



# Georgia Trauma Commission

*Right Patient, Right Hospital, Right Time, Right Means*

## EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

### MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, 9 August 2016**  
**Scheduled: 10:00 am**  
**Georgia Public Safety Training Center**  
**1000 Indian Springs Dr.**  
**Forsyth, GA 31029**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chair & GA Trauma Commission Vic Drawdy – GA Trauma Commission Dr. Jeffrey Nicholas – GA Trauma Commission Lana Duff – Region One Paul Beamon – Region Four Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six (conference line) Jimmy Carver – Region Seven Brandon Fletcher – Region Eight Huey Atkins – Region Ten	Chad Black – Region Two Pete Quinones- Region Three David Moore – Region Nine

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Cathy White Dan Gates Kim Littleton Billy Kunkle Mark Peters	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff GAEMS OEMS Region 6 GAEMS RTAC Region 3 Gwinnett Fire & EMS

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the 9 August 2016 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order at the GPSTC in Forsyth, GA at 10:09 am.

**Quorum Established:** 10:10 AM, 9 of 13 members present.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Minutes Approval**

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from both June 2016 EMS Subcommittee meetings.

**Motion EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09**

**I make the motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2016 EMS Subcommittee meeting as written.**

**MOTION BY:** Brandon Fletcher

**SECOND BY:** Vic Drawdy

**VOTING:** All members present voted in favor of the motion.

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

**Motion EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09**

**I make the motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2016 EMS Subcommittee meeting as written.**

**MOTION BY:** Lana Duff

**SECOND BY:** Vic Drawdy

**VOTING:** All members present voted in favor of the motion.

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

**Discussion on AVLS**

Mr. Terwilliger stated Dena Abston and he had met with Tim Boone about the GTRI proposal. Mr. Terwilliger reminded the committee that GTRI was previously paid for by GEMA and GEMA will no longer provide funding. GTRI made the proposal for \$74,000; several concerns have been expressed to Mr. Terwilliger about this cost. Tim Boone has agreed to complete the work outside of a GTRI contract. After discussion there is not an actual quote from Mr. Boone but it is Mr. Terwilliger's belief that he would do the work for half the cost of GTRI's proposal. Mr. Terwilliger recommended using remainder of equipment funds estimated at \$39,000 and contract with Tim Boone for \$35,000 and the remaining \$4,000 for travel when needed. Mr. Terwilliger opened the floor for discussion. Lee Oliver asked if there was a defined scope of work for Mr. Boone. Dena added there would be some items that will come in house after reviewing Mr. Boones' statement of work. Dena would like to do more monitoring in house on this initiative and believes after reviewing Mr. Boone's statement of work that is a possibility. Lee Oliver brought up Web EOC and its integration capabilities. The committee discussed in detail their thoughts on integration of systems, telemedicine, technology, and current concerns with the equipment today and how it benefits trauma patients.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to contract with Tim Boone to cover the GEMA portion of the AVL system that is no longer funded for FY 2017.**

**MOTION BY:** Brandon Fletcher

**SECOND BY:** Jimmy Carver

**VOTING:** All members present voted in favor of motion.

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

Previously approved scoring criteria on the distribution of New and Upgraded (replacement) AVLS units were then reviewed. There were no questions about the scoring criteria for the distribution of New AVLS units. After reviewing the scoring criteria for the distribution of upgraded (replacement) AVLS equipment Mr. Terwilliger requested discussion on the point earned for Data to the Triage Tracking System as that was set up primarily for coastal evacuations and we have not experienced that to date. After discussion of the technology tie to the Triage Tracking system and a discussion on who uses the equipment it was suggested the scoring criteria be modified to an 'if applicable' status.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to remove the point's criteria of the data to the triage tracking system from the New and Upgraded AVLS equipment grant scoring criteria.**

