



GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

APPROVED
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Level III/Level IV/Rural Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 6, 2023

7:00 am to 8:00 am

Zoom

[Link to Meeting Recording and Meeting Material](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT*	REPRESENTING
Alicia Register	Committee Vice-Chair/ Crisp Region Hospital, TMD
Courtney Terwilliger	Georgia Trauma Commission, Member
Nicole Sundholm	AdventHealth Redmond, TPM
Tifani Kinard	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, VP of Rural Health
Catherine Martin	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, TMD
Dawn Truett	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, TPM
Ashley Bullington	Crisp Region Hospital, TPM
Will Soto	Effingham Health System, ER Director
Gail Thornton	Emanuel Medical Center, Registrar
Lynn Grant	Fairview Park Hospital, TPD
Judean Guinn	Hamilton Medical Center, VP/CNO
Kim Brown	Hamilton Medical Center, TPM
Steve Paynter	Hamilton Medical Center, TMD
Kelli Vaughn	John D Archbold Memorial Hospital, TPM
Jeffrey Harden	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital, CNO
Christie Mathis	Morgan Medical Center, TPM
Heather Clement	Piedmont Cartersville, ED Director/ Interim TPM
John Simmons	Piedmont Cartersville, TMD
Jan Tidwell	Piedmont Cartersville, CNO
John Simmons	Piedmont Cartersville, TMD
Jay Connelly	Piedmont Henry Hospital, Dir Trauma and Stroke
Justin Keeton	Piedmont Henry Hospital, PI Coordinator
Karen Hust	Piedmont Walton, TPM
Richard Jacob	Piedmont Walton, TMD
Marty Wynn	Piedmont Walton, CFO
Winston Charles	Wellstar Cobb Hospital, TPM
Rachel Hand	Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center, TPM
Michele Evans	Winn Army Community Hospital, ER Chief Nurse & TPM

*Attendance is pulled from committee meeting QR code

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



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STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Tammie Russell Marie Probst	Liberty Regional Medical Center, Trauma Program Coordinator OEMST, State Trauma Registrar

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. with 28 committee members present. Kelli Vaughn welcomed everyone and advised Dr. Alicia Register would be leading the committee meeting in Dr. Greg Patterson’s absence.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Presented by Dr. Alicia Register

Dr. Register requested a motion to approve the July 14, 2023 meeting minutes.

MOTION LIII/IV Committee 2023-10-01:
Motion to approve July 14, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION BY: Winston Charles

SECOND BY: Jan Tidwell

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

GTC Update

Presented by Liz Atkins

- The Rural Trauma System Action Planning Meeting is set to take place on November 16th, coinciding with the Georgia Trauma Commission quarterly meeting and National Rural Health Day. The Rural Action Planning Meeting will be held in the afternoon to address the ACS system consult recommendations. The meeting notice with registration was sent out through gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov. If you want to attend, please email gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov for the registration information; in-person space is limited.
- We wanted to gauge interest in a future round of Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) level IV consult visits. There are a few centers that have responded with interest. The visits will take place next year within one week in October. If you are a designated level IV or prospective Level IV and did not receive an email and are interested, please contact gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov.
- In a couple of weeks, the ACS has the National COT Meeting. Hopefully, they will advise when the level IV standards will be released. A rural committee is revising the orange book standards, but it is unknown if the level IV standards will be added to the gray book or as a standalone standard.
- Gina Solomon provided an update on the GQIP Arbormetrix project; next week, we will have a kickoff meeting for our testing phase with LIII/IV representatives included. The project team is ready for 2023 data, and we will begin loading the first half of 2023 once it is obtained.

MARCH PAWS

Presented by Courtney Terwilliger

The second course took place at the Southeastern Technical Healthcare Building in Swainsboro. Three centers participated in the course: Emmanuel Medical Center, Washington Regional, and Fairview Park. We adjusted the layout of the practical stations due to feedback. I am currently evaluating the pre and post-tests. The slides will be revised based on input from the course. We are still discussing providing CEUs for physicians and nurses to



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encourage course participation. We are also working on the didactic portion to post online. The final course at Archbold in Thomasville is on Friday, October 27th.

RURAL AND NON-TRAUMA CENTER RESOURCES AND DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

Presented by Courtney Terwilliger

Courtney Terwilliger advised the survey questions are still being developed. A small group is working on a draft, which has been sent to Mercer. Mercer will be providing feedback to ensure we are asking the right questions. The draft survey will be sent out (**ATTACHMENT A**) for everyone.

Update: Elizabeth Atkins sent the draft survey out after the meeting; feedback requested: "We would love to have your feedback by 10/13/2023 (1 week from today). Please use track changes and send them back to gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov."

Courtney added that there are town hall meetings around the state to gather essential information regarding EMS and hospital barriers on the immediate transfer of critically injured trauma patients. We plan to develop two survey documents with the information collected from these town hall meetings.

APPROVAL OF 2024 LIII/LIV COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Presented by Alicia Register

Dr. Register asked for a motion to approve upcoming 2024 meeting dates (**ATTACHMENT B**):

- Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM; Zoom
- Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM; Zoom
- Friday, July 19, 2024, 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM; Zoom
- Thursday, November 21, 2024, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM; State Office of Rural Health Cordele, Georgia

MOTION LIII/IV Committee 2023-10-02:

Motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates as submitted

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Jan Tidwell

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

ACTION PLANNING PTSF CONSULT VISITS AND ACS SYSTEM CONSULT/RURAL FOCUSED REVIEW

Presented by Liz Atkins

Liz Atkins emphasized the importance of active participation and commitment in the ACS consult action planning. She will distribute a high-level overview document that outlines the ACS recommendations for review (**ATTACHMENT C**).

We will work off the document in the Rural Action Planning meeting on November 16th in Cordele, Georgia. If you want to attend, please email gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov for the registration information; in-person space is limited.



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SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT

- The committee approved: July 14, 2023, meeting minutes
- The committee approved 2024 LIII/IV Committee meeting dates (**ATTACHMENT A**)
- The Rural Trauma System Action Planning Meeting is set to take place on November 16th, coinciding with the Georgia Trauma Commission quarterly meeting and National Rural Health Day. The Rural Action Planning Meeting will be held in the afternoon to address the ACS system consult recommendations. The meeting notice with registration was sent out through gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov. If you want to attend, please email gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov for the registration information; in-person space is limited.
- If you are a designated level IV or prospective Level IV and did not receive an email to participate in the next round of PTSF level IV consults and are interested, please contact gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov
- Elizabeth Atkins sent the draft hospital survey (**ATTACHMENT B**) out after the committee meeting; feedback requested: “We would love to have your feedback by 10/13/2023 (1 week from today). Please use track changes and send them back to gtcbusinessops@gtc.ga.gov”
- Elizabeth Atkins will distribute the ACS consult recommendation overview to the committee (**ATTACHMENT C**). We will work off the document in the Rural Trauma System Action Planning Meeting on November 16th in Cordele, Georgia.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye