



## Georgia Trauma Commission

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

### GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 23 January 2014  
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Midtown Medical Center Conference Room  
710 Center Street  
Columbus, Georgia 31902

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman Ms. Linda Cole, RN, Vice Chair Mr. Courtney Terwilliger Dr. Fred Mullins Mr. Mark Baker Dr. Robert Cowles Dr. Jeffrey Nicholas	Ms. Elaine Frantz, Secretary/Treasurer ( <i>Excused</i> ) Vacant Governor EMS Appointee Member

STAFF MEMBERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Mr. Jim Pettyjohn, Executive Director Mr. John Cannady, TCC Manager Ms. Dena Abston, Business Operations Officer	Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Ms. Brittany Jones Ms. Renee Morgan Dr. Pat O'Neal Ms. Rana Bayakly Ms. Lori Mabry Ms. Karen Waters Ms. Kelly Nadeau Ms. Deb Battle Ms. Jesse Echols Ms. Rochella Mood Dr. Regina Medeiros Etienne Pracht, Ph. D. Mr. Bo Drinkard Mr. Jesper Gronvall Mr. Scott Maxwell Mr. Heyward Wells Dr. Beverley Townsend Mr. Ed Saidla Mr. Ed Lynch	Assistant Attorney General OEMS/T OEMS/T DPH Georgia Trauma Foundation Georgia Hospital Association DPH Northeast Georgia Medical Center Northeast Georgia Medical Center Atlanta Medical Center Georgia Regents University University of South Florida – Tampa Coliseum Health/Fairview Park Saab Defense 4 Security Mathews & Maxwell, Inc. JMS Burn Center at Doctors Hospital West Central Health District West Central Health District Stewart County EMS

Mr. Kevin Harralson Mr. Jimmy Carver Mr. Michael Hagues Mr. Jake Lonas Ms. Gina Solomon Mr. Blake Monroe Ms. Charlotte Bush Ms. Tammye Atkinson Mr. Darrell Enfinger Ms. Ashley Forsythe Ms. Danlin Luo Ms. Tess Frankum Mr. Frank Perez Mr. Dan Woods Ms. Paula Carter Ms. Marie Harrell Ms. Jaina Carnes Mr. Greg Pereira Mr. Sam Cunningham	CARE Ambulance Harris County EMS St. Francis Hospital/EMS Puckett EMS Gwinnett Medical Center Meadows Regional Medical Center MedEagle Quitman County EMS West Central Health District Midtown Medical Center DPH Airlife Georgia Airlife Georgia Columbus Fire & EMS Columbus Fire & EMS Columbus Fire & EMS Cartersville Medical Center CHOA Region 7 EMS
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**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:46 AM

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED:** 7 Commission Members Present

**WELCOME**

Presented by Dr. Ashley

Dr. Ashley thanked Midtown Medical Center for use of their facilities for the Commission meeting.

Introductions and welcome to Columbus and Midtown Medical Center:

Ms. Bonnie Franco, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President for Midtown Medical Center

Mr. Sam Cunningham, Region 7 EMS

Dr. Beverley Townsend, Medical Director, West Central Health District

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Presented by Dr. Ashley

Dr. Ashley indicated the budget is locked in at \$15.3M for FY 2015 from the Superspeeder Bill revenues and that he is working with legislators to increase their knowledge of the trauma system needs. This is the only source of revenue the Commission currently receives.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION GTCNC 2014-01-01:**

**I make the motion to approve the minutes of the 21 November 2013**

**Commission meeting as written.**

**MOTION BY:** DR. FRED MULLINS

**SECOND BY:** LINDA COLE

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

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

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE for 2014**

### **MOTION GTCNC 2014-01-02:**

**I make the motion to approve the 2014 calendar year meeting schedule as presented in the Administrative Report.**

**MOTION BY:** LINDA COLE

**SECOND BY:** DR. FRED MULLINS

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

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Presented by Mr. Pettyjohn

Mr. Pettyjohn reported the Administrative Report (See Commission website for full Administrative Report) included a copy of Dr. Pracht's presentation, the Commission's strategic plan approves in 2012, the draft OEMST trauma plan, TMD trauma patient transfer poster with letter, and summary of the Georgia Trauma System Evaluation Committee's logic model and metrics.

FY 2014 Expenditures Report was presented by Mr. Pettyjohn and Ms. Abston. The expenditures report showed the tracking through December 31, 2013 with a mid-year projection amount as well as the possible available balance.

Dr. Ashley mentioned the Budget Subcommittee received the full expenditures report and reviewed thoroughly. The Budget Subcommittee will continue this process unless anyone objected. No objections or questions were stated.

### **LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Presented by Ms. Jones

Ms. Jones reported a request of advice was received for the determination of the Commission per diem amount allowance allowed for subcommittee meetings, other business meetings related to the Commission and participation of telephone conference calls. Her finding concludes that formal Commission, Subcommittee, and telephonic meetings are eligible for per diem expense allowance of \$105 per day. However, any other business meetings which may relate to Commission business are not eligible for the per diem expense allowance. Travel expenses are also eligible for members to receive when attending a formal Commission or Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Jones has issued a Letter of Advice (LOA) with what is indeed allowable or not. Her recommendation includes the revision of the by-laws to include the payment of Subcommittee and telephonic meetings at the same allowed per diem as the Commission meetings of \$105 and include the travel expenses. She also recommended the Commission should decide whether or not to pay per diem amounts for telephonic meetings. Dr. Ashley and Ms. Cole decided to work within the subcommittee and bring a recommendation to the next Commission meeting for a vote.

### **EMS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Presented by Mr. Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger began by indicating he had the approved EMS Subcommittee minutes available for review if anyone wanted. He then mentioned the Leadership Course popular across the state and is supported by OEMS/T and the County Commissioners. The Subcommittee is working

towards an EMS redesign plan on the basis that if EMS did not exist today, how would it be built. He indicated that they are working with the GEMSIS workgroup with Angie Rios at OEMS/T on how to improve data collection across the state of Georgia.

The Subcommittee has also been working to complete a waiver sheet for trauma equipment items needed by EMS providers which may not be on the trauma equipment list. They are using help from the TMD's and Georgia COT groups to compile a more thorough list of trauma equipment to be presented and approved by the Commission.

There are a few new projects and courses they will be working to complete as well with FY 2014 funds which include: Triage Tagging System to be consistent across state; Trauma Causality Care Course (TCCC); Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (EVOC) with in-class training. He also mentioned a Child Seat Safety Course as a new course. There was some concern that the Child Seat Safety Course may not have a positive difference and how could it be metrically defined with expectations on what should be addressed in the course.

### **GCTE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Presented by Ms. Gina Solomon

Ms. Gina Solomon gave the GCTE update due to the absence of Ms. Elaine Frantz. Ms. Solomon is the new president for the group. She mentioned they are working to transition to V5 outcomes module and learning the process for the registry data download information. They are working with representatives at Digital Innovations to get a webinar together for the upload.

The Injury Prevention group is working with Matter of Balance on fall prevention course which could include 6 of the GCTE members to be coaches in their Regions or Trauma Centers. There are several courses scheduled by TAG to take place prior to the end of FY 2014.

### **TRAUMA MEDICAL DIRECTORS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Presented by Dr. Ashley

Dr. Ashley reported the TMD's are meeting via one hour conference calls every other month. They have completed the trauma patient transfer poster and the letter. They are meeting again on 27 January 2014 via conference call to make a decision on how to distribute the poster and letter across the state, among other regular business. A copy of the poster is on page 10 of the Administrative Report.

### **RESOURCE AVAILABILITY DISPLAY**

Presented by Mr. Cannady

Mr. Cannady began by mentioning the Subcommittee met around 3 weeks ago and have been coming up with some changes to the RAD. The group has discussed limiting the EMS agencies view of the RAD to be simpler. They have also discussed to do away with the yellow status and just keep the red and green options for indicating the status of specialty services. .

### **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT**

Presented by Mr. Cannady

Mr. Cannady began by indicating the State Trauma Plan will be presented by Dr. O'Neal from OEMS/T later in the afternoon. A couple more regions are moving towards regionalization. Regions 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 all continue to work through their RTAC's work group or their EMS councils to continue to develop their regional plans for trauma patients. Region 4 has had some changes in leadership. Region 2 is working towards establishing a RTAC workgroup with Chad Black as their chairman and mentioned Northeast Georgia Medical Center is the newest designated Trauma Center located within Region 2. Region 3 is doing a BIS assessment and

examining the trauma plan. He is hopeful that the regions will begin creating a common regional plan based on the State Trauma Plan.

**GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION**

Presented by Ms. Mabry

Ms. Mabry reported the GTF has completed its first month of operations. She has reached out to the IRS on the pending status of 501(C)(3) and concluded that since the federal government shutdown, no progress has been made. She is going to be reaching out to the Trauma Centers and visiting them to see what needs they may have.

**DATA SUBCOMMITTEE**

**ANALYSIS of the GEORGIA TRAUMA SYSTEM**

Presented by Etienne E. Pracht, Ph. D.

Dr. Ashley introduced Dr. Etienne E. Pracht from the University of South Florida (USF). Dr. Pracht's power point presentation is on the Commission's website. Dr. Pracht began by reporting that he is an economist for USF in Tampa, FL. He indicated the objectives for this study was to figure out how far Georgia residents were from trauma centers across the state, and to help define what metrics should be established. He also mentioned for the purpose of this study burn system patients were analyzed separately.

Dr. Pracht referred to the power point presentation page 8 when mentioning how he figures the Injury Severity Score (ICISS) which is database dependent, continuous, and available for both designated trauma centers and non-designated centers. He compared the ICISS to the Injury Severity Score (ISS) as it is more based on facts, the data, and lack of the amount a patient's injuries assessed to figure score.

Discussion ensued. A question arose about page 9 "Injury Mechanism", the difference in vehicle 1 and vehicle 2 descriptions. Dr. Pracht explained vehicle 1 is a vehicle to vehicle accident and vehicle 2 is a vehicle that collides with anything other than a vehicle.

