with pages for each region that can be managed by each RTAC coordinator, inclusive of the content of interest to the region or worth sharing beyond regional boundaries.	RTAC website training completed end of March and website went live April 15, 2023: <a href="https://rtac.gtcnc.org">https://rtac.gtcnc.org</a>
<b>Stop the Bleed – Bleeding Control Kit Distribution</b>	RTAC Coordinator proposal for bleeding control kit application, training and distribution outside of school/bus project approved at 08/11/2022 GTC meeting. Timeline developed and logistics near finalized from messaging/application through kit distribution. Stop the Bleed Coordinator Report included in meeting packet.	<b>Q4 - In Progress</b> <u>Total applications - 12</u> Public Education - 0 Law Enforcement - 10 Gov. Facility - 2 <b>Q3</b> <u>Total applications - 27</u> Public Education - 9 Law Enforcement - 5 Gov. Facility - 13 <b>Q2</b> <u>Total applications - 58</u> Public Education - 23 Law Enforcement - 9 Gov. Facility - 26  Third kit application period: May 1 -May 31

# Executive Director Report

Initiative/Project	Description	Update
FUTURE MEETINGS & KEY DATES		
<b>August 10, 2023</b> Commission Meeting	The DeSoto, Savannah, GA	Contract executed 4/25/2023. King and Prince unable accommodate the required room block as both GQIP & GASACS meetings have grown.
<b>November 16, 2023</b> Commission Meeting	Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, GA <b>*Tentative*</b>	Pending determination of the need for space for action planning from ACS/PTSF, potential sites include GPSTC, Macon Marriott, and Madison.
<b>February 28, 2024</b> Commission Meeting & Winter GQIP Meeting	Chateau Elan, Braselton, GA	Contract Executed
<i>Updated Commission-related meeting information can be found at: <a href="https://trauma.georgia.gov/events">trauma.georgia.gov/events</a></i>		





April 13, 2023

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Senate Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Appropriations Subcommittee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Senate Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Appropriations Subcommittee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Capito,

As you begin work on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, we urge you to maintain a strong commitment to trauma system readiness by funding the *Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act* grant programs at the fully authorized amount of \$24 million for FY 2024. The programs, which were authorized by Sec. 2113 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, are critical for improving trauma care in rural areas and ensuring a coordinated response to emergencies across the country.

Trauma system readiness is essential for ensuring that individuals who experience traumatic injury receive prompt and appropriate care. A well-coordinated and efficient trauma system can significantly improve patient outcomes, reduce mortality rates, and prevent long-term disabilities. In the event of a mass casualty incident or a natural disaster, a ready and well-functioning trauma system is crucial in providing rapid and effective care to those in need. Additionally, trauma system readiness ensures that resources are effectively utilized and that patients are appropriately triaged and transferred to the most appropriate facility for care. Supporting trauma system readiness is especially dire as more major hospitals across the country close, straining the trauma care system and leaving Americans with limited access to trauma care.

Fully funding the bipartisan *Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act* would allow the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to award grants for trauma centers to strengthen coordination and communication, develop approaches to improve emergency medical and trauma system access, establish evidence-based practices, and conduct activities to support clinical research. Funding would also improve trauma care in rural areas through grants for research and demonstration projects that focus on developing innovative technology, training and education, transportation, prehospital care, and other priorities, greatly benefitting underserved rural communities which often lack access to high-quality trauma care.

Additionally, this funding would enable ASPR to work with states to develop guidance and resources that support emergency medical services and trauma care coordination during public



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health emergencies. This would improve the overall response to public health crises and ensure that those in need receive the care they require.

As such, we urge you to fully fund the *Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act* grant programs at \$24 million in FY 2024 to ensure that trauma patients receive the highest quality of care in the event of an emergency and for promoting overall public health and safety.

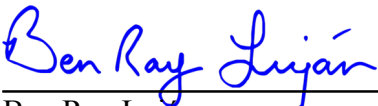
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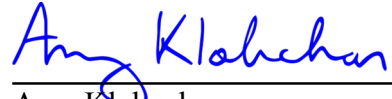
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United States Senator



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United States Senator

January 31, 2023

Elizabeth Atkins  
Executive Director  
Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission  
liz@gtcnc.org

Re: Commissioner membership on Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission  
committees

Dear Ms. Atkins,

You asked whether a majority of the commissioners on the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission may be members of a committee of the Commission. I have not found any prohibition against such commissioner membership on a committee.

For background, under Commission bylaws, the Commission Chairperson may appoint committees. See Bylaws, Section VII. The committees' actions are not binding on the Commission, but instead, committees "provide guidance and recommendations to aid the Commission in making informed decisions." *Id.* Except for the Budget committee, which is chaired by the Commission Secretary/Treasurer, the committee chair does not have to be a Commission member. *Id.* The Commission bylaws do not place any other restrictions on the number of committee members or the composition of the committee.

Subject to certain exceptions, the Open Meetings Act (the "Act"), O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 through 6., defines "meeting" to include "a quorum of any committee created by the governing body at which any official business, policy, or public matter of the committee is formulated, presented, discussed, or voted upon." O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(3). Because the committees are appointed by the Commission Chairperson, it is my view that a committee meeting is subject to the Act, regardless of whether a majority of the commissioners are on the committee and in attendance. Consequently, unless one of the exceptions in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(3)(B)(i) through (v) applies, the gathering of a quorum of the committee members in which the business of the committee is formulated, presented, discussed or voted upon must be noticed and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

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January 31, 2023  
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Your inquiry did not state how many members each committee has. Depending on the total number of committee members, it may be possible that the commissioner members of the committee represent a majority of the Commission, while not representing a majority of the committee. If that is the case, then a gathering of only the commissioner members of the committee would not represent a quorum of the committee, even though the gathering would represent a quorum of the Commission. See Bylaws, Section VIII(1)<sup>1</sup> (“A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of appointed Commission members present at a properly called Commission meeting.”) If such a gathering occurred and committee business was discussed, my view is that notice under the Act would be required. Otherwise, the Act’s notice requirements for a quorum of an agency meeting to discuss agency business will have been circumvented.

The views expressed in this letter are the views of the writer only and are not intended to express an opinion of the Attorney General. I trust that this letter is responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Daniel Walsh*

Daniel Walsh  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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<sup>1</sup> You have informed me that Commission committees operate under the Commission’s bylaws.

## HEALTH

# Tracking software helping to improve outcomes for those severely injured in Georgia

The state's Trauma Commission said its biggest challenge right now is funding.



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ATLANTA — Every gunshot, every car accident, every trip and fall that results in a traumatic injury is being tracked in Georgia. But whether people live or die after those incidents depends mainly on where they live.

As a result, the state started using new technology to give everyone their best shot at survival. The new system will benefit people such as Raidenne Slaughter, herself the victim of a serious car accident a year ago.

"Some people can walk away with very few injuries, and some people are just broken," Slaughter said. "I was one of those people who was completely broken."

After her crash, Slaughter had a concussion, broken nose, cracked ribs, shattered femur and suffered an aortic dissection, which she noted people rarely survive. But despite the long road to recovery, she said the moment that worried her most was right after the crash.

"I was scared before the impact...and then I was scared when they said they were going to take me to Grady because I was wondering, what's wrong?" she said. "What's going on with me that I needed to go to Grady?"

The ambulance passed three other hospitals on the 30-mile trip to

"If it weren't for the access to a level one trauma center, I wouldn't be here. And I want everyone to have that kind of care," she said.

That's why the Georgia State Trauma Commission is working to make access to level-one trauma centers a reality for everyone. Executive Director Liz Atkins said Slaughter survived because everything in her care went right. But she added that too often, in rural or underserved areas of the state, that's not the case.

"What went right is almost more important than what went wrong," said Executive Director Liz Atkins, adding later, "We want to try and close that gap as best we can."

Unfortunately, that gap has widened with the fairly recent closing of Atlanta Medical Center.

"When you take a whole center out of the system, where do the patients go," Atkins explained.

To try and understand that question, the state started tracking traumas. The trauma commission will use that data to conduct training, purchase equipment, and share resources with hospitals nationwide.

"It can save lives. We need to figure out how we can come together, how do we connect all the dots to keep everybody safe," Atkins said.

To do that, the commission is partnering with technology company ESO.

"We specific locations," Garrett Hall, Senior Director of Hospital Programs at ESO, said, adding later, "Why did we have this huge spike, an increase in motor vehicle collisions? Was it weather? Was it something that we could prevent?"

Hall explained that hospitals in Georgia could use that information to change the way people in the state are cared for.

"This is what the commission's doing with tax dollars. It's something that I will say I'm super proud of because we don't always see government using tax dollars that will actually make a difference to save people's lives," Hall said.

Back at work herself, Slaughter said the commission's work is vital.

"Before this happened, I didn't even realize, I had no idea how important it was to have access to that level of care. And most people don't," she added.

Meanwhile, the Georgia State Trauma Commission said its biggest challenge right now is funding - they get \$23 million from the state annually - but Atkins thinks they need closer to 80 million to improve care for everyone.

She noted trauma care is expensive, but saving one life is worth it.



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# Trauma care in Georgia is strained, and a rural review points to systemic failures

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By: **Sofi Gratas**



The emergency room entrance at Macon's Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center, a Level 1 designated trauma center, on July 16, 2020.

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It's been 14 years since the last review of Georgia's trauma care system by the American College of Surgeons. The group's latest findings describe a system with



few guidelines for getting patients, often with life-threatening injuries, to the best equipped hospitals.

This is not news to staff at Crisp Regional Hospital. It sits off a strip of I-75 running south of Macon down to the border with Florida. This area has an unfortunate nickname: “corridor of death.”

The nickname refers to a lack of emergency care. But emergency medical services director for Crisp County, David Edwards, said “corridor of death” can be misleading. There are hospitals and ambulances south of Macon.

“That term just implies that there's just not a lot of trauma services readily available through that route,” Edwards said.

Trauma centers see patients with critical injuries, like from a car crash, firearm or a bad fall. Statewide, there are only nine designated trauma centers south of Macon, not including the one in town, to treat those patients. North of Macon, there are 20, plus two pediatric trauma centers.

On the heels of the closure of Atlanta Medical Center, the people who understand Georgia’s trauma system best say across the state, there’s a lot of improvements to make, and rural trauma hospitals are especially susceptible to these vulnerabilities.

“The goal, obviously, is to get the right person to the right place at the right time,” Edwards said. “And sometimes that's just difficult to do.”

In January, representatives from the American College of Surgeons heard testimony from nurses, hospital directors and public health administrators who all shared similar stories about limited trauma services in rural Georgia.

“We had a patient that we really are not positioned to take care of that we've held for nine hours in our emergency department,” said CEO of Jeff Davis Hospital, Barry Bloom.

“Realistically, as a paramedic, an hour away from a level one trauma center, an hour and a half away from a level one trauma center, it's like me trying to fly to the



moon with a seriously injured patient,” said emergency service provider Rafe Waters.

This was the second review of Georgia’s trauma system by the American College of Surgeons, which sets most standards for trauma hospitals in the state. The state Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Facilities signs off on trauma center designations for hospitals, but both agencies conduct site visits.

A final report from the visit published in April points to several problems, and they are all about logistics.

Imagine an airport, like Hartsfield-Jackson. Now imagine landing all those planes without a control tower.

The Georgia Coordinating Center hosted by Grady Memorial Hospital could play that role, but some designated centers don’t even use it. **The dashboard** shows patient distribution across facilities in the state’s 10 EMS regions.

“I’ll be honest with you; I didn’t even know that existed,” said trauma director and general surgeon at Crisp Regional Hospital, Alicia Register.

The review team from the American College of Surgeons found there isn’t an agreed-on rule book or leading agency telling trauma hospitals in the system how to work with each other. There’s not even one definition for when a center is at capacity, known as being “on diversion.”

And the report recognizes that rural hospitals, especially in South Georgia like Register’s in Crisp County, are most affected by these flaws in the system.

“We’re kind of one of the most — I hate to say desolate, but yeah, like we’re one of the most desolate regions in Georgia,” Register said.

There are four levels of trauma hospitals, with Level 1 being the most specialized. Crisp Regional Hospital is a Level 3. Register spends a lot of her time trying to transfer patients who are up against the clock to a better resourced facility.

“It can get frustrating, to say the least, when you feel like ‘I don't have the resources, I know they need something more, but it's taken a really long time for me to get help,’” Register said.

During the system review in January, Register told the panel there's been times when she's spent up to two hours just finding a place for a patient to go, a distraction from the other care she has to provide.

Liz Atkins is the executive director of the Georgia Trauma Commission, which oversees and disburses state funds to the trauma system network.

Atkins said there might as well be as many ways for a hospital to manage trauma transfers as there are counties in the state.

“Everybody likes the freedom to do what they want to do in their jurisdiction,” Atkins said. “If every single 159-county service in Georgia is able to determine their own destination protocols, then we have no standardization.”

And standardization is the “gold standard” for quality care. Atkins says that's why the state needs a new trauma system rule book.

“We need to scrap the plan and start fresh,” Atkins said during the American College of Surgeons review.

But there's hardly any reliable data on how quickly trauma patients are transferred between Georgia hospitals. Atkins said the data exists, but there's no system to aggregate it yet.

That makes it nearly impossible to know where to start making changes.

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Rural Health Reporter

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# TCAA Award of Distinction Leadership

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*Left to right:* Heidi Gartland, Chair, TCAA Board of Directors  
Dennis W. Ashley, Chairman, GTC  
Jennifer Ward, President, TCAA



## TCAA Award of Distinction Nomination

With great pleasure, I submit Dr. Dennis W. Ashley for consideration for the TCAA Award of Distinction. Dr. Ashley's trauma career spans over three decades. As a surgical resident at Mercer Center Navicent Health and Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Dr. Ashley knew that trauma care was his calling. Post-residency, he completed a trauma fellowship at Grady Memorial Hospital and a surgical critical care fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. He then returned to Georgia as faculty at what is now known as Atrium Health, Navicent, in Macon, Georgia. He became the Trauma Medical Director overseeing the center's attainment of one of Georgia's first American College of Surgeons (ACS) verified level I trauma centers. Dr. Ashley has served as ACS Georgia Committee on Trauma (COT) Chair and ACS COT Southeast Region Chief.

Dr. Ashley's crowning achievement would come through his appointment by then-Georgia Governor Sonny Purdue to lead the newly formed Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) in 2007. Over the last 17 years, Dr. Ashley has been at the helm of the GTC, leading the development of Georgia's trauma system. Under his leadership, Georgia deployed the most significant bolus of funding ever given to date to bolster the trauma system, which was in a crisis back in 2006. Since then, the GTC has delivered programs and funding supporting the trauma system totaling over \$245M. Like many other states, Georgia lacked dedicated funding for trauma care. Dr. Ashley led the charge to secure sustainable funding for trauma care. His efforts were rewarded in 2010 when Georgia passed the Super Speeder Law, which dedicated fines and fees to the trauma system, a massive win for our state.

Dr. Ashley oversaw, presented nationally, and published Georgia's efforts to quantify trauma center readiness costs to justify sustainable funding for the trauma system. He followed

that with efforts around trauma center accountability with the introduction of the performance-based payment model, which was well supported and applauded by the members of the Georgia General Assembly. He led the analysis and, ultimately, publication of a study of the distribution of injured patients in our state, identifying candidate trauma centers to increase access to tertiary trauma care to the citizens of our state. This analysis resulted in the addition of a level II trauma center in a significant area of need and several other candidate centers in pursuit of designation. I could go on about his achievements, but I'm already over the word count! For all the reasons mentioned here, Dr. Ashley's work has contributed significantly for Georgians and nationally. I can't think of a humbler leader and more deserving recipient than Dennis Ashley. I strongly recommend that the committee considers Dr. Dennis Ashley for the TCAA Award of Distinction.



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

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Budget Subcommittee	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. Super Speeder	Super speeder revenues are monitored monthly. As of April, the FY 23 cumulative total was \$18,178,233.	
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
2. Contracting language optimization	The new contracts have been drafted and include clarifying language around verification expectations and timelines. Invoicing will now be done twice, once in December and the final invoice in July.	
<b>Status: Complete</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
3. Reallocation	Per the motion GTCNC 2011-11-05 the budget committee has reviewed and reallocated unspent FY 23 dollars amount approved initiatives.	
<b>Status: Complete</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
4. FY 24 Budget	The budget subcommittee brings forth the proposed FY 24 GTCNC budget to the full commission for review and approval.	
<b>Status: Requires a vote</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):</b>
5.		
<b>Status:</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):</b>

<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	None
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	Approval of FY 24 GTCNC Budget
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Jim Dunn, co-chair, Courtney Terwilliger, Dennis Ashley, Katie Hamilton, Elizabeth Atkins
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Regina Medeiros
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	June 19, 2023

<sup>1</sup> 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.



# FY2024 BUDGET

ACCOUNT	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2023 Actual/Projected through June 30	Proposed FY 2024	FY 2024 Proposed/Assumptions Notes
<b>GTC OPERATIONS</b>				
Staff Salaries	\$ 425,566.13	\$ 425,566.13	\$ 544,132.13	Reinstitution of System Planner Role; Cost of Living Adjustment \$13,566 in approved Budget
Benefits	\$ 295,732.34	\$ 295,732.34	\$ 435,843.93	61.884% (FY 2023 Fringe Rate, FY 2024 Rate Published in June); ALCP \$3,731; Employee's Retirement System Employer Contribution Rate Increase \$30,404
DOAS Administrative Fee	\$ 16,229.00	\$ 16,229.00	\$ 16,229.00	Pending FY 2024 Fee Structure
Staff Education and Travel	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 28,399.11	\$ 35,000.00	Mileage, Per Diem, Hotel, Registration Fees
Commission Member Per Diem	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 8,782.81	\$ 8,500.00	Increased from FY 2023 Based on Number of Commission Members Submitting Per Diem Expenses
Rent	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00	Madison \$650/month; \$7,800 annually
Office Expenses		\$ -	\$ 1,296.00	Water Service \$33 (monthly); Office Cleaning \$75 (monthly)
Printing	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,863.63	\$ 6,500.00	Commission Meeting Packets and Annual Reports
Office Supplies and Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,321.80	\$ 5,000.00	
Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 35.08	\$ 200.00	
Meeting Expense	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 210,619.98	\$ 164,300.00	Additional Funding for Stakeholder Meetings to Address ACS Consult Visit Recommendations
Warren Averett Financing Optimization	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Completed
TCAA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Annual System Membership Subscription
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$ 11,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,419.76</b>	<b>\$ 26,900.00</b>	
Virtual Meeting Platform	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,263.56	\$ 1,900.00	Zoom
Office Telephone and Internet	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,809.87	\$ 16,000.00	Spectrum (\$2,000/year); Potential Transition to AT&T Government Server (\$16,000/year)
Staff Cell, Mifi, and Equipment	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,346.33	\$ 9,000.00	Staff Mobile Service x 4 & MIFI (+ 1)
<b>SOFTWARE/IT</b>	<b>\$ 35,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,753.26</b>	<b>\$ 39,315.00</b>	
Website Maintenance		\$ 7,725.00	\$ 4,500.00	MulkeyMedia Office 365 Support (Transition to Office 365 .GOV - Line 29)
The Box Cloud Storage	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	Business Plus Version
Adobe	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 554.12	\$ 280.00	
DocuSign		\$ -	\$ 2,090.00	
Office 365.org	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,000.00	Office 365 G5 GCC (Transition to Office 365 .GOV)
Office 365.gov	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pending actual cost
Name Cheap	\$ 50.00	\$ 59.64	\$ 45.00	Maintenance of GTCNC.ORG Domain Name for RTAC Website
QuickBooks	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$200/month
Georgia GovHub/GTA	\$ 4,200.00		\$ 4,200.00	\$350/month
Media/Graphic Designer	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 714.50	\$ 20,000.00	Graphic Design Annual Report and Placeholder Video Production
Misc Software			\$ 968.00	Apple \$9.99/month; Icon Finder \$9.00/month; Survey Monkey \$468 annually
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 115,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 71,234.52</b>	<b>\$ 138,204.00</b>	<b>1% of Operations</b>
<b>Total GTC Operations</b>	<b>\$ 1,074,627.47</b>	<b>\$ 1,104,257.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,431,688.06</b>	



SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT				
<b>RTAC Funds</b>	<b>\$ 403,640.00</b>	<b>\$ 330,032.65</b>	<b>\$ 403,640.00</b>	
Start Up Grants	\$ -		\$ -	
Region 1	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 39,629.95	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 2	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 3	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 34,469.06	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 4	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 12,038.00	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 5	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 6	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 33,706.00	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 7	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 36,695.64	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 8	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 9	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 12,038.00	\$ 40,364.00	
Region 10	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	
MulkeyMedia RTAC Website		\$ -	\$ 7,200.00	RTAC.GTCNC.ORG Website Maintenance
NameCheap		\$ -	\$ 16.00	RTAC.GTCNC.ORG Domain Name
<b>Stop the Bleed Coordinator (Contract)</b>		\$ -	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>	Role Supports ACS GA STB State Champion
<b>UGA Time to Definitive Care/System Economic Impact</b>		\$ -	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>	Placeholder for FY 2024 UGA Partnership for Trauma System Evaluation
<b>Bulger Research Group (UW)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	Moved to EMS Stakeholder Budget Area
<b>Legal-Peer Review P&amp;P Development (Continuation)</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 80,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 72,000.00</b>	Retainer
State Trauma Medical Director Consultant	\$ 32,883.82	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	Includes Consultant Fee Plus Travel
TQIP Participation for Level III	\$ 68,872.00	\$ 68,872.00	\$ -	Moved to Trauma Centers Budget Area
ACS TQIP State Participation	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	Included in GQIP Budget (\$15,000)
Pract Study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Placeholder for FY 2026
MAG (Year 7)	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	
GQIP (Year 6)	\$ 164,630.00	\$ 164,630.00	\$ 255,290.00	Includes TQIP & NSQIP Medical Directors, Research Resident, Associated Travel, ESO Central Site Annual Fee & ACS TQIP State Participation Annual Fee
INJURY PREVENTION	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION (Year 8)	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 272,500.00	Approved Increased Funds per GTF Request
OEMS&T	\$ 432,183.49	\$ 432,183.49	\$ 435,983.00	
<b>Reserves</b>		\$ -	<b>\$ 301,768.27</b>	<b>14% of Total System Development Budget</b>
<b>Total System Development</b>	<b>\$ 1,529,209.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,442,718.14</b>	<b>\$ 2,168,397.27</b>	



EMS STAKEHOLDERS				
AVLS Maintenance	\$ 128,445.18	\$ 128,445.18	\$ -	Encumbered FY 2024 with Reallocated FY 2023 Funds
Program Management-Tim Boone	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	Annual Contractor Fee, Including Travel
AVLS Airtime Support	\$ 597,840.00	\$ 597,840.00	\$ 634,800.00	
AVLS Equipment	\$ 134,884.82	\$ 134,884.00	\$ 36,531.73	Encumbered \$206,335.64 with Reallocated FY 2023 Funds
EMS Equipment Grant	\$ 1,165,031.00	\$ 1,138,725.88	\$ 1,123,932.44	
Metro Atlanta EMS Conference		\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
<b>Bulger Research Group (UW) Prehospital Research Consultant</b>		\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	
EMS Education	\$ 1,700,000.00	\$ 1,700,000.00	\$ 1,850,113.76	GEMSA, Includes \$150,000 Digital Marketing
<b>Total EMS Stakeholders</b>	<b>\$ 3,768,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,741,895.06</b>	<b>\$ 3,727,377.93</b>	<b>EMS Committee Approved at May 19, 2023 Meeting</b>
TRAUMA CENTERS				
Trauma Center Readiness, Registry, and Uncompensated Care	\$ 15,022,802.00	\$ 15,022,802.00	\$ 14,664,689.74	
Warren Averett UCC Audits	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Warren Averett Readiness Costs Analysis				Placeholder for FY 2025
Registry Education Support			\$ 33,750.00	AAAM (AIS Course), Pomphrey (ICD-10 Coding, Registrar Essentials Course) , ATS (Trauma Registrar Course, ICD-10 Coding Course), KJ Consulting (Intro to ICD-10), Rural TOPIC
TQIP Participation for Level III			\$ 68,872.00	Funded for FY 2024 Bundled Fee Structure Once ACS Verified
<b>Total Trauma Centers</b>	<b>\$ 15,072,803.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,072,802.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,817,311.74</b>	
<b>Total Budget by Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 21,444,840.78</b>	<b>\$ 21,361,672.62</b>	<b>\$ 22,144,775.00</b>	

Budget Breakdown		
	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>Total Base Budget</b>	\$ 21,444,840.00	\$ 22,144,775.00
<b>Total Operations + Total System Development</b>	\$ 2,603,836.78	\$ 3,600,085.33
<b>Remaining Balance to Allocate</b>	\$ 18,841,003.22	\$ 18,544,689.67
<b>EMS</b>	\$ 3,768,200.64	\$ 3,708,937.93
<b>Trauma Centers</b>	\$ 15,072,802.57	\$ 14,835,751.74
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$ 21,444,840.00	\$ 22,144,775.00
<b>Firework Revenue</b>	\$ 1,497,315.27	
<b>Total FY Budget</b>	\$ 22,942,155.27	



GTC FY 2024 Proposed Budget-Approved by Budget Committee	
<b>FY 2024 Proposed Budget:</b>	<b>23-May-2023</b>
<i>Trauma Care Trust Funds</i>	\$ 15,088,506
<i>State General Funds</i>	\$ 7,056,269
<b>FY 2024 Available Funding</b>	<b>\$ 22,144,775</b>
<b>Budget Areas</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2024 Budget</b>
Commission Operations	\$ 1,431,688
System Development, Access & Accountability	\$ 2,168,397
<b>Subtotal of Budget Areas</b>	<b>\$ 3,600,085</b>
<b>Available for Stakeholders Distribution</b>	<b>\$ 18,544,690</b>
EMS Stakeholders @ 20% of stakeholders distribution	\$ 3,727,378
Trauma Centers & Physicians Stakeholders @ 80% of stakeholders distribution	\$ 14,817,312
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 22,144,775</b>

Budget Area: Commission Operations			
FY 2024 Proposed Budget: 23-May-2023			
Staff Costs: 4051300101 (Operations)	FY 2023	FY 2024	Description
Staff Salaries	\$ 425,566	\$ 544,132.13	Executive Director, Finance Operations Officer, & Office Coordinator, System Planner
Benefits	\$ 295,732.34	\$ 435,843.93	61.884% (FY 2022 Fringe Rates)
DOAS Administrative Fee	\$ 16,229	\$ 16,229	
Staff Travel	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	Travel for above employees.
Commission Members Expense Allowance	\$ 3,500	\$ 8,500	Commission Per Diem at \$105 per meeting and Travel Expenditures
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>\$ 776,027</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,705</b>	
Operations			
Office Rent	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	
Office Expenses		\$ 1,296	Water Service \$33 (monthly); Office Cleaning \$75 (monthly)
Conference call account	\$ 2,650	\$ 1,900	Commission and subcommittee meetings
Website Services	\$ 4,200	\$ 8,700	Mulkey & GTA
Printing/Supplies	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	Office Supplies & Printing
Telephone/Internet Service	\$ 2,000	\$ 16,000	Telephone & Internet service
Shipping	\$ 500	\$ 200	
Cell Telephones & Mifi	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,000	Staff cell phones and mifi
Meeting Expense	\$ 100,000	\$ 164,300	Meeting Expenses
Software	\$ 11,450	\$ 11,583	Box, Adobe, Office 365, Name Cheap, Quickbooks
Warren Averett	\$ 15,000		
TCAA	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
Grahpic Designer	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
Reserves	\$ 115,000	\$ 138,204	
<b>Total Operations Costs</b>	<b>\$ 298,600</b>	<b>\$ 391,983</b>	
<b>Total Commission Operations Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,074,627.47</b>	<b>\$ 1,431,688.06</b>	

## Budget Area: System Development

FY 2024 Proposed Budget:			23-May-2023
Staff Costs: 4051303001 (System Development)	FY 2023	FY 2024	Description
<b>System Development</b>			
RTAC I Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC II Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	North Georgia Community Foundation
RTAC III Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC IV Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC V Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC VI Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC VII Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC VIII Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC IX Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC X Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
MulkeyMedia RTAC Website		\$ 7,200	
NameCheap		\$ 16	
Stop the Bleed Coordinator		\$ 50,000	
UGA Time to Definitive Care/System Economic Impact		\$ 150,000	
American College of Surgeons TQIP State participation	\$ 15,000		
Medical Association of Georgia	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	
Georgia Quality Improvement Program Collaborative	\$ 164,630	\$ 255,290	
State Trauma Medical Director	\$ 32,883.82	\$ 50,000	
Legal-Peer Review	\$ 10,000	\$ 72,000	
Georgia Trauma Foundation	\$ 182,000	\$ 272,500	
OEMST	\$ 432,183.49	\$ 435,983	
Reserves		\$ 301,768.27	
<b>Total Development &amp; Access Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,337.31</b>	<b>\$ 2,168,397.27</b>	

### Budget Area: EMS Stakeholders

Budget Area: EMS Stakeholders			
		FY 2024 Proposed Budget:	23-May-2023
Available EMS Budget @ 20% of available funds for stakeholders:	FY 2023	FY 2024	Description
Total Allocation	\$ 3,753,162	\$ 3,727,378	
AVLS Maintenance	\$ 128,445	\$ -	Encumbered FY 2024 with Reallocated FY 2023 Funds
Program Management	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000	
AVLS Airtime Support	\$ 597,840	\$ 634,800	
AVLS Equipment	\$ 134,885	\$ 36,531.73	Encumbered \$206,335.64 with Reallocated FY 2023 Funds
EMS Equipment Grant	\$ 1,165,031	\$ 1,123,932	
Metro Atlanta EMS Conference		\$ 10,000	
Bulger Research Group (UW) Prehospital Research Consultant		\$ 30,000	
Contracts for EMS Training and Equipment	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,850,114	
Available for Stakeholder Distribution	\$ 3,768,201	\$ 3,727,377.93	

## Budget Area: Trauma Centers & Physicians

		Amount	
Trauma Center & Physician Readiness Payments	\$1,681,325	25%	
Performance Based Payments Program	\$5,069,945	75%	
Sub Total Readiness Payments	\$6,751,270	100%	
Trauma Center UCC Audits		\$50,000	
Trauma Registry Support		\$33,750	
TQIP Participation		\$68,872	
Registry		\$1,162,150	
Qualifying Uncompensated Care Claims Reimbursement CY 2021	\$6,751,270		
Sub Total Trauma Center Allocation	\$13,502,540		
Total Hospital/Physician Fund Allocation		\$14,817,312	
Trauma Centers & Physicians Fund Division	75% Hospital	25% Physician	Total
Readiness	\$5,063,452	\$1,687,817	\$6,751,270
Uncompensated Care	\$5,063,452	\$1,687,817	\$6,751,270
Total	\$10,126,905	\$3,375,635	\$13,502,540

Budget Area: Readiness & Performance Based Payments					
Trauma Center	Comparative Funding Levels	% of Fund	Readiness Payments <sup>1</sup>	Potential PBP Payments <sup>2</sup>	Total Readiness Payments
<b>Level IV</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>				
Atrium Polk Medical Center		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
Effingham Hospital		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
Emanuel Medical Center		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
Memorial Health Meadows Hospital		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
Morgan Medical Center		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
<b>Wellstar Paulding Medical Center</b>		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
<b>Wellstar Spalding Regional</b>		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
<b>Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center</b>		0.37%	\$20,250	\$4,750	\$25,000
<b>Level III</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>				
Advent Health Redmond Hospital		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
Crisp Regional Health Services		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
<b>Fairview Park Hospital</b>		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
Hamilton Medical Center		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
<b>Piedmont Catersville</b>		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
<b>Piedmont Henry</b>		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
Piedmont Walton		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
<b>Wellstar Cobb Hospital</b>		1.11%	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$75,000
<b>Level II</b>	<b>60% of Baseline</b>				
<b>Level II</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>12.96%</b>			
Atrium Health Floyd	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
<b>Augusta Univesity-Children's Hospital</b>	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Scottish Rite	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
<b>Doctors Hospital of Augusta</b>	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
Northside Gwinnett	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
Piedmont Athens Regional	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
Piedmont Columbus Regional	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
Wellstar North Fulton Hospital	60%	4.39%	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$296,283
<b>Level I</b>	<b>Baseline<sup>4</sup></b>				
<b>Level I</b>	<b>100%</b>				
Atrium Health Navicent Macon	100%	7.31%	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$493,804
Augusta University	100%	7.31%	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$493,804
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Egleston	100%	7.31%	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$493,804
Grady Memorial Hospital	100%	7.31%	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$493,804
Memorial Health University Medical Center	100%	7.31%	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$493,804
Northeast Georgia Medical Center	100%	7.31%	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$493,804
<b>Burn Center<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>50% of Baseline</b>				
<b>Burn Center<sup>3</sup></b>					
Grady Burn Center			\$0	\$0	\$0
Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)	50%	3.66%	\$123,451	\$123,451	\$246,902
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,681,325</b>	<b>\$5,069,945</b>	<b>\$6,751,270</b>
Notes: <sup>1</sup> Level IV and III trauma centers receive a stipend amount based upon their relative share of readiness costs. Level II trauma centers receive 60% relative payments to Level I trauma centers (Baseline) and burn centers 50% of baseline.  <sup>2</sup> Performance Based Payments Program (PBP), if fully earned, will be distributed to trauma centers.  <sup>3</sup> The GTC survey of burn centers' 2009 readiness costs indicated they were 81% of Level II trauma center 2008 readiness costs, so the relative funding level for burn centers was set at 50% of baseline compared to 60% of baseline for Level II trauma centers.  <sup>4</sup> Baseline equals to Level I total readiness funding.					



Budget Area: Uncompensated Care Claims Reimbursement									
	Qualifying CY 2021 UCC					Cost Norm Based Allocation of Funds			
Trauma Center	ISS 0-8	ISS 9-15	ISS 16-24	ISS >24	Total	Severity Adjusted Cost Norms	Total Based Upon Cost Norms	Allocation Based On % of Norm Cost Total	
	Basic	Moderate	Major	Severe					
Level IV Atrium Polk Medical Center Effingham Hospital Emanuel Medical Center Memorial Health Meadows Hospital Morgan Medical Center Wellstar Paulding Medical Center Wellstar Spalding Regional Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center									
Level III Advent Health Redmond Hospital Crisp Regional Health Services Fairview Park Hospital Hamilton Medical Center J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital Piedmont Catersville Piedmont Henry Piedmont Walton Wellstar Cobb Hospital									
Level II Atrium Health Floyd Augusta Univesity-Children's Hospital Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Scottish Rite Doctors Hospital of Augusta Northside Gwinnett Piedmont Athens Regional Piedmont Columbus Regional Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center Wellstar North Fulton Hospital	37	26	12	4	79	\$10,599	\$837,299 \$0	1.23%	\$82,908 \$0
	67	10	1	-	78	\$6,113	\$476,795 \$0	0.70%	\$47,211 \$0
	158	129	48	26	361	\$11,086	\$4,002,016	5.87%	\$396,272
	73	75	19	9	176	\$10,483	\$1,844,990	2.71%	\$182,687
	149	78	26	13	266	\$9,585	\$2,549,728	3.74%	\$252,469
	126	112	31	26	295	\$11,263	\$3,322,554	4.87%	\$328,993
	40	32	15	10	97	\$12,147	\$1,178,216	1.73%	\$116,665
Level I Atrium Health Navicent Macon Augusta University Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Egleston Grady Memorial Hospital Memorial Health University Medical Center Northeast Georgia Medical Center	274	188	82	39	583	\$13,152	\$7,667,487	11.25%	\$759,220
	148	138	66	33	385	\$14,564	\$5,607,199	8.22%	\$555,214
	59	10	2	2	73	\$8,655	\$631,827	0.93%	\$62,562
	699	522	238	199	1,658	\$14,998	\$24,866,636	36.47%	\$2,462,247
	300	240	100	54	694	\$13,736	\$9,532,862	13.98%	\$943,926
	122	106	40	29	297	\$14,330	\$4,256,011	6.24%	\$421,422
Burn Center Grady Burn Center Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)	- -	13 39	2 4	5 20	20 63	\$20,845 \$22,358	\$1,408,550	0.00% 2.07%	\$0 \$139,472
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>5,125</b>		<b>\$68,182,170</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$6,751,270</b>
Allocation is based on the number and severity of patients meeting SB 60 requirements times cost norms. This derives a percent of total costs which is then applied to the total amount available.							Patient Treatment Cost Norms		
To develop a fair and consistent approach to estimating costs, national trauma center patient treatment cost norms by injury severity were used, for both community and academic hospitals.							ISS	Community	Academic
*Memorial: 5 year average \$654,879; the qualifying CY 2017 UCC claims in the column for the ISS score from 0-8 Basic was inflated by 785 claims to have the formulas adjust for the total amount of funds to Memorial increased from \$285,366 to \$654,089 to get close to the actual 5 year average the GTC voted upon during May 16, 2019 meeting.							0-8	\$5,267	\$6,373
							9-15	\$10,428	\$12,618
							16-24	\$19,626	\$23,747
							>24	\$33,945	\$41,073
						Severity Score Category	ISS Criteria	Burn Severity Criteria	
						Basic	ISS 0-8	TBSA 0-5%, 6-10%	
						Moderate	ISS 9-15	Smoke, TBSA 11-20%	
						Major	ISS 16-24	Electrical Burn	
						Severe	ISS >24	TBSA 21-30% and >30%	

## Budget Area: Trauma Registry Support to Trauma Centers

Budget Area: Trauma Registry Support to Trauma Centers		
Trauma Center	Comparative Funding Levels	Registry Payments
<b>Level IV</b>	<b>5% of Baseline</b>	
<b>Level IV</b>	<b>5%</b>	
Atrium Polk Medical Center		\$8,595
Effingham Hospital		\$11,995
Emanuel Medical Center		\$11,995
Memorial Health Meadows Hospital		\$8,595
Morgan Medical Center		\$8,595
<b>Wellstar Paulding Medical Center</b>		\$17,595
<b>Wellstar Spalding Regional</b>		\$11,995
<b>Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center</b>		\$17,595
<b>Level III</b>	<b>10% of Baseline</b>	
Advent Health Redmond Hospital		\$17,595
Crisp Regional Health Services		\$8,595
<b>Fairview Park Hospital</b>		\$11,995
Hamilton Medical Center		\$17,595
J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital		\$17,595
<b>Piedmont Catersville</b>		\$11,995
<b>Piedmont Henry</b>		\$17,595
Piedmont Walton		\$8,595
<b>Wellstar Cobb Hospital</b>		\$17,595
<b>Level II</b>	<b>60% of Baseline</b>	
<b>Level II</b>	<b>60%</b>	
Atrium Health Floyd		\$45,331
<b>Augusta Univesity-Children's Hospital</b>		\$45,331
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Scottish Rite		\$45,331
<b>Doctors Hospital of Augusta</b>		\$45,331
Northside Gwinnett		\$45,331
Piedmont Athens Regional		\$45,331
Piedmont Columbus Regional		\$45,331
Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center		\$45,331
Wellstar North Fulton Hospital		\$45,331
<b>Level I</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Level I</b>		
Atrium Health Navicent Macon		\$75,451
Augusta University		\$75,451
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Egleston		\$75,451
Grady Memorial Hospital		\$75,451
Memorial Health University Medical Center		\$75,451
Northeast Georgia Medical Center		\$75,451
<b>Burn Centers</b>	<b>50% of Baseline</b>	
<b>Burn Center</b>	<b>50%</b>	
Grady Burn Center		\$37,675
Joseph M. Still Burn Center		\$37,675
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1,162,150</b>

