

Approved January 28, 2020



**EMS Subcommittee on Trauma**  
**Friday October 11, 2019**  
**Georgia Public Safety Training Center**  
**Room 219 D**  
**Indian Springs Rd**  
**Forsyth, Georgia**

<b>SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT</b>
Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman, GTC Vic Drawdy, GTC Regina Medeiros –GTC Carlton Firestone – Region One Chad Black – Region Two Sam Polk- Region Four Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six Jimmy Carver-Region Seven David Edwards- Region Eight David Moore- Region Nine Huey Atkins – Region Ten	Pete Quinones - Region Three

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Katie Hamilton Billy Kunkle Tim Boone David Newton Scott Lewis Mark Peters Kim Littleton Cathy White Keith White Christopher E James Jody Smitherman Anthony Grimaldi Trisha Newsome Rafe Waters	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff AVLS OEMS/T Region I RTAC Region III RTAC GEMSA GEMSA GEMSPF Augusta Fire/ EMA Augusta Fire/EMA Clayton County Fire Augusta University GEMSPF

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Terwilliger called the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum with 6 of 13 members present or by conference line at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia. Ms. Atkins first EMS meeting as the new executive director of the Georgia Trauma Commission.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-10-01:**

**I make the motion to approve the corrected minutes from the previous meeting held August 5, 2019.**

**MOTION BY:** Lee Oliver

**SECOND BY:** Sam Polk

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

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

**FY20 EMS Equipment Grant**

**By: Billy Kunkle/ Erin Bolinger**

Mr. Kunkle reported that we officially sent out the FY20 EMS Trauma Equipment Grant packet to all and posted to the GTC website on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to submit the application is December 1<sup>st</sup>. MS. Bolinger has received one equipment request that is not on the approved equipment purchase list. It is a stretcher outfitted for the ATV vehicle an agency purchased last year with their equipment grant funds. This helps with outdoor and rugged terrain rescues. It was agreed that this was a stretcher and would be approved and no motion was made.

Region 9 -Requesting \$ 26,000 for train the trainer – balance of funds will be used to purchase equipment and complete regional training.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-10-02:**

**I make the motion to approve Region 9 request for \$26,000 and continuation of their DART program.**

**MOTION BY:** Huey Atkins

**SECOND BY:** Lee Oliver

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

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

Region 2- \$26,000 proposal to equip 3 to 5 agencies for a (PILOT) project carrying blood product. Already have EMSAC approval- equipment purchase will be how funds are used from grant. Air medical are the only in state that carry the product. EMSAC is open to pilot projects and enhancing care throughout the state. Dr. Bulger, as described by Mr. Terwilliger, has experience with this.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-10-03:**

**I make the motion to approve Region 2 request for \$26,000 for the pilot project regarding carrying blood.**

**MOTION BY:** Sam Polk

**SECOND BY:** Lee Oliver

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

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

Region 5 presented by Ms. Kristal Smith, the request will enhance mass casualty triage and care. Large volume mass casualty training of up to 150 in table top lesson.

**MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-10-04:**

**I make the motion to approve Region 5 request for \$26,000 for the mass casualty trailer with equipment and lighting.**

**MOTION BY:** Huey Atkins

**SECOND BY:** Lee Oliver

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

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

**Review of Current Projects**

**By: Courtney Terwilliger**

TECC classes most are scheduled, all will be scheduled by the end of the year. No 2020 \$ spent on TECC courses. Still working on contract negotiations

Axion of Leadership course was recently held. PHTLS courses are all being scheduled. Equipment grant is currently happening. The trauma skills labs are scheduled for Gainesville and Swainsboro and all regions are all host to trauma skills lab by the end of FY20.

On AFY19 funds Mr. Boone has been working on the online EMT courses. Mr. Oliver asked for an overview. Mr. Terwilliger reported on those rural services that are participating in the pilot project- fire, ems and hospital based so we can poll and learn from each model. There will be one more Axiom of Leadership course and contact Ms. Littleton if you are interested in participating.

Mr. Terwilliger reported on the 2 day Arbinger Institute program. 24 people can attend the Arbinger Institute courses.

#### **AVLS**

Dr. Boone gave AVLS report (Attachment A).

#### **New Business**

**By: Courtney Terwilliger**

Mr. Terwilliger was discussing tracking mileage of operable ambulances across the state. A map showing trauma centers and contiguous counties was presented. Discussion of the gap of care and transport care (helicopters cannot fly in severe weather) in South Georgia. Mr. Terwilliger would like to acquire the data off our phones to define the time to care. Mr. Atkins asked if we speak on behalf of EMS and Trauma care.

Mr. Atkins says we put the vast amount of our funds into our level 1 and 2 level centers and suspects those operating bays will stay open regardless of our funding. Mr. Atkins says we have pilot programs on transporting blood and he thinks the large sums of these funds would be much better allocated to the small hospitals to beef up their care. Mr. Atkins suggests giving more funds to rural care hospitals and install blood banks. Chief Polk agrees with Mr. Atkins and funds need to be spent helping the rural areas and critical access hospitals to at the very minimum stabilize the patient for transport. There is a large gap in care between a level 2 and 3 hospital.

#### **MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-10-05:**

**I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**MOTION BY:** Sam Polk

**SECOND BY:** Huey Atkins

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

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

*Meeting adjourned at 1:40*

*Minutes crafted by Erin Bolinger*