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**GEORGIA TRAUMA
COMMISSION**

Georgia Trauma Commission EMS Subcommittee
October 28, 2021
Virtual Meeting Option
Morgan Public Safety Complex- In-Person Option
Meeting Minutes

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chair, GTC Member	Duane Montgomery, Region Seven
Chad Black, Region Two	David Edwards, Region Eight
Lee Oliver, Region Five (via Zoom)	Sam Polk, Region Four
Blake Thompson, Region Six	Pete Quinones, Region Three
Vic Drawdy, GTC Member (via Zoom)	Marty Robinson, Region One
Huey Atkins, Region Ten	
Dr. Regina Medeiros GTC Member	

OTHERS PRESENT**	Representing
Elizabeth V. Atkins	Georgia Trauma Commission, Executive Director
Katie Hamilton	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff
Gabriela Saye	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff
Kelly Joiner	State Office of EMS & Trauma
Richard Rhodes	State Office of EMS & Trauma
David Newton	State Office of EMS & Trauma
Brandin Clark	State Office of EMS & Trauma
Crispin Kingrey	State Office of EMS & Trauma
Kim Littleton (via Zoom)	GEMSA
Dr. Tim Boone (via Zoom)	AVLS Project Manager
Farrah Parker (via Zoom)	RTAC

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

10:06 AM on Thursday, October 28, 2021, with seven of twelve members present.

Approval of July 15, 2021 meeting minutes:

MOTION GTCNC EMS SC 2021-10-01:

I make the motion to approve the October 28 meeting minutes with no changes.

MOTION BY: Vic Drawdy

SECOND BY: Huey Atkins

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

GTC Updates

Liz Atkins gave a couple of updates within the Georgia Trauma Commission:

- LIII/LIV Readiness Cost Survey
 - Due tomorrow, 10/29/21. The survey will be beneficial in potentially providing future funding and obtaining an estimate of what it costs to stand up future trauma centers. We hope to have the information ready before the legislative session.
- OESMT ACS System Consult
 - We are looking to have the rural-focused visit before the full trauma system consult. Conducted similar to full system assessment, but with focus on rural areas of Georgia. Focus consults are a new concept for ACS. Target date, Fall 2022.
- Stop the Bleed
 - We are reengaging the RTAC's with the kit distribution. We want to get kits deployed in storage right now. Scott and Kristal are serving as the point of contact.
- New GTC website
 - You may not be able to access the old website unless you clear your browsing history. The old website should route to the new link: trauma.ga.gov
 - Still work in progress

Courtney Terwilliger mentioned reaching out to your healthcare collisions to use the same kits together consistently. North American Rescue is honoring the same price given to GTC.

Vic Drawdy asked where they could get STB kits from, RTAC's or GTC? Liz answered that we are currently getting new equipment; Scott and Kristal will distribute it to your RTAC representative. Stephanie should be able to get it out to your (Vic) region.

AVLS Program Update

Tim Boone referenced the report submitted to the committee members yesterday (ATTACHMENT A).

- Review of AVLS Troubleshooting within counties
- YTD AVLS Gateways Purchsed-\$0
 - Units were purchased with last year's money. We have 45 more units remaining in storage
 - Issue with worldwide distribution due to shortage of chips and getting units deployed
 - Waiting on 14 more units, which will be shipped next week
- Vendor Referral
 - We are ordering sims, setting up new counties, and continuously coordinating with

Southern Linc

- AVLS System Administration
 - Prepare Quarterly Reports
 - Drafting Revised AVLS MOA
 - Prepare for the Budget meeting
 - Update Unit Usage Log Monthly
 - Coordinate meetings with SW and ITS
- Total Active Unit Usage
 - 1163/1455, 80% active
- Airtime Log Paid by GTCNC
 - Verizon-1020 units-unlimited
 - ATT&T FirstNet-150 units-unlimited
 - Southern Linc-200 units-unlimited
 - 1370 total units
- New Leader Orientation Videos
 - Two leaders requested access to the training in September 2021 (the links were sent to all agencies in September 2020)

C. Terwillinger thanked Dr. Boone for the presentation.

GEMSA EMS Education Quarterly Update

Kim Littleton referenced the report submitted to the committee members yesterday (ATTACHMENT B). We are full speed ahead with the training. We have Trauma Skills Lab in Gainesville today and completed the Farm Medic Class. We have more requests for the medic classes than we can currently fill. The aim is to have them equally spread amongst all regions. The Leadership Program is the week of the 8th-12th in Statesboro. There will be 26 students graduating on the 11th. We will be doing an honorary ceremony for the student that passed away.

Attendance for the conference was near 500, so we will have the ability to expand next year. We will be back at Jekyll again.

Regina Medieros mentioned that the 11/24-11/25 dates for Taliferro will need to be corrected on the report to 10/24/-10/25. K. Littleton will check and correct.

EMS Funding: FY2022

C. Terwilliger asked if anyone had any questions regarding funding. We will continue to have it on the agenda in case someone has a question about it.

OLD BUSINESS

Learning Management System Update

Kelly Joiner passed out reference material (ATTACHMENT C) on the Train platform and asked if anyone had questions. The platform has unlimited courses for unlimited users. Available to a variety of disciplines like nurses and Respiratory Therapists. The platform syncs with the LMS system for the education credits.

Richard Rhodes added that the CDC currently uses the Train system, and it gets updated

frequently

C. Terwilliger discussed the RFP process and issues with the procurement office regarding a contract with a commercial LMS. C. Terwilliger explained other LMS Vendors offer over 400 courses for EMS/Fire, and it would be available for everybody. On the current Train platform, there are only 31 courses specific to EMS. R. Rhodes mentioned that the current platform could purchase content and add it to the system. We would like to incorporate a spotlight on Georgia educators and have content specific to the Georgia system. We can record courses facilitated throughout the state and add them to the platform. Funding for them is a limiting factor. H. Atkins asked how the cost is incurred for these platforms. C. Terwilliger answered the more people on, the more it's going to cost. David Newton added that it is about \$100,000 for 25,000 participants and that we currently have 17,000 on the roster in the current platform. Lee Oliver suggested we could spend dollars on obtaining content to put into the current platform. It is also a plus that the current system is linked to LMS for education credits. Regina Medeiros advised looking at clear-cut reasons why the current system doesn't work. Then we can purchase content and put it on the current system. If it doesn't meet your needs, then you can look at other options. Tim Boone added that when the content is recorded, it is significantly less effective. It is not high quality for EMS folks; it needs to be interactive to be effective. It is expensive to develop interactive educational material. K. Littleton added that as an association, they would like to be considered part of the process. L. Oliver suggests buying content, placing it on the state Train platform, and trial. Do we have the funds to spend on courses? C. Terwilliger states the budget is set. R. Medeiros suggests that if it is a trial, we can have a select number of participants experiment with the course. We need to investigate quality content rather than creating our own. C. Terwilliger believes the best route is to go with a commercial product because they have an incentive to make sure their system works. Who owns the material vetting process for the content in Train? D. Newton answers that it is Richard Rhodes. C. Terwilliger asks who owns the content and ensures the content is clinically valid? R. Rhodes answers it's those who own the content. If GEMSA partners with us and provides the content, they would be the owners. We're not producing clinical content on our own. It's a system of checks and balances reviewed on an annual basis. L. Atkins added that if we just focused on obtaining content, it is not subject to RFP, just the platform is subject. I suggest you consider a threshold and propose an amount for the amended. It would have to be put in your base budget. C. Terwilliger will work with R. Rhodes regarding the platform and content.

MARCH PAWS Rural Trauma Initiative

The course is military developed for the treatment of critically injured trauma patients. It is peer-reviewed and considered to be an effective tool. We are trying to set up an initial course to trial with a select group of people. MARCH PAWS could help change the way we do business in rural Georgia. We can take a deeper look into critical blood loss, routing certain patients to the nearest ER then trauma center. H. Atkins mentioned we have talked about fluid warmers in the past but have had no progress. K. Littleton supported the initiative and stated that more hospital staff need more training to know what to do.

NEW BUSINESS

T-mobile as an alternative carrier

Augustin Conde, T-mobile's State Representative, referenced the presentation pulled up on the meeting platform (ATTACHMENT D). The reps explained that all carriers dropped WPS

charges last year. Gateways in rural areas are not considered WPS-qualified devices. We can advocate for those services if needed with the carrier. We acquired Sprint and made investments to the network to expand into the rural areas. L. Atkins asked if we are adding the vendor or replacing it? Augustin answered, adding. Augustin clarified that the state contract is a \$29.75 fixed cost with no cost on data, which provides you with cost predictability. Katie Hamilton explained that we would have to reduce funds with current vendors to add a new vendor. Courtney Terwilliger stated we could test drive the t-mobile to see if the coverage is adequate and local agencies choose which carrier they want to utilize.

MOTION GTCNC EMS SC 2021-10-03:

I make the motion to establish a carrier contract with T-mobile

MOTION BY: Tim Boone

SECOND BY: Chad Black

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

Summary of Action items & Adjournment

- Courtney Terwilliger will discuss the platform with Richard Rhodes
- Set up T-mobile as an alternative carrier
- Courtney Terwilliger asked if anyone had any problems with the 2022 dates sent out before the meeting
 - No objections

MOTION GTCNC EMS SC 2021-10-04:

I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Oliver Lee

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Minutes by G. Saye