Budget Area: Total Trauma Center Allocations						
FY 2024 Proposed Budget:			23-May-2023			
Trauma Center	Proposed FY 24 Readiness	Proposed FY 24 Potential BPB	FY 23 CY 2021 UCC	PROPOSED FY 24 TOTAL FROM TRUAMA FUND	Proposed Registry	PROPOSED FY 2024 TOTAL FOR EACH CENTER
<b>Level IV</b>						
Atrium Polk Medical Center	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$8,595	\$33,595
Effingham Hospital	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$11,995	\$36,995
Emanuel Medical Center	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$11,995	\$36,995
Memorial Health Meadows Hospital	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$8,595	\$33,595
Morgan Medical Center	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$8,595	\$33,595
<b>Wellstar Paulding Medical Center</b>	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$17,595	\$42,595
<b>Wellstar Spalding Regional</b>	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$11,995	\$36,995
<b>Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center</b>	\$20,250	\$4,750		\$25,000	\$17,595	\$42,595
<b>Level III</b>						
Advent Health Redmond Hospital	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$17,595	\$92,595
Crisp Regional Health Services	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$8,595	\$83,595
<b>Fairview Park Hospital</b>	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$11,995	\$86,995
Hamilton Medical Center	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$17,595	\$92,595
J.D. Archbold Memorial Hospital	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$17,595	\$92,595
<b>Piedmont Catersville</b>	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$11,995	\$86,995
<b>Piedmont Henry</b>	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$17,595	\$92,595
Piedmont Walton	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$8,595	\$83,595
<b>Wellstar Cobb Hospital</b>	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$75,000	\$17,595	\$92,595
<b>Level II</b>						
Atrium Health Floyd	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$82,908	\$379,190	\$45,331	\$424,521
<b>Augusta Univesity-Children's Hospital</b>	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$0	\$296,283	\$45,331	\$341,614
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Scottish Rite	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$47,211	\$343,494	\$45,331	\$388,825
<b>Doctors Hospital of Augusta</b>	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$0	\$296,283	\$45,331	\$341,614
Northside Gwinnett	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$396,272	\$692,555	\$45,331	\$737,886
Piedmont Athens Regional	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$182,687	\$478,970	\$45,331	\$524,301
Piedmont Columbus Regional	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$252,469	\$548,752	\$45,331	\$594,083
Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$328,993	\$625,276	\$45,331	\$670,607
Wellstar North Fulton Hospital	\$59,257	\$237,026	\$116,665	\$412,947	\$45,331	\$458,278
<b>Level I</b>						
Atrium Health Navicent Macon	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$759,220	\$1,253,024	\$75,451	\$1,328,475
Augusta University	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$555,214	\$1,049,018	\$75,451	\$1,124,469
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Egleston	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$62,562	\$556,367	\$75,451	\$631,818
Grady Memorial Hospital	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$2,462,247	\$2,956,052	\$75,451	\$3,031,503
Memorial Health University Medical Center	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$943,926	\$1,437,730	\$75,451	\$1,513,181
Northeast Georgia Medical Center	\$98,761	\$395,043	\$421,422	\$915,226	\$75,451	\$990,677
<b>Burn Center</b>						
Grady Burn Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,675	\$37,675
Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)	\$123,451	\$123,451	\$139,472	\$386,374	\$37,675	\$424,049
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,681,325</b>	<b>\$5,069,945</b>	<b>\$6,751,270</b>	<b>\$13,502,540</b>	<b>\$1,162,150</b>	<b>\$14,664,690</b>



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

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	EMS Committee
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Spending Plan	The subcommittee approved allocating the remaining money in the equipment grant and the revenue from the Fireworks grant to AVLS equipment and maintenance. These allocations completed our FY 2023 spending plan. The committee has a called meeting for May 18, 2023, to discuss and approve the FY2024 budget. Committee members have been asked to bring spending considerations back to the group.
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
2. EMS Education	<p>Ms. Kim Littleton from GEMSA reported on all the courses that have been: awarded, in progress, and completed. The entire report is available for anyone to see. However, it is too large to include in this report. The committee has asked Ms. Littleton to present a summary of the training to the group as part of the comprehensive report.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the curriculum being used for the EMT/R course. Mr. Richard Rhodes with the State Office of EMS will assist in evaluating the current curriculum.</p> <p>The subcommittee agreed to allow EMS services that have received grant funding for courses to contract with appropriate teaching entities to handle the finances for the course. An appropriate person with the agency or County must approve this agreement.</p>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
3. AVLS On-Going	Mr. Dan Robinson with Sierra Wireless presented new technology that will be available in the future. He and Dr. Boone will work with several agencies in different parts of the state to test some of these technologies. We allocated funding (mentioned above) for equipment purchases and maintenance for FY2024.
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
4. EMS Equipment Grant	This grant process has been completed for this FY. There was unspent money due to several services not participating. The subcommittee reallocated this to the AVLS project
<b>Status: Completed for this FY</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
5. Inter-hospital Transportation	Mr. Terwilliger has been appointed to chair a DPH Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council subcommittee to help understand this issue.
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): YES</b>
6. EMS Recruitment tool	In the FY2023 budget, GEMSA was allocated money to begin a marketing campaign to help recruit individuals into the EMS world. The marketing material is nearing completion, and we hope to have an initial look at these videos soon.

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<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):</b>
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<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	None
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	Nne
<b>Committee Members:</b>	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
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Courtney Terwilliger
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	Called meeting May 19, 2023 EMS Committee meeting July 20, 2023



## 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 <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. MARCH PAWS	Collaborating with an outside vendor for assistance, delay in equipment delivery, initial Pilot this summer	
Status: Awaiting availability for course dates		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. ACS Trauma Systems Consultation – Rural Focused Site Visit	Next steps include task force to address key priorities identified in ACS Report and PTSF report as applicable to the Level III & Level IV centers, meeting to be arranged late May	
Status: Final report pending April 2023		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
3. Access to specialty care e.g., re-implantation, ECMO	Annual revision/ update at summer meeting	
Status: Annual update August		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
4. Web-hosted ESO registry & contracted abstraction services & PRQ Report Writer	Complete	
Status: In process		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):
5. PI project specific to LIII/LIV: PI Process and Mentorship	<p>TABLED</p> <p>One of the suggestions during the ACS System visit was a possible mentor program to assist the level III and IV centers in their trauma program development. A possible solution is two-fold -</p> <p>A “Big Brother” program – developing a relationship with level III’s and IV’s with the next highest level for assistance with trauma patient issues, call about transferring patients</p> <p>A mentor program – level III/IV mentor each other to assist in program growth – a new initiative is a performance improvement level III/IV focus with a meeting at Chateau Elan</p>	
Status: In process		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	

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<b>Committee Members:</b>	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
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Greg Patterson MD Chair & Commission Liaison; Alicia Register MD, Vice Chair
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	July 2023



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

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. REGISTRY: Rehab Com data request	Data request for names of rehab and SNF facilities receiving trauma admits	
<b>Status: BEGINS 6/1/23 ADMITS</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
2. REGISTRY: 2023 Data Dict & change log update	Update completed and released to trauma centers	
<b>Status: COMPLETE</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
3. REGISTRY: Change to AIS 15 coding	<b>1/1/25 admits must use AIS 2015 injury coding. Transition planning started</b>	
<b>Status: IN PROGRESS</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
4. PI: Support decreasing time to definitive care	Last meeting 4/27/23. Details to follow pending member input.	
<b>Status: IN PROGRESS</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
5. INJ PREV: multiple ongoing activities	Child Abuse Prevention webinars, Bingocize (central GA & metro Atlanta with Floyd & Morgan starting programs soon), Trauma Awareness & STB Month – webinars; <b>Participation encouraged in GA Stay SAFE, June 18-24. <a href="http://www.stopthebleedgeorgia.org">www.stopthebleedgeorgia.org</a></b>	
<b>Status: IN PROGRESS</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
6. GCTE	Last meeting 3/1 (hybrid); committee reports, new PI Committee co-chair (K Hurst); reviewed 2022 ACS standards 2.1 STATE & REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT	
<b>Status: IN PROGRESS</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	<b>REGISTRY: ACS TQIP 2023 glitches → vendors “patches” for trauma centers → <i>DELAYED all 2023 data submissions</i> (TQIP, State, GQIP). TQIP: next data download 5/15 – 7/14/23</b>	
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	<b>Budgetary support for registry staff education motion at last</b>	
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Designated trauma center staff	
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Tracy Johns RN, Chair, Lynn Grant RN, Co-Chair	
<b>Date Next Committee Meeting:</b>	<b>6/1/2023</b> 2022 Standards for review: 2.8 – 2.11 TMD & TPM ( <i>with Lev 4 suggestions</i> )	

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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 <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Rehab Data Analysis	<p>Update: Began obtaining discharge trends data, breakout by diagnosis codes of TBI, SCI, Amputee. Will also add Pediatric. Working to understand available data and what additional data may be needed to achieve goals. Initial focus is on getting a handle of whether there are enough acute rehabilitation beds in the state for the size of our trauma population, and whether there is overuse of lower level of care (SNF or Home) due to lack of resources. This can likely be approximated by comparing ISS by diagnoses cohorts and dc location. We may want to evaluate the DC trends of the state's trauma hospitals by ISS/Dx codes to see if some systems are underutilizing Acute rehabilitation, and then look further at barriers to access.</p> <p><i>This activity addresses the following ACS recommendation:</i>  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.)</p>
<b>Status: In process.</b>	
2. Improve Rehab Transition	<p>We will consider developing a Survey to trauma hospitals targeting case managers and others involved in the discharge process. We will look at ways to gather data on unfunded and Medicaid patient population needing acute rehabilitation resources. We will consider ways to estimate the "rehabilitation disadvantage score" in terms of decreased access to acute rehabilitation resources (vs DC to home or SNF) if a patient is Unfunded or receiving Medicaid benefits at the time of their traumatic injury. This score can be estimated by comparing cohorts of similar dx and ISS score and available DC location data broken out by the Payor data.</p> <p><i>This activity addresses the following 3 ACS recommendations:</i>  5.5.2. Optimize the transition process from the acute inpatient setting to rehabilitation from both a timing and funding source allocation perspective.  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.</p>
<b>Status: In process</b>	
3. Endorse / incorporate rehab quality standards	<p>The rehabilitation field has a variety of established quality standards and certifications that we can roll into official system guidelines, and track compliance. The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) provides accreditations including for</p>

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	<p>relevant speciality programming such as TBI and SCI. The committee will work on incorporating these into the trauma system guidance.</p> <p><i>This activity addresses the following ACS recommendation:</i>  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.)</p>
<b>Status: In process</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
4. Develop trauma rehab quality indicators	<p>We will consider system indicators such as referral to CARF accredited rehabilitation programming. We will consider creating a trauma system rehabilitation provider partner network where membership requires data sharing participation with the central repository about admission and discharge functional levels from inpatient services, and later adding efforts at tracking outpatient rehab needs and access, vocational services utilization, long term outcome data etc.</p> <p><i>This activity addresses the following ACS recommendation:</i>  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.)</p>
<b>Status: In process</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
5. Other Projects	<p>The following potential projects are not highlighted in the ACS report but matters of interest that will be developed as time allows:</p> <p>Gathering and analyzing data on Medicaid and Medicare applications by Georgia residents, and trends over time, related to disabilities whose cause is trauma.</p> <p>Providing strategic guidance on state resources of importance to trauma survivors, including vocational rehabilitation</p> <p>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.”</p>
<b>Status: In process</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	<p>Welcome to Kevin Gohman, director of inpatient rehabilitation for Northeast Georgia Medical Center.</p> <p>At the last meeting we also decided to extend an invitation to Memorial Savannah. It appears Memorial has closed its inpatient rehabilitation service.</p> <p>Additional membership to the committee can be considered on a rolling basis. Please email the Chair with any suggestions.</p>



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<b>Committee Members:</b>	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 Clessen (Shepherd), Edelle Field-Fote (Shepherd), Mark Hinrichs (Emory/Grady)
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Chair: Ford Vox, MD (Shepherd Center)
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	5/16/23