**MOTION BY:** Lee Oliver

**SECOND BY:** Huey Atkins

**VOTING:** 9 members present and by phone voted in favor of motion. 1 member voted against

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

Discussion continued about the scorecard and where the additional points (15 on New AVLS and 10 on Upgraded AVLS equipment) would apply to the other required criteria. Dena suggested the scoring criteria for the New AVLS scorecard utilize the 15 points as increasing Appropriate Utilization from 25 to 30 points and increasing the Participation in Meetings: RTAC and/or EMS Council Activities from 15 to 25 points. For the upgraded AVLS scoring criteria the 10 points would apply all towards Participation in Meetings: RTAC and/or EMS Council Activities.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to modify the AVLS scoring criteria for both New and Upgraded AVLS equipment to New AVLS scorecard utilize the 15 points as increasing Appropriate Utilization from 25 to 30 points and increasing the Participation in Meetings: RTAC and/or EMS Council Activities from 15 to 25 points. For the upgraded AVLS scoring criteria the 10 points would apply all towards Participation in Meetings: RTAC and/or EMS Council Activities.**

**MOTION BY:** Lana Duff

**SECOND BY:** Huey Atkins

**VOTING:** 9 members present and by phone voted in favor of motion.

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

Dena will make the scoring criteria changes as approved. Discussion about technology and a plan for the AVL system and its future after FY2017 continued. Also in discussion was future technology funding. In Mr. Boone's statement of work one of the criteria is working with a subcommittee to find best practices for our technology budget and what existing equipment is being used and not used and how to better our trauma technology and equipment. Dr. Nicholas discussed the process of when he is notified that a trauma patient is in route it is typically about 15 minutes and there needs to be better assessment and training of medics to do the (FAST) exam Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma. FAST is considered an important and valuable diagnostic alternative to DPL and CT that can often facilitate a timely diagnosis for patients with BAT. Discussion of the equipment and training components and costs of each unit and the need to re-focus training on specific practices to better the trauma patient and trauma program. Mr. Terwilliger suggested getting a group together and spending a day in Spaulding, Georgia looking at their equipment and program. Dr. Nicholas believes the Trauma Program has a halo like effect on other components of a hospital, putting the right equipment in each center is important, and we need to make sure our funds are being spent towards improvement and best practice. Discussion went back to a full day at Spaulding and how to plan the day full of presentations of the capabilities of the technology. Dr. Nicholas said this would be very helpful and possibly enlighten us to things we did not know the technology was capable of. Several members will get together with Dena to organize the day in Spaulding. Possible presenters would be from current technology we are using and would cover the system capabilities and then plan a technology path based upon what we are currently working with. Sierra Wireless, Telemedicine from Spaulding, Web EOC, GER to come present. Followed by lunch and then a round table discussion that afternoon about how we unite these systems and work better together. Dena will work further with planning the day in Spaulding.

LUNCH BREAK from 11:30 am – 12:06pm

### **Discussion on FY2017 Funds**

Courtney Terwilliger leads discussion and goes over the FY2017 funds appropriated line by line. Mr. Terwilliger opened the floor for discussion line by line. Dena asked how many EMR/EMT classes were taught. Ms. Littleton reported over 40 classes completed with FY 2014 funding. Vic Drawdy says his area is very appreciative that we fund this and are very thankful for all we have done for them. For FY 2015, 39 classes are planned and 36 are complete with the other 3 to be completed. GEMSIS support added \$10,000 in additional funding for some training programs- focusing on accuracy, timeliness, and validity of travel, and training for the roll out of national EMS training. Paul Beamon discussed EMS redesign, and Kim Littleton clarified where monies were spent for FY 2014 and the redirection of FY 2015 funds with \$9,800 still to utilize for EMS redesign.

Dena stated TECC courses are to be taught in each Region for FY 2017. Ms. Littleton says this is a very popular course. She reported how diligent they are on making sure participants that register for the classes show up and how they are dealing with cancellations and the administrative workload that goes into planning and filling these classes. Locations for this statewide class are located in Baldwin County, Statesboro, and Albany by year-end. Discussion about non-attendance and no show costs and the possibility of billing a cancellation fee. Dena will inquire with Attorney General the legalities of this practice.

Triage System does not have any FY 2017 funding so there was no discussion.

Dena stated the Vizatech equipment being purchased for each region and her concerns with wear and tear. After much discussion it was confirmed the Commission purchase the equipment and tag with equipment with State tracking inventory system. Everyone was agreeable with this practice.

PHILS/ITLS/EPC funding and the allowance of including the course on Geriatric Life Support was discussed .

### **MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to allow services to apply for funding for the Geriatric Life Support course to come out of the PHILS/ITLS/EPC funding allowance.**

**MOTION BY:** Brandon Fletcher

**SECOND BY:** Lee Oliver

**VOTING:** All members present voted in favor of motion.

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

Continuing the overview of the budget line items there was no discussion about the Equipment Grants, EVOC, Extrication, and Telemedicine. Child seat tech/ Child passenger safety for \$100,000 is to purchase pediatric mobilization devices. This initiative is co-funded with the EMS-C grant, and will utilize both funds.

Additional AVLS (40 units) to be purchased concluded no discussion. The Pantech 290 air cards and no additional monies will be spent toward that for FY 2017.

DNR was up next and the subcommittee would like to not fund anymore towards this initiative.

### **MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to remove the \$15,448.47 for the DNR allocation.**

**MOTION BY:** Huey Atkins

**SECOND BY:** Brandon Fletcher

**VOTING:** 7 members present (and by phone) voted in favor of motion. 2 voted against motion

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

Ms. Littleton discussed the \$25,000 need for the One Day Pre-hospital Trauma Symposium and the costs of the speakers, etc. would be sufficient.

Mr. Terwilliger discussed there was \$977,000 now remaining to apply to our budget in the Regional Improvement Grants and or Equipment Grant categories. Huey Atkins suggested to allocate funds towards equipment grants or needs based grants.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to allocate the remaining FY 2017 \$977,010 to the equipment grant funds.**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Brandon Fletcher

**VOTING:** 9 members present (and by phone)

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

Dr. Nicholas would like to research and track the timing of a trauma patient. Length of time on scene, how they were transported, and factors in transport are all of interest to Dr. Nicholas. With this capability perhaps we can get a better understanding of the timing of the transfer of a trauma patient. Mr. Atkins discussed current software capabilities, RTAC guidance, and data syncing with all entities. Mr. Oliver brought up trauma registry information and he suggested taking that information and breaking down the information to find timing sequence that may aid the patients care. This was considered and was a tedious process and not perhaps best practice but the information is there to extract.

Discussion of proprietary issues came up about how to integrate these systems could help us recover the data. Dr. Nicholas is interested in using some of our future resources to get a statewide picture of the timing and the initial care involved in the intake of a trauma patient. Mr. Atkins said Region 10 is doing some research on this now and if it is well received they will share the information collected.

EMS FY<sub>2017</sub> budget was then changed to reflect the \$977,010 to the Equipment Grants column.

Discussion led to the Trauma Commission funds given from the Super Speeder initiative. Mr. Terwilliger suggested talking to those in our Senate and House and hold conversations about the improvements to the Trauma Program made by the commission. Mr. Oliver suggested over the next year that we develop some more criteria. He said what we have done has worked but we fit it into the box and should spend this year coming up with new ideas.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to approve the EMS FY<sub>2017</sub> budget as it is drafted and presented with the remaining \$ 977,010 available for additional equipment grant funding.**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Huey Atkins

**VOTING:** 9 members present (and by phone)

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

Dr. Nicholas requested confirmation that these funds will be available about this time next year for equipment funding.

Ms. Littleton updated the subcommittee on the EMR courses and the interest in MOOLAGE classes. All FY 2014 courses are complete including the 3 additional TECC courses. She has been approached several times about advanced MOOLAGE courses and the remaining funding from the EMR courses could be used

to support 2 additional MOOLAGE classes. MOOLAGE classes recreate trauma injuries like gun shot wounds and head injuries for students.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to approve the usage of the available EMR course budget to support the addition of two MOOLAGE classes.**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Vic Drawdy

**VOTING:** 9 members present (and by phone)

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

Ms. Littleton then updated the subcommittee on the triage tags and triage bags from the FY 2016 phase one. Regions 1, 2, 10, 7, 8, and 5 have them for a rate of 50% distribution at this time. The remaining bags are to be delivered over the next couple of weeks. Discussion then led to class cancellations and ways to aid in the funds lost by last minute cancellations.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2016-08-09:**

**I make the motion to adjourn.**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Vic Drawdy

**VOTING:** 9 members present (and by phone)

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

Adjourned at 1:50 PM