Beginning on page 12, Dr. Pracht wanted to point out that beginning in 2007 at time of the recession the statistics dropped significantly indicating that the economy is a large factor in the findings. He also mentioned that there is a larger drop for Georgia than the Nation as a whole. All patients assessed are done by the residential location of the patient not of where they were injured. The origin of the data is discharge data which includes all hospitals across the state.

Dr. Pracht pointed out on page 18 slide 36 is listed by the trauma center with the most severe cases. To explain the emergency data, patients must survive the first 23 hours of arrival at hospital to be included in this study. He further explained that he did not want to dilute the data with non-admitted patients.

**GA TRAUMA SYSTEM EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Presented by Ms. Alice Zimmerman

Refer to pages 11-14 of the Administrative Report for a summary from Ms. Zimmerman. This subcommittee has been working to establish goals and define measurable metrics for the trauma system with collective efforts from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), State Office of EMS/Trauma (OEMS/T), and the Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC). Page 11 lists all members of the subcommittee, their respective titles and organizations.

Ms. Zimmerman reported that the subcommittee collaboratively developed the logic model on pages 12-13 as a visual representation of GTC's inputs, outputs and outcomes. Page 14 defines

the metrics recommended by the subcommittee and presents the FY 2013 results for each measure. The Commission will use the metrics to update the legislature on an annual basis.

**DPH OEMS/T – State Trauma Plan**

Presented by Dr. O’Neal

Dr. O’Neal began by reporting the Draft version of the State Trauma Plan was emailed out to the Commission members a week prior to the meeting and it has also been posted on the Commission website.

This plan incorporates the Strategic Plan of the Commission cross-walked with the measurable metrics built in the Trauma System Evaluation Committee. The primary goals have been linked into the plan. The plan includes an Executive Summary on the first page, which defines a Mission, Vision, and Seven Components which form the core of the Georgia Trauma System plan. The following are the seven mentioned components: Legislation and Finance; Public Information, Education, and Prevention; Professional Resources; Pre-Hospital Resources; Definitive Care Facilities; Evaluation; and Research.

Dr. O’Neal reported Dr. Pracht’s data revealed an important measure which clearly shows more people are being treated at designated trauma centers across the state. He further explained this data should be considered as a measure to be maintained by the Trauma System Evaluation Committee.

Dr. O’Neal presented key points laid out in the plan and mentioned the rehabilitation piece is of critical importance but weak. Discussion ensued about the plan; what next steps would be, how to achieve a work plan, and how to achieve goals of the plan. The plan will continue to evolve over time and improve itself.

Ms. Karen Waters from the Georgia Hospital Association reported to have an inclusive trauma system plan it must include every hospital’s parts from across the state and that they all have a part to play. The plan needs to be updated to include non-designated hospitals as support for the trauma centers. The non-designated hospitals need to understand the importance of their role within the system and plan which can be done by providing them education.

Dr. O’Neal introduced Kelly Nadeau from Emergency Preparedness. He reported that this plan should be integrated with the emergency preparedness system plan where the State Trauma System Plan becomes a core part of basic infrastructure for emergency preparedness.

After the plan has been approved, it will be forwarded to the RTAC’s to develop their regional plans with the state plan as a template. This will allow them to evaluate region performance and establish guidelines specific to their regions.

Dr. O’Neal reported a controversial piece of the plan includes the Trauma Communications Center (TCC). The college originally recommended defining the TCC as a transfer center only. However, it was built as a true communications center for scene calls and transfer calls. His recommendation is to change the usage of the center to be primarily a transfer center for hospital to hospital transfers. Another change he recommended was to change a strategic goal, from 100% of Georgia trauma patients arriving for definitive care with the “golden hour” to 95% of Georgia trauma patients arriving for definitive care with the “golden hour”.

Dr. O'Neal reported that if any of the Commission members had any recommendations to pass them along to Mr. Jim Pettyjohn to compile and submit by next Commission meeting. He wanted to also give thanks to Ms. Renee Morgan, Ms. Peki Prince, and Mr. Bruce Jeffries from OEMS/T for their help putting together this plan.

**eBROSELOW UPDATED**

Presented by Mr. Peter Lazar and Mr. Mike Baker

Mr. Peter Lazar is the CEO for eBroselow, LLC and introduced Mr. Mike Baker as the Vice President of Sales and Customer Care. Their Quarterly Report is in the administrative report from pages 15-20.

Mr. Lazar began by reporting they provide hospitals across the state with a tool for accurate medication doses. It began mostly for the pediatric population. The tool helps the hospital provide general medical treatment as opposed to no standard of medicine received typically. It also defines a chemical makeup for medication by each specific patient, while incorporating several different factors such as sex, weight, etc. They have provided under contract 50 licensed hospitals in Georgia, however one of which has backed out, therefore only 49 hospitals are participating. The Regions with the most participation includes regions 5, 6, and 9.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Presented by Dr. Ashley

Commission members did not have any old/new business to report, nor did Dr. Ashley.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:42 PM**

*Crafted by Dena Abston*