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

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma Administrators Committee	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. Regional trauma status communication and plan	Develop a communication plan and process for diversion, challenges by region To include standardizing definitions in conjunction with GHA, DPH	
Status: In progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. Diversion work group	Workgroup of the admin subcommittee to discuss system, regional and state diversion definition, and plans. This group will morph into the regional trauma status communication and plan team	
Status: In progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
3. Finance workgroup	<b>Three main objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement and Education</li> <li>• Understanding and Transparency of funds use within trauma centers</li> <li>• Evaluation and Recommendation of trauma center funding distribution</li> </ul>	
Status: In progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None currently
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None currently
Committee Members:	Senior Leaders- each trauma center
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Michelle Wallace
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	July 24, 2023 virtually

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

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma System Performance Committee	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. ED LOS for high yield patients	OEMS&T working internally to pull data out of the new Georgia Patient Registry to provide to epidemiologist for analysis. OEMS&T and GQIP will resume work days to drill down into patients.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. FY 2022 Data pull	Georgia Patient Registry missing data from 1 centers since migration due to individual center issues. OEMS&T learning to pull data out of new registry. No ETA on when 2021 data analysis will be completed. 2021 data is complete & uploaded to Biospatial. First quarter 2023 data may be delayed due to ACS changes.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
3. Transfers to Definitive Care	Navicent has its IRB approval, and the RedCap system is up. Once the IRB is approved on Memorial's end, data can begin uploading the data to RedCap to analyze. Hoping to have some preliminary data for the August meeting.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
4. Region 2 armband pilot project	The armband project has a planned start date of April 11, 2023. The pilot includes one trauma center and one non-trauma center, EMS & Law Enforcement. The team is working to link the data in Biospatial. Hope to see linkage by June 1 <sup>st</sup> with the next trauma center data download.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	Marie Probst, Tracy Johns, Kelli Vaughn, Courtney Terwilliger, Danlin Luo, Gina Solomon, April Moss, Jim Adkins, Regina Medeiros
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Dr. James Dunne
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	July 17, 2023

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## Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

<b>Name of Partner:</b>	<b>Georgia Trauma Foundation</b>
<b>Project/Activity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Comments</b>
Trauma System Support	GTF is in its first year of operating an online directory that serves as a master list of trauma education providers throughout the state. The directory has been formally named Continuing Education Instructors' Database but will be known by its acronym CEID (pronounced seed). The database is a free, password protected resource. Each trauma center will have its own credentials for accessing this resource. The official statewide promotion and rollout of the system begins June 1.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
Continuing Education Coordination	GTF was recently awarded a \$1.1 million grant from the Department of Community Health to coordinate continuing education programs for rural providers. By the end of the four-year grant, the Foundation will meet the objective of providing a minimum of 48 continuing education courses in the state's rural communities.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>

<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	None
<b>Commission Liaison:</b>	John Bleacher
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	June 9, 2023

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# Projects Supporting Rural Georgia

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Grants Awarded for Trauma System Support





-  **ATCN Role = Instructor with expiration on June 01, 2026**
-  **ATLS Role = Site Coordinator, Educator with expiration on November 10, 2023**
-  **TNCC Role = Instructor with expiration on June 14, 2024**

**CEID** Cheryle Ward, MSN, RN, TCRN

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**ATCN: Instructor, Course Director Candidate**

**ATLS: Site Coordinator, Educator**

**TNCC: Instructor**

**GTF Health Center**

 **1234 Street Middle, GA 56789**

# Continuing Education Programs for Rural Providers



<b>Increase</b>	<b>Increase access to continuing education courses</b>
<b>Reduce</b>	<b>Reduce barriers to courses</b>
<b>Improve</b>	<b>Standardize/improve patient care in rural emergency departments</b>
<b>Develop</b>	<b>Develop a rural continuing education instructor network and identify rural regional training sites</b>



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

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	GQIP	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. Workgroups	TBI data analysis in progress by Dr. Mlaver. Will present at summer meeting. Discussion on starting 2 new workgroups based on polling responses from winter meeting. Identified 2 with Advisory Committee and will bring to GQIP group on 5/16 call.	
Status: In Progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. Benchmarking Platform & Data Central Site	ArborMetrix platform continues to move forward with projected start timeline still of 9/2023. Time to Definitive care, Hip fracture repair and Mortality will be starting metrics. Project timeline from ArborMetrix included in packet.	
Status: In progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
3. Peer Protection & Data Use Policies	Reallocated funds dedicated to PSO attorney work. Awaiting sign off by AG office to begin project.	
Status: In Progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
4. GQIP Trauma Advisory Committee	Group met 5/1. Summer meeting agenda discussed. Reviewed polling responses from winter meeting to identify potential new workgroup topics.	
Status: In Progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	
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:	May 16, 2023; Summer Meeting August 11, 2023

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# Project Status Report

## Overview

Project Name:

GQIP Implementation

Status Report Period:

04/03 – 04/14

Project Manager:

Kaynaat Syed

Detailed project plan:

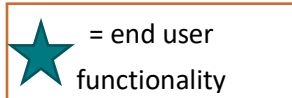
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## Executive Project Status Summary

- Overall project status: **Yellow**
- Project % complete: 44%

## Milestone Tracker

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).



Item #	Milestone	Status	Dependency	Orig. Date	New Date	Status Notes
1	Gather data requirements	Complete		10/31/2022	1/27/2023	Delay in getting sample data file pushed overall timeline by approx. 3 months. Data is being reviewed by AMx DI team.
2	Finalize measure specification	Complete		12/31/2022	2/20/2023	40 measures prioritized (process and outcome) for initial launch.
3	Gather reports requirements	Complete	2	2/8/2023	2/23/2023	Reports discovery session held on 2/23.

4	Gather user interface requirements	Complete		2/24/2023	2/24/2023	Presented standard UI designs and signed-off by client.
5	Build data model	Complete	1	1/23/2023	3/8/23	
6	Build user interface (UI)	In progress		4/19/2023	4/28/23	
7	Data integration build	In progress	4	2/23/2023	4/28/23	DI team requested more time to build data pipeline and load data into UAT.
8	Code measures	In progress	2, 6	4/20/2023	5/10/23	
9	Build standard reports	Not started	3, 7	5/18/2023	TBD	
10	User Acceptance Testing (UAT)	Not started	5	5/4/2023	TBD	Can begin once UI is built.
11	Registry rollout			9/14/2023	9/28/2023	

## 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

- Received list of users from GQIP to load into UAT

### Planned deliverables

- Complete data load into UAT environment
- Complete coding all 40 prioritized measures
- Build user interface



## Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma Report to Trauma Commission – May 3, 2023

	<b>Trauma Program</b>
<b>Significant Events</b> (Previous or Upcoming):	<p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 ACS re-verification visits for Level I Trauma Centers. ACS reports pending.</li> <li>• 2 Level III Facilities with Provisional Designations submitted CD corrections and moved to FULL designation.</li> <li>• State Trauma Program Coordinator position in selection process.</li> <li>• Received finalized Georgia ACS Consult Review Summary. Reviewing and prioritizing areas for improvement.</li> <li>• OEMST met with our burn centers to revise the FY2024 On-going Burn Center Performance Evaluation (OBCPE) form to align the report with burn designation performance measures. The FY2024 form will open in October 2023</li> <li>• The ImageTrend Patient Registry report writer training was offered 4/24-26/2023. Staff from the OEMST, GTC, and cardiac and trauma centers attended the sessions. The report writer is available for all users including trauma centers using the V5 registry.</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Level III facility pending DPH Trauma designation visit in July 2023</li> <li>• 1 Level I facility pending ACS Verification visit in June 2023</li> <li>• 5 Level II and III facilities pending ACS Verification visits in May, June, July, and September 2023</li> <li>• 4 Level III facilities pending ACS Consultation visits in May and September 2023</li> <li>• 9 potential Level IV Recruitments in EMS regions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9</li> <li>• 2023 schema status - ESO received the approved changes from OEMST again on 4/12/2023 to prepare the 2023 schema. ESO will distribute the schema SDL file to all V5 users which will enable users to download and import the 2023 registry records to the Georgia Patient Registry. The release timeline is delayed due to ESO making additional national registry changes.</li> </ul>
<b>Successes</b> for the Entity/Program/Region:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The OEMST and GQIP met to create a Trauma Data Dashboard to track and trend data from 2019 - to the present.</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b> for the Entity/Program/Region:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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, AirLife GA and Northeast GA Health System Gainesville and Dahlonega. Data from the trauma records will not be received until July.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Georgia Patient Registry received complete 2021 and 2022 imports from all but two designated centers. We are planning to close the import links for 2021 and 2022 imports in the month of June to prepare for the 2023 imports.</li> <li>• In the Georgia Patient Registry, a solution to the data export difficulties is being tested. The export issues are preventing the preparation of the annual trauma report and new downloads to Biospatial. Dipti Patel and Dr. Danlin Luo will confirm for us when the data export is accurate to use in data analysis and download to Biospatial.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Other items of note not listed above:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a result of the ACS and PA recommendations, discussions have begun to develop a formal mentorship program. The initiative is a joint effort between GCTE, OEMST and GTC leadership to support trauma programs statewide. The mentorship will support all centers, focusing on the needs of level IV centers and new centers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Name of Person Submitting Report:</b></p>	<p><i>April Moss</i> Deputy Director, Systems of Care</p>



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

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	MAG Medical Reserve Corps	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. GTCNC Meeting	05/2022 – Dr. Harvey presented an update on MAGMRC to the GTCNC.	
Status: Complete		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. MAG & MAGMRC Meeting	08/2022 – Dr. Harvey and Jeremy Bonfini, MAG Executive Director, met to discuss MAG and MAG MRC.	
Status: Complete		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
3. MAGMRC Leadership Team Meeting	<p>08/2022 – MAGMRC Executive Leadership met to discuss training plans for the upcoming year and anticipated changes in MAG’s storage space available to MAGMRC.</p> <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drone Team Training</li> <li>• LZ Team training</li> <li>• Shelter Team/GDPH Training</li> <li>• Family Preparedness</li> <li>• K-9 Team Training</li> </ul>	
Status: Complete		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
4. Drone Team Training	<p>09/2022 – Prospective Drone Team operators met to receive drone training and demonstrate their individual drone operator skills. This is the beginning of establishing a ready to deploy team of drone operators. Future drone trainings for team members are being planned.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	

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4. (Continued)



**Practice Target**

A timed exercise – standing behind take-off spot, operator must lift drone off, direct it to the target, in alpha order position and hold the drone to view the inside of each bucket with the camera, return to the takeoff spot and land.

**Remote drone camera monitoring system.**



**Status: Complete**

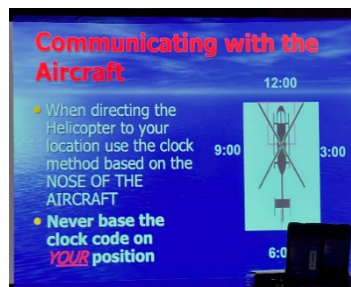
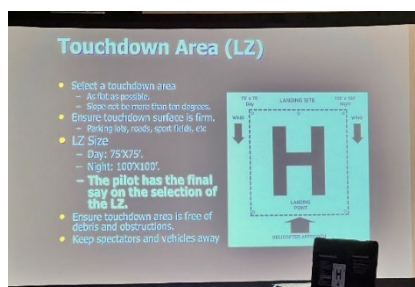
**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y**

5. Landing Zone (LZ) Team Training

09/2022 – MAGMRC held a training exercise for potential LZ Team members. Prospective members received lecture and video training in LZ procedures and proper and effective radio communications.



It is MAGMRC's intent to have a small team of LZ managers with the training and experience to identify and safely manage a helicopter landing zone, and to marshal a landing and exiting helicopter.

Plans for future training are being formulated, including a joint training exercise with the Georgia DoD to provide real world hands-on training for each team member in marshalling a helicopter.









**Video Training Aid**



Status: Complete		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
6. MAG House of Delegates	<p>10/2022 - MAGMRC manned an informational and recruiting display table at MAG's annual House of Delegates. Dr. Harvey presented a report to the more than 200 physicians attending the meeting.</p> 	
Status: Complete		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
7. MAG House of Delegates – Active Shooter Training	<p>10/2022 – At the annual MAG House of Delegates, MAGMRC provided a CME training to interested MAG Delegates on how to react during an active shooter event.</p> 	
Status: Complete		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y



<p>8. MAGMRC Leadership Meeting</p>	<p>01/2023 – MAGMRC Executive Leadership met to review previous events and discuss upcoming events and potential training opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drone Team Training</li> <li>• LZ Team training</li> <li>• Family Preparedness</li> <li>• K-9 Team Training</li> </ul>
<p><b>Status: Complete</b></p>	<p><b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b></p>
<p>9. STB Training at State Capitol Building</p>	<p>02/2023 – At the request of the State Legislature, MAGMRC provided Stop the Bleed training at the Georgia State Capitol.</p> <div data-bbox="459 674 979 1064">  </div> <div data-bbox="997 674 1516 1064">  </div> <div data-bbox="712 1098 1286 1528">  </div>
<p><b>Status: Complete</b></p>	<p><b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b></p>
<p>10. E-MAG Summit, Savannah, GA</p>	<p>04/2023 – Gary Glemboski, MAGMRC member, presented “Family Preparedness for Crisis Responders,” a presentation prepared jointly by Mr. Glemboski and Paul Purcell, member of the MAGMRC Executive Leadership Team.</p> <p><b>****Family Preparedness for Crisis Responders****</b></p> <p><i>“The world is a more dangerous place than last year. Natural disasters have been more numerous, manmade attacks have sadly set new records, and our dedicated Public Safety</i></p>

10. (Continued)	<div><div><div><div><div><b>Gary Glemboski</b></div><div>GA Tactical</div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div><b>Paul Purcell</b></div><div>CEO InfoQuest</div><div></div></div></div></div><div><p><i>and Public Health personnel have been busier than ever. Though Public Safety and Public Health may perform different functions, they all have one thing in common. In times of crisis, they leave their families at home as they report for duty. This one-hour presentation takes “basic” family preparedness to an entirely new level. Attendees will learn far more than the simple “kit” concept, but the information will be realistic, easy to understand, and immediately useful at home, at work, and in the community. Even more important, the attendee will be exposed to a variety of ways in which this material can be taught to others. In short, this year our breakout session is more of a “train the trainer” session.”</i></p></div></div>	
<b>Status: Complete</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
11. Radiological and Nuclear Emergency	<div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Southern Regional Disaster Response System <small>18 IS Region 4</small></div></div></div><div><div>Web Series</div><div><b>Healthcare &amp; Public Health Planning for a Radiological or Nuclear Emergency</b></div></div><div><div>Management of Victims Contaminated with Radioactive Materials</div></div><div><div>April 18, 2023</div></div></div></div>	
<b>Status: Complete</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
12. Statewide MRC Meetings	MAGMRC personnel have participated in multiple statewide MRC conference calls with the GDPH over the last year.	
<b>Status: Complete</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>

13. Bi-weekly Covid-19 Operational Information Updates	MAGMRC personnel have participated in multiple bi-weekly Covid-19 update sessions over the last year.
Status: Complete	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y



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## Stop the Bleed Quarterly Report

Stop the Bleed Coordinator	Greg Nickel
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Date Submitted	04/20/23
Report Quarter/Dates	Q3: 03/01/23-03/31/23

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Kit Distribution	<p>The first and second kit application periods are complete. RTAC Coordinators are reviewing applications with STB Coordinator and advising on the distribution plan—the second application period ended March 31<sup>st</sup>. New applicants are being reviewed and notified of kit distribution. Acknowledgement emails have been sent to respondents with requests for confirmation of details - specifically in hopes of determining quantities needed prior to further discussion with RTACs. Approximately half of applicants have responded, following up and compiling data as it comes in. First application period kit distribution is nearing completion.</p>
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple trainings completed and ongoing throughout all regions, including public and private schools (staff and bus drivers), police and fire departments, and community organizations throughout the state. Trainings typically range from 10 - 60 participants, but a number of larger venue trainings are being planned including the Georgia Nurses Association Conference in June.</li><li>• Kristal Smith in Region 5 has conducted several STB webinar trainings, with opportunities for participants to follow up with in-person skill check offs. Coordinating these with other educational and mass casualty training events has significantly raised availability and awareness of the program.</li></ul>
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Instructors	<p>We are cleaning up and systematizing the instructor list with Kristal Smith. The goal is to ensure we have the list up to date and identifying areas where we need to recruit more instructors to increase trainings. Further discussion and investigation is needed to optimize record keeping and ease of use for regional coordinators to access available instructors. Training events such as those with Emory School of Medicine, Fulton County Health Department and Albany State University could significantly aid in building our instructor list.</p>
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

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4. Outreach	Crystal Shelnutt, region 10 RTAC, is participating in the Georgia Nurses Association conference on June 15 <sup>th</sup> in Savannah to discuss the Stop the Bleed program. A vendor table has been secured. We are looking at the June School Safety Conference in Athens as another possible opportunity. Other RTAC Coordinators are encouraged to participate. I have participated in a number of outreach efforts, including Red Cross Day in association with Macon Bibb EMA, and planning on representing STB at a number of additional events in coming months.
Additionally, Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

STB Successes	A new Stop the Bleed Coordinator has been contracted to support the program. Currently becoming familiar with the program throughout the regions and state as a whole, and attempting to streamline and improve the current processes.
STB Barriers	Lack of formalized process and paper trail for trainings, instructors and kit distribution.
Percentage of School Program Complete	97%
Percentage of School Bus Program Complete	80%
Current STB Kit Inventory	4507

## Stop the Bleed Summary

*I started as Stop the Bleed Coordinator on March 1, 2023, and currently working with RTAC Coordinators to review their region's kit applications and ensure all organizations meet the Commission-approved criteria and parameters. More than 900 kits were requested during the first application period, with most requests coming from region 3, 573 total. To help facilitate a paper trail, we have changed the participation agreement process. Recipients of kits and trainings will now sign the agreement during receipt and indicate the number of kits received or the number of staff trained. We have also requested RTAC Coordinators take a picture of recipients and their kits for proof and future marketing/public relation opportunities.*

*The current program has information spread across various platforms and limited information on past trainings and kit distributions. There needs to be a formal system and process to ensure accurate and final accounting of our efforts. We will be working on creating a workflow and system to ensure future efforts are documented and available for future Stop the Bleed program collaborators.*



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	1	RTAC Chair	John Pope	RTAC Coordinator	Ben Harbin
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Date Submitted	4/24/23
Quarter	3

Current Quarter Project/Activity	Comments
Quarter 3 activity	
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
Stop the Bleed	Stop the Bleed program is ongoing since 2017. Polk county school bus drivers trained (36 total) in February. Walker county school resource officer (SRO) has requested training for staff, scheduling is in process.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
EMS-C PI project	Working with Region 1 EMS-C chairperson on the continued development of the pediatric QI program. Program was rolled out in January, posters have been strategically placed through region 1 (hospitals, fire/EMS stations, etc.) with several post action incidents reviewed. Education opportunities have been identified for responders following incident review. Worked with regional hospitals on communication process for pediatric care improvement with EMS systems.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
Home Depot Items	Received 16 - 50 gallon wheeled containers from home depot. Currently in process of delivering them to regions services who may be in need on one. All home depot items are believed to be delivered for the region.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes



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RTAC Successes	<p>Stop the Bleed program in region 1 has been very successful with all public schools in the region trained and equipped. Polk County schools recently received additional training for bus drivers. Continuing education will be provided as requested.</p> <p>Pediatric trauma patient PI program was rolled out in January. Implementation of the program appears to be slow but successful. Continued work with the EMS-C chair and regional partners to ensure program success in the future.</p> <p>Attended ACS meeting for discussion of rural trauma care in the the North Georgia region in January 2023. Post review recommendations are pending.</p> <p>Home depot items ordered have been slowly arriving.</p> <p>Routine collaboration with RTAC members and DHP staff on development of region processes to improve data collection, training, and delivery of care for trauma patients in the region.</p> <p>Reviewed state AVLS program and equipment to ensure that its up to date.</p>
RTAC Barriers	<p>Data collection from regional trauma centers is often difficult to acquire and process for use in identifying trends and patterns for trauma patients.</p>
Date of last BIS Assessment	<b>March 2022</b>
Date of last Trauma Plan	<b>November 2016</b>
Date of last region meeting	<b>1/26/22</b>
Date of next region meeting	<b>4/27/23</b>

### Regional Summary



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	2	RTAC Chair	Jesse Gibson	RTAC Coordinator	Jackie Payne
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Date Submitted	4/19/2023 Jan – March 2023
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Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	<p><b>STB Application Kits</b></p> <p>Three organizations have applied for STB kits. Education is underway.</p> <p><b>School Bus Drivers</b></p> <p>Two counties still need to complete STB education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hart- Letter sent to superintendent on 2/16 with follow up email on 3/17. 10/19 no progress.</li><li>• Franklin- Letter sent to superintendent on 2/16 with follow up email on 3/17. 10/19 no progress.</li></ul> <p><b>Schools</b></p> <p>STB education was completed for two high schools and one middle school for 227 participants.</p> <p><b>Organizations</b></p> <p>Fourteen participants from Southeast Toyota company completed STB education. 2 participants also completed instructor education.</p> <p>Four District 2 Department of Health participants completed STB and instructor education.</p> <p>Assisted with Virtual STB Blitz on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities?<sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes</b>
2. Education	<p><b>Annual Trauma Symposium</b></p> <p>Save this year's Northeast Trauma Symposium date: Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Lanier Technical College Ramsey Conference Center.</p>

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	<p><b>Nursing School Trauma Education</b> Completed Trauma Education and STB for Toccoaa Falls Nursing School. There were 24 students.</p> <p><b>TNCC</b> Completed grant-funded TNCC course for 19 participants.</p> <p><b>RTTDC</b> 2 Grant-funded RTTDCs are scheduled for Stephens County Hospital on April 27<sup>th</sup> and Northeast Georgia Medical Center on May 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>PHTLS</b> Grant-funded PHTLS is scheduled for May 30-31<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>	
3. Performance Improvement Projects	<p><b>Pre-hospital Ultrasound Project</b> Education continues.</p>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>	
4. Injury Prevention Activities	<p><b>Health and Wellness Seminars</b> Monthly virtual Health and Wellness Seminars are provided to 6 senior centers.</p> <p><b>Fall Prevention</b> One Bingocize program and one Matter of Balance program were completed.</p> <p><b>Distracted Driving</b> We partnered with Safe Kids to provide distracted driving education for parents.</p>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>	

RTAC Successes	
RTAC Barriers	We continue to have challenges completing school bus driver's STB training for Hart and Franklin.
Date of last BIS Assessment	Unknown, requires update
Date of last Trauma Plan	Unknown, requires update
Date of last region meeting	Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>
Date of next region meeting	April 21 <sup>st</sup>



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## Regional Summary

Region 2 has completed STB education for all schools and 85 % of school bus drivers. The superintendents of the remaining counties have yet to be responsive to the formal letters and follow-up emails sent in Feb/March. Region 2 will continue its efforts with the remaining counties.

Regional STB education continues in the community for schools and organizations. Region 2 has provided STB education for 227 students this quarter. In addition, Southeast Toyota and the District 2 Department of Health received STB and STB instructor education. They plan to turn around and provide this education to their team members.

Region 2 has completed several education events this past quarter: Trauma education and STB education for Toccoa Falls Nursing School and a grant-funded TNCC. In addition, region 2 has several upcoming courses; two RTTDC and PHTLS. Save this year's Northeast Trauma Symposium date: Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Lanier Technical College Ramsey Conference Center.

Region 2 injury prevention activities for this quarter were monthly virtual health and wellness seminars for six senior centers, one Bingocize program, and one Matter of Balance program.



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	III	RTAC Chair	Dr. Liz Benjamin	RTAC Coordinator	Danielle Johnson
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Date Submitted	4/20/2023
Quarter	3 – FY23

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
R3 Trauma Plan Update	<p>Prior version of trauma plan found to be outdated with minimal movement from previously created subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordinated with R3 Chair and EMS Director</li><li>• Encouraged subcommittee and member engagement</li><li>• Task forces focused on areas of expertise within the document</li><li>• In-person meeting held to finalize revisions (1/18/23)</li><li>• Revisions and updated draft presented at quarterly meeting (3/2/23)</li><li>• Final draft created for Chair to present to EMS Council</li></ul>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities?<sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes</b>
Stop The Bleed	<p>Ongoing coordinating and providing of STB classes and supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STB Winter Blitz – Virtual Offerings</li><li>• Cobb County (All Special Education Nurses) STB Training</li><li>• Atlanta School District (Hutchison E.S. – Faculty) STB Training</li><li>• Newton County – Mentoring Lead Nurse for future trainings<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ All Bus Drivers received training, lended supplies</li></ul></li><li>• Clayton County (North Clayton H.S. – Students) STB Training</li><li>• Rockdale County – Supplies and Pamphlets shipped</li><li>• Fulton County Department of Health staff - STB Training</li><li>• Cobb Galleria &amp; Performing Arts Center staff – STB Training</li><li>• Planning for Emory School of Medicine</li><li>• Planning for Cyber Academy of Georgia (Partnered with Region 10)</li></ul> <p>Continued conversations with region partners regarding schools systems still pending STB training and kit distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clayton County – Working with Phong Nguyen (CC Deputy Director of Emergency Management) and Stacey Tolbert (CCSD Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator) to complete trainings and assist with kit distributions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ All School Resource Officers received training</li><li>➤ North Clayton H.S. – Kits shipped</li><li>➤ Charles Drew H.S – Kits shipped</li><li>➤ Riverdale H.S. – Kits shipped</li></ul></li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DeKalb County – Working with Gary Menard (City of Decatur Fire Captain) who oversees the STB training for City of Decatur Schools, open to assist with DeKalb County as well. STB was placed on Area Chiefs meetings, agreed it was a need but no plan set at this time.</li></ul> <p>Application Program #1 reviewed for region (573 Approved and Delivered) – See last page of document for summary</p> <p>Ongoing promotion of upcoming Bleeding Control Kit Application Periods</p>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safe Driving Summit held at Columbus State (Partnered with Region 7 to assist with education)</li><li>Trauma Grand Rounds – Grady &amp; CHOA – “Trauma Survivorship – The Next Phase in Trauma Care” – 2/7/2023</li><li>Trauma Grand Rounds – Kennestone – “Transcranial Gunshot Wound Management” – 2/10/2023</li><li>Trauma Grand Rounds – Grady – “How Healthcare Professionals Drive Social Change” – 4/4/2023</li><li>Ongoing planning committee leader for Wellstar Trauma Network – Trauma Symposium – Planned for 4/25/23<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(CE approved for EMS, Trauma Registrars, Nurses, RT, PT, OT, Advanced Practice Providers, Physicians)</li></ul></li><li>Ongoing planning committee member for Metro Atlanta EMS Conference scheduled for April 26-28<sup>th</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Planning committee includes members from Cobb Fire, Clayton Fire, CHOA, Douglas Fire, Grady, Gwinnett Fire, MAAS, Marietta Fire, Northside Gwinnett, Smyrna Fire, Wellstar</li></ul></li><li>Completed successful CME application for Winter GQIP Collaborative</li></ul>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
PI	<p>Re-vamp of PI/EMS Sub-committee within RTAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zach Botkin, Clayton Co. Fire &amp; EMS – Deputy Chief Medical Officer volunteered to chair the sub-committee</li><li>PI focus for upcoming RTAC meeting and to be hosted by Clayton Co. FEMS</li></ul>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>

RTAC Successes	<p>Attended Full Trauma Systems Review</p> <p>EMS Day at the Capitol</p> <p>Improved attendance at quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Approved CME application for GQIP Winter Meeting</p> <p>DeKalb Co is re-discussing need for STB training/kit distribution (brought to the area chiefs meeting as an agenda item)</p> <p>Clayton Co reached out with interest to move forward with STB training</p>
RTAC Barriers	<p>Continued lack of engagement/interaction noted during quarterly meeting – Chair and Coordinator met immediately after to discuss next</p>



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	steps. Cameras requested on for last meeting, attempting in-person only to re-focus group for upcoming meeting, and discussed polling or other interactive technology during virtual meeting. Need clear understanding of STB Coordinator Role/Expectations vs. RTAC Coordinator Role/Expectations for regional needs/requests
Date of last BIS Assessment	1/2016 – Education on this would be appreciated.
Date of last Trauma Plan	Updated draft finalized and pending Chair to present to EMS Council
Date of last region meeting	March 2nd   3pm-4pm (Virtual via Teams)
Date of next region meeting	May 4th (12:30p-2:30p – Clayton Fire Training Facility)

## Regional Summary

- Looking forward to launch of RTAC websites
- Majority of communication and efforts are directed towards STB throughout our region.
- Multiple educational opportunities provided by trauma centers and EMS agencies
- Chair would like to see more engagement and commitment from the members and to identify at least one project the region can initiate.



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# of Kits	Agency	Contact	Comments
12	City of Decatur Schools	Shonda Moore/Gary Menard	New School - Talley
198	Cobb County School District	Melanie Bales	186 New buses New School - Pearson
15	Hapeville Fire/EMS	Nicholas Condrey	
38	City of Decatur	Gary Menard	Fire station one (4), fire station two (4), City hall (4), Ebster rec center (4), Decatur rec center (4), Children and Youth Services building (4), Public works (4), Oakhurst rec center (2), Legacy Park Admin building (4), Decatur PD (4)
60	Rockdale County Fire Rescue/EMS	Vincent Jordan	10 buildings
250	Cobb County	Nick Adams	Facility review being finalized, believes only 200 will be needed to go with all AEDs within county.
<b>573 Kits = Total Requests for Region 3</b>			

Application summary:

14 total requests for region 3

6 requests were already completed prior to application closure/review

1 government agency (GPB), multiple attempts to contact with no response

1 CCSD elementary school (already received allocated kits), multiple attempts to contact with no response

6 duplicate requests

1 Region 8 request (appeared duplicated) – Bainbridge Public Safety



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	5	RTAC Chair	Todd Dixon	RTAC Project Coordinator	Kristal Smith
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Date Submitted	04/28/23
Quarter	FY 2023; Q3

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. STOP THE BLEED®	<p><b>1/3/23*</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course - 2 Sessions - 318 Participants</p> <p><b>1/3/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Skills Only - GPSTC, Forsyth - Community Members - 5 Participants</p> <p><b>1/3/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Equipment Refresher/TQ Skills - GPSTC, Forsyth - 44 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/4/23*</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course - 2 Sessions - 102 Participants</p> <p><b>1/4/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Equipment Refresher/TQ Skills - GPSTC, Forsyth - 33 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/5/23*</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Lecture Only - Virtual Course - 2 Sessions - 172 Participants</p> <p><b>1/5/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Equipment Refresher/TQ Skills - GPSTC, Forsyth - 67 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/18/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - DPH-NCHD, Macon - 18 DPH staff, volunteers, etc</p> <p><b>1/25/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - DPH-NCHD, Macon - 27 DPH staff, volunteers, etc</p> <p><b>1/25/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation - Newton Co Schools, Covington - 25 nurses</p> <p><b>2/13/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - Jones Co Fire - 15 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>2/17/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - Putnam Co Schools - 50 staff, teachers, etc</p> <p><b>2/21/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - Houston Co Schools - 234 drivers/monitors</p> <p><b>3/9/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - Baldwin Co SO/Fire, Milledgeville - 45 Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>3/17/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - Hope Cntr, Macon - 21 DPH staff, volunteers, etc</p> <p><b>3/18/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - Community Center, Alamo - 33 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>3/21/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - AHNMC, Macon - 25 MDs</p> <p><b>3/29/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Traditional Course - DPH-SCHD, Dublin - 42 DPH Staff, volunteers, etc</p> <p><b>3/27/23 - 3/31/23</b> - STOP THE BLEED® - CGTC, Warner Robins - 5 Sessions - 60 participants</p> <p><b>Summary**</b> - 1 Instructor Orientation Session/25 Attendees; 4 In-Person Skills Courses/149 Attendees; 11 Traditional Courses/570 Attendees; 6 Virtual Courses/592 Attendees</p> <p><b>*Winter Blitz</b> - Moderated by EMS Faculty at Ogeechee Tech, Laura Coleman (R9) and taught by multiregional team of our Georgia Trauma System Partners.</p> <p><b>**Includes all reported activities of Central Georgia STOP THE BLEED® Task Force Participants.</b></p>
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	<p><b>1/3/23</b> - High Risk Unified Commander (HRUC) - GPSTC, Forsyth - 44 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/4/23</b> - High Risk Unified Commander (HRUC) - GPSTC, Forsyth - 33 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/5/23</b> - High Risk Unified Commander (HRUC) - GPSTC, Forsyth - 67 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/6/23</b> - Rescue Task Force Train-the-trainer - GPSTC, Forsyth - 28 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/6/23</b> - MCI Multiverse Interdisciplinary Exercises - (Hybrid, GPSTC plus 9 sites)</p> <p><b>1/7/23</b> - Rescue Task Force Train-the-trainer - GPSTC, Forsyth - 19 EMS, Fire, LE, etc</p> <p><b>1/18/23</b> - MCI Multiverse Interdisciplinary Exercises - (Hybrid, Atrium, CGTC)</p> <p><b>1/24/23</b> - R5Trauma Educators Workshop - GPSTC, Forsyth - Regional Educators</p> <p><b>2/18/23</b> - GADOE/CTAE/TIEGA MCI Workshop - CGTC, Forsyth - 25 Law and Public Safety Educators</p> <p><b>2/24/23</b> - R5Trauma Educator Skills Day - 8 Participants</p>

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2. Education (continued)	<p><b>2/24/23</b> - Coalition F Conference, Monroe Co Conference Center (RTAC and STB Resource Tables)</p> <p><b>2/28/23</b> - TECC LEO - CGTC, Warner Robins - 8 Participants, etc. (CGTC sponsored course)</p> <p><b>3/9/23 - 3/10/23</b> - Central Georgia Region 5 EMS Pediatric Trauma Symposium - 122 Participants</p> <p>The Pediatric Trauma Assessment Webinar - 100 Participants</p> <p>Pediatric Airway - Respiratory Management Lightning Rounds - 100 Participants</p> <p>Prevent Trauma: Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 73</p> <p>Prevent Trauma: Firearm Injuries in Children - 75</p> <p>The Journey from Tragedy to Advocacy: Georgia's Child Fatality Review Program - 61</p> <p>Trauma After-Hours Presentation: Successfully Navigating Complex Pediatric Interactions - 46</p> <p>State of the State - EMSC Programming - 36</p> <p>Pediatric MCI - Surge Readiness Lightning Rounds - 36</p> <p>Creating a Less Threatening Environment: The ONE VOICE Approach Part I - 40</p> <p>Creating a Less Threatening Environment: The ONE VOICE Approach Part II - 33</p> <p><b>3/11/23</b> - TECC LEO - CGTC, Warner Robins - 18 Participants (CGTC sponsored course)</p> <p><b>3/14/23</b> - TECC LEO - CGTC, Warner Robins - 13 Participants (CGTC sponsored course)</p> <p><b>3/18/23</b> - TECC LEO - CGTC, Warner Robins - 13 Participants (CGTC sponsored course)</p> <p><b>3/25/23</b> - TECC LEO - CGTC, Warner Robins - 5 Participants (CGTC sponsored course)</p> <p><b>3/27/23 - 3/31/23</b> - MARCH-PAWS Workshops - CGTC, Warner Robins - 5 Sessions - 60 Participants</p> <p><b>3/28/23</b> - MCI Multiverse Interdisciplinary Exercises - (Hybrid, Fairview Park, Coalition H)</p> <p><b>3/28/23 - 3/29/23</b> - TECC - CGTC, Warner Robins - 7 participants (CGTC sponsored course)</p> <p><b>3/31/23</b> - TECC LEO - CGTC, Warner Robins - 3 Participants (CGTC sponsored course)</p> <p><b>Also Completed -</b></p> <p><b>4/1/23</b> - CGTC MCI FTX - MCI Multiverse Interdisciplinary Exercises - (Hybrid, CGTC plus)</p> <p><b>4/7/23</b> - GTC/GEMSA Trauma Skills Lab - Dodge Co. Public Safety Training Center - 121 Participants</p> <p><b>4/12/23 - 4/13/23</b> - GA EMAG Summit MCI Multiverse Presentation - 120 Participants</p> <p><b>4/27/23</b> - Prevent Trauma: Child Abuse Prevention Month Webinar - 44 Participants</p> <p><b>On-going</b> - Eleven RTAC-sponsored The Q-Word Podcast have been published - 23,820 downloads to date. Several RTAC webinars were posted to the GA TRAIN System with OEMST assistance.</p>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>
3. Performance Improvement Projects	<p><b>PI focus areas for 2022-23 - Management of trauma cardiac arrest (TCA), trauma surge readiness, and time to definitive care.</b></p> <p><b>General System Improvement -</b></p> <p>1/9/23-1/11/23 - ACS Rural Trauma System Consultation Visit</p> <p>1/11/23 - Region 5 EMS Advisory Council meeting</p> <p>2/22/23 - Trauma Registry Meeting</p> <p>2/24/23 - Region 5 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting</p> <p>3/9/23 - 3/10/23 - Central Georgia Region 5 EMS Pediatric Trauma Symposium</p> <p><b>Management of trauma cardiac arrest (TCA), Peri-arrest -</b></p> <p>1/27/23 - Regional Trauma Needs Assessment Meeting</p> <p><b>Surge Readiness -</b> aforementioned education activities specific to</p> <p>High Risk Unified Commander - 3 Offerings</p> <p>Rescue Task Force Train-the-trainers - 2 Offerings</p> <p>MCI Multiverse Exercises - 5 Multimodal Offerings prior to EMAG</p> <p>MCI Exercises - Atrium Navicent, Fairview Park Hospital (Coalition H), CGTC</p> <p>Educator Workshops - 2 Offerings</p> <p>TECC LEO/TECC - 7 Offerings (GTC sponsored)</p> <p>MARCH PAWS Workshops - 5 Offerings (GTC sponsored)</p> <p><b>Time to Definitive Care -</b></p> <p>2/17/23 - R5STAT Presentation Central GA Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>On-going</b> - R5 RTAC PI continues to drive regional education and outreach initiatives. A regional needs assessment is underway and focuses on the management of TCA, trauma surge readiness, and time to definitive care.</p>



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Status: On-going		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	<p><b>1/13/23</b> - Regional EMS for Children Committee Chairs Meeting</p> <p><b>1/19/23</b> - Falls Prevention Task Force Meeting</p> <p><b>1/24/23</b> - GCTE Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee Meeting</p> <p><b>1/32/23</b> - GCTE Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee Meeting</p> <p><b>2/8/23</b> - IPRCE/DPH Data Literacy Training Series</p> <p><b>2/10/23</b> - Regional EMS for Children Committee Chairs Meeting</p> <p><b>3/9/23</b> - Prevent Trauma Webinar - Mothers Against Drunk Driving</p> <p><b>3/9/23</b> - Prevent Trauma Webinar - Firearm Injuries in Children</p> <p><b>3/9/23</b> - Prevent Trauma Webinar - Georgia's Child Fatality Review Program</p> <p><b>Also Completed -</b></p> <p><b>4/26/23</b> - Region 5 RTAC PI and Outreach Subcommittee Meeting</p> <p><b>4/27/23</b> - Prevent Trauma: Child Abuse Prevention Month Webinar</p> <p><b>On-going</b> - Nine Central Georgia facilities and four metro Atlanta Area facilities are participating in the multiregional, multicenter Bingocize cohort led by Sharon Grason (R3) and R5RTAC IP Subcommittee Member Nicole Gaither. More than 200 participants in each session</p>	
Status: On-going		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	The Regional Pediatric Trauma Symposium was highly successful. We provided nearly 800 contact hours in just two days. Our innovative MCI Multiverse offerings continue to be well received. Our EMAG MCI Multiverse presentation exceeded expectations and capacity. We were asked to do an encore presentation the following day. Around 120 total EMAG participants.
RTAC Barriers	We are very fortunate to be able to count on many regional partners to contribute to the various RTAC projects. As previously supported, time constraints and staffing demands continues to be significant barriers in regard to RTAC project execution. The RTAC worked to maximize the efficiency and impact of all of our efforts. The logistical needs of all of our efforts are significant. We are not under-supported; we simply have taken on a great many projects. Our calendars are saturated as we work to ensure all of our regional efforts are adequately supported.
Date of last BIS Assessment	<b>Jan 2012. New BIS assessment in progress; completion anticipated by May '23.</b>
Date of last Trauma Plan	<b>10/12/2022</b>
Date of last region meeting	<b>2/24/2023</b>
Date of next region meeting	<b>TBD</b>

## Regional Summary

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



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	6	RTAC Chair	Nicky Drake	RTAC Coordinator	Farrah Parker
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Date Submitted	04/29/2023
Quarter	3rd

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
Stop the Bleed	03/10/2023 Augusta Christian School 95 members of the Faculty and Staff
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (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.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
Education	Identify key locations for GEMSA funded classes. This will allow for more timely scheduling of classes with identifying these locations, so when the need for a class comes we will already know our "established" locations
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
Injury Prevention	Nicky Drake to coordinate with Emanuel Medical center for falls prevention. Moving Education and prevention to our rural counties. Falls prevention will now have a more focused approach with the introduction of data from local EMS agencies to create mapping for hot spots of EMS calls with the chief complaint of falls. Will work with the Senior Living Communities
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	The Region 6 RTAC committee completed the Trauma Plan with the help of the team from AU Health and Doctors Hospital. The plan was sent out for review to allow for additional feedback and no changes were requested. When the full committee meets again in June will make the final vote of approval for the new plan. Also the PI sub-committee continues to work well together as demonstrated in our last RTAC meeting, they have made a collaborative effort to review cases and work with our local EMS agencies as well.
RTAC Barriers	Currently we have no barriers that prevent the on-going efforts in our region, however we still to work on communication. There are lots of activities in our region, both rural and urban and we need to continue to

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	support all of those as a team. We will continue to work on a communication path so that all activities and needs are reaching everyone.
Date of last BIS Assessment	2011
Date of last Trauma Plan	April 1, 2023
Date of last region meeting	February 2, 2023
Date of next region meeting	May 4, 2023

## Regional Summary

The RTAC Committee has now established and maintained a core membership and we continue to thrive with this. The participation and response has increased and projects are now able to be completed. With the commitment from these individuals, which represents our trauma centers and EMS/Fire agencies allow for great access to those we need to accomplish our activities.

We still plan to include our neighboring state agencies to participate in the efforts as well. We are working to establish those relationships with the key players.

We now have identified 2 RTAC goals and plans to move forward. The Performance Improvement work group has identified the need to create destination protocols for our region, that could be later shared with other regions and also develop some standardization around rescue stops. This will be a collaborative effort with the trauma centers and the EMS agencies. Also, the Injury Prevention efforts can be more focused with the use of data from the central site. We can request data that can be filtered to specific mechanism of injury and locations to allow for use to determine where our prevention efforts and education should be.



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	7	RTAC Chair	Duane Montgomery	RTAC Coordinator	Brian Dorriety
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Date Submitted	April 18, 2023
Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 23

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	Taught STB Instructor at Taylor County School District to Lead Nurse and 12 other school nurses. Taught STB instructor to 6 members of Air EVAC 77. All Schools in Region 7 are equipped with STB Kits.
<b>Status: On-going</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities?<sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes</b>	
2. Education	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Trauma Skills Lab was held on January 20, 2023 with 152 participants. ITLS was held in Macon County in February with 24 participants. We will continue educational classes and training through-out the year.
<b>Status: On-going</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>	
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Kelly Grasser is working on Trauma Transport Data Collection to track Region 7 scene to trauma center times. We are having better results with Trip reports being turned in on time. Falls, Penetration and MVC's are still the number 1-3 trauma related injury
<b>Status: On-going</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>	
4. Injury Prevention Activities	<p><b>Fall Prevention:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Muscogee - Matter of Balance &amp; Tai Chi Classes for 2023 in partnership with Area Agency on Aging.</li><li>• \$25 for each entire class. Area Agency on Aging may be open to a class in your county! Inquire with them.</li></ul> <p><b>Motor Vehicle: Teen Driving Summit</b></p> <p>The Piedmont Columbus Regional, RTAC7 participated in a Distracted Driving Summit that the injury prevention program and WellStar brought to Columbus State University. They partnered with the <b>Lutzie43 Foundation</b> and held these summits for high school from region 7. We had over 700 students attend on January 31, 2023.</p> <p><b>Penetrating Injuries:</b></p> <p>The cure violence Coordinator has been hired! His name is Jerome Lawson.</p>

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He plans to join our ATIP Committee and we look forward to the work ahead.

## Safe Kids Columbus

- **Booster Seat Education/Distribution Events:** Elem Schools in Muscogee + Russell County AL in March 2023. Plans to share this model in West Central Health District – rural counties.
- **River Savvy Kids Event** – Free Life Jackets for Kids event coming in May 2023; stay tuned for more details.
- **Safe Sleep Classes** – 2023 extended to rural counties in Hospital Region/West Central Health District.
- **Low-Cost Car Seat Classes** – Muscogee County, \$20 per car seat

Status: On-going

Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	The region is coming together with all of the EMS agencies since reaching out to each one of them. We are having more participation with the RTAC.
RTAC Barriers	None foreseen at this current time.
Date of last BIS Assessment	March 2020
Date of last Trauma Plan	January 17, 2023
Date of last region meeting	January 31, 2023
Date of next region meeting	April 25, 2023

## Regional Summary

*Region 7 has made progress with Stop the Bleed in the hospitals, using our new STB trainer kits. The plan 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 in the future.*



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	8	RTAC Chair	Allen Owens	RTAC Coordinator	Anita Matherley
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Date Submitted	04/28/23
Quarter	3

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	Stop The Bleed training and coordination. Providing storage and coordinate delivery of teaching supplies and STB Kits as appropriate across Region 8. Participation in Suicide Prevention/Safety Outreach Project. Distribute/provide pertinent appropriate information to Law Enforcement and EMS personnel in Region 8 to address safety issues as indicated
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	Planning along with Crisp Regional Trauma Surgery and Region 5 to provide education for upcoming guidelines. This education will be for hospital and EMS across Region 8.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Formed a Region 8 RTAC Stirring Committee to obtain additional guidance for surveillance of compliance with guidelines and protocols. The goal was to establish needs assessment across Region 8 in order to improve patient care specifically falls.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	Data collection to monitor for the largest number of trauma-related injuries and death across Region 8. Communicate with as many stakeholders as possible in order to assess Region 8 needs for decreasing traumatic injury and death. Improve communication between the GTC members and stakeholders so that all are heard. Provide for communication of needs across Region 8.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

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RTAC Successes	<p>Forming a Region 8 RTAC Steering Committee. Choosing as the group decides at least 2 projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Addressed Injury Prevention Outreach across Region 8 by forming a Safety Outreach group. That group will make a plan that will provide for training and education related to fall prevention and hospital follow up. This plan will utilize multiple disciplines to formulate facilitate. Data will be reviewed to determine appropriate utilization.</li><li>2. Formed a Region 8 Steering Committee and met to obtain guidance for Region 8 needs and projects.</li><li>3. Formed a Region 8 RTAC group and met to determine and set goals for Region 8.</li><li>4. Provide communication/education related STB and upcoming guideline changes for greater continuity of care across Region 8.</li></ol> <p>The Region 8 RTAC, initiated collaboration with our regional and state partners, provided bleeding control training to all facilities as requested. Multiple hospital staff as well as EMS personnel have stepped up to provide instruction and leadership in Region 8 for Stop The Bleed Training.</p>
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	February 16, 2023
Date of next region meeting	May 16, 2023

## Regional Summary

Region 8 had first RTAC meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> with good attendance and participation.

All school systems in Region 8 have been contacted and offered the STB Training and Kits. Only a very small number of school faculty members are awaiting the needed training. Across Region 8 there are available local instructors available 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 the provision of community training.

Safety Outreach group is formed to address primary cause of death and injury in Region 8. First meeting will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. At that time we will initiate an injury prevention project in Region 8 to address leading causes of injury and death.



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## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	10	RTAC Chair	Dr. Kurt Horst	RTAC Coordinator	Crystal Shelnutt
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Date Submitted	4/18/2023
Quarter	3 (January- March 2023)

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	February 8 <sup>th</sup> - STB with STB instructor training, public safety trainers February 14 <sup>th</sup> - Madison County School Nurses STB with STB instructor training March 3 <sup>rd</sup> - STB course for the Region E Healthcare Coalition
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities?<sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes</b>	
2. Education	January 21-22 PHTLS sponsored by GEMSA and hosted by Oglethorpe Co. EMS January- March EMT sponsored by GEMSA and hosted by Athens Clarke Co FD January-current EMT sponsored by GEMSA and hosted by Oglethorpe Co. EMS January-February EMR sponsored by GEMSA and hosted by Greene Co. EMS
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>	
3. Performance Improvement Projects	The Region 10 RTAC has joined forces with the UGA Athletic Association and Head Athletic Trainer, Ron Corson, in developing an interactive conference in the region. The Sports Medicine Conference is not just an educational event, but also a performance improvement project aimed at promoting regional trauma care. This conference will bring together EMS providers, athletic trainers, nurses, physicians, and other stakeholders from the region to enhance their skills and knowledge in sports medicine. Through interactive sessions, hands-on practice, and networking opportunities, attendees will learn best practices and evidence-based approaches to improve patient care in sports-related injuries. This collaborative effort is engaging many regional stakeholders underscores the commitment to enhancing trauma care and promoting interprofessional teamwork in the region. The conference will be at the UGA indoor practice facility on May 25 <sup>th</sup> and cover topics including head injuries, orthopedic trauma, vascular injuries, and managing cardiac arrest on the field. Course and curriculum development is ongoing.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes</b>	
4. Injury Prevention Activities	January 12 <sup>th</sup> - Safe Kids- Car Seat Presentation January 14 <sup>th</sup> - Safe kids- Car Seat Education and Home Fire Safety

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January 27<sup>th</sup>- Safe Kids- Car Seat, Helmet, and Fun Safety Presentation  
February 14<sup>th</sup>- PAR- Distracted Driving, Falls, and Suicide Prevention Presentation  
March 16<sup>th</sup>- Distracted Driving Presentation  
March 17<sup>th</sup>- Distracted Driving Presentation  
March 24<sup>th</sup>- Fire Safety Presentation

**Status: Ongoing**

**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

## RTAC Successes

The Region 10 RTAC had an outstanding third quarter! The exciting new collaboration with UGA is set to create a stellar conference and broaden RTAC's impact by engaging with Athletic Trainers in the region for injury prevention initiatives. During the latest meeting, the committee established an injury prevention sub-committee, which will comprise of representatives from all trauma centers in the region, the Athens Safe Kids Coordinator, and EMS educators. This development promises to further enhance RTAC's efforts in promoting safety and preventing injuries.

## RTAC Barriers

While RTAC meetings have seen a positive trend of increasing attendance, there is still a concern about limited active participation from some EMS services in the region. Despite their attendance at meetings, there has been minimal engagement between these quarterly events. The committee recognizes this issue and is dedicated to fostering ongoing dialogue with these EMS services. The committee aims to provide them with valuable resources and collaborative opportunities to enhance trauma care in the region, and to encourage their active participation in RTAC initiatives.

Date of last BIS Assessment

October 31, 2016

Date of last Trauma Plan

December 18, 2018

Date of last region meeting

March 21, 2023

Date of next region meeting

June 20, 2023

## Regional Summary

During this quarter, the Region 10 RTAC saw positive growth in meeting attendance, particularly from local hospitals but lack active engagement from many EMS services. To address this concern, the committee is committed to fostering ongoing dialogue with these EMS services and providing them with valuable resources and collaborative opportunities to enhance trauma care. The committee's efforts to expand partnerships with UGA and establish an injury prevention sub-committee highlight their proactive approach towards improving trauma care. We appreciate receiving funding for three classes from GEMSA this quarter, and we are excited to collaborate with them to further expand the offerings awarded to Region 10. These classes will undoubtedly enhance our trauma care capabilities and contribute to the overall preparedness of our region.