



Georgia Trauma Commission

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EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

Scheduled: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Putnam County Administration Building, I don't
117 Putnam Drive,
Eatonton, GA 31024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the April meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum at the Putnam County Administration Building in Eatonton, GA. at 1:02 pm.

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

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Lisa McDowd (Conference Line) Kim Littleton Cathy White Renee Morgan Gina Solomon Kristal Smith	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff GAEMS GAEMS OEMS/T GCTE RTAC Region 5

12 April 2016 Minutes Approval:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the 11 March 2016 EMS subcommittee meeting.

MOTION #1 EMS Subcommittee 2016-04-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the 11 March 2016 EMS Subcommittee meeting as written.

MOTION BY: JIMMY CARVER

SECOND BY: CHAD BLACK

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

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

Discussion on Vizitech Software

The group discussed the Vizitech Software. Everyone agreed the software was really great and enjoyed the demonstration. We will be bringing back the trauma equipment grants. Maybe these funds can provide agencies the opportunity to purchase this equipment for educational purposes. Vizitech may also be interested in live software or a pilot project with EMS in Georgia to enhance the learning experiences.

Mr. Terwilliger indicated he would add a placeholder in the FY 2017 budget for Vizitech and that he would get back to them on a proposal of what can be offered for individual agencies with trauma equipment grant dollars. They have also worked with the Department of Transportation for driver simulation.

Discussion on AVLS

There was a discussion on the MOU's for the AVL systems. For the new systems purchased and the airtime for all systems MOU's, these will describe the proper usage agreement and termination of service if necessary. Essentially, the idea is to have data usage for all 911 calls to show best way to spend funding. We are working on feedback from the AG's office on whether this data could be subject to the Open Records Request. The long-term goals will be to improve our systems and be able to produce some quality assurance program with AVLS similar to TQIP. Tonya with Sierra Wireless has already notified us that the turnover of data occurs every 14 days.

MOTION #2 EMS Subcommittee 2016-04-02:

I make the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understandings as presented with an amendment that the recording requirements of data back to 14 days.

MOTION BY: BLAKE THOMPSON

SECOND BY: CHAD BLACK

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

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

Discussion: The MOU's basically indicate the EMS agency will agree to monitor usage and use devices at all times in a professional way only. The MOU's will have to be amended to add the recording requirement of 14 days back on the agreement. Also, Monica Sullivan with the AG's office will need to review and approve them before sending out. Ninety units will be dispersed to Regions 5 & 6 because they are older models plus there are 40 new units available to agencies, which have never received units before.

Discussion ensued about which agencies would be eligible for the new or replacement units. See the chart below on which the scoring criteria would be defined. Mr. Terwilliger reported that he would type up a scoring criteria sheet and will send it to the group by the weekend to review. Then work through it electronically before submitting it to Monica Sullivan to review for appropriateness and legalities.

Scoring Criteria (New)	Scoring Criteria (Replacement)
Utilize system to transport mobile data	Utilize system to transport mobile data
Works with State, GEMA for Emergency Evacuation & Transfers	Works with State, GEMA for Emergency Evacuation & Transfers
Provides data to GEMSIS in timely	Provides data to GEMSIS in timely

manner	manner
Data to the Triage tracking system	Data to the Triage tracking system
	Damaged Systems
Participation in Meetings: RTAC and EMS Council	Participation in Meetings: RTAC and EMS Council

Discussion on the Regional System Improvement Competitive Grants

Regions 1 and 10 have already submitted their proposals. Try to meet with your Regions when the letter and applications are received. The amount of funds to be dispersed is \$298,743.31. The group will have to review all grants and decide which ones are best suited for the GTC mission. The grants deadline will be May 31, 2016 and the Subcommittee will meet on June 9, 2016 to make decisions. The letter and application will be sent out to the OEMS/T Regional Directors to kindly disperse.

GAEMS/Foundation Update

The Foundation is conducting an Extrication course in Washington County, which will be the last course to complete the deliverable. They would like to add courses to the upcoming contracts due to demand being high.

GAEMS continues to work with Georgia Southern on the EMS 20/20 project. They are working to gather information in order to complete the SWOT analysis. For the PHTLS/ITLS courses, all courses had either been completed or scheduled to meet the deliverable. The EMT/EMR courses funds were combined for FY 2014 & FY 2015 of which 10 courses have been completed with 6 scheduled to occur. Ms. Littleton reported the 2 TECC courses have been scheduled at Grady and Brasington within the next 3-4 weeks. She believes there will be enough funds for an additional TECC courses and noted there were 56 people on the waiting list.

Ms. Littleton reported that within the next 2 weeks the Triage tags will be begin to be purchased. This project was divided between 2 fiscal years as well. The vendor is working to get the training worked out. She is also working to make sure that prior to sending the triage tags out that she receives what is required of the contract deliverables.

Mr. Atkins mentioned that the software purchased for the pilot project in Region 10 would need to be paid as well. He forwarded the invoices to GTC for basic hosting, backup and availability and renewal of the single domain and website.

Discussion of FY 2017 EMS Budget

- Add a zero for the Triage System
- Add a zero for the CAT Tourniquets
- Ms. Littleton recommended the Leadership course funds be increased to \$110,000
- Mr. Atkins recommended leaving the Regional System Improvement Grants and adding a \$1 just as a placeholder.
- EMR/EMT demand is still high. Unless the price per jump bags increased the amount per course should be the same as the previous year.
- Just Culture Instructor Training still working on SOW. Mr. Terwilliger recommends increasing the amount of courses to at least 4 offered. Mr. Atkins recommended to just leave 2 courses as available. Mr. Black also agreed to only provide 2 courses since there is so many things unknown about how the course will proceed.
- GEMSIS support: Ms. Littleton asked about what the end goal was for this group. Discussion ensued about goals of this group and assisting the State with writing policies. The conclusion was made to keep the same amount of funding available to continue to support their efforts.

- TECC courses are in high demand. These courses are costing about \$10,000 each and are expensive for only 24 students at a time. Discussion concluded to raise these funds to \$100,000 to provide a TECC course for each region. Region 10 and 1 have added to their regional grants requests a TECC course each.
- PHTLS/ITLS/EPC: not in as much demand as TECC; remains the same at \$121,300
- EVOC: demand same keep \$25,000
- Extrication: increased demand but having a hard time finding centralized junk yards; would like the goals to remain the same \$102,000
- Telemedicine: \$5,000 video software support
- Child Seat Tech/Child Passenger Safety: discussion ensued about demand and where in the state the demand is for the classes. Region 9 is eager to hold some of these classes. Increased the amount to \$100,000. This funding area can be for equipment and/or courses.
- Additional AVLS: Leaving the AVLS funds the same at \$117,832.
- AV Project/Videographer: Added \$1 placeholder; still trying to hire someone to do it.
- One-day pre-hospital trauma symposium: \$25,000 added to be prior to the educator's conference in Savannah.
- Leadership Curriculum Development: added category as a placeholder.
- Discussion ensued around splitting the amounts of funding remaining after all the above mentioned funds have been expended between the Regional Trauma System Improvement Grants and the Trauma Equipment Grants.

Upcoming Items

31 May 2016: Deadline for Regional System Improvement Grants

09 June 2016: Next meeting will be held at GPSTC

MOTION #3 EMS Subcommittee 2016-04-03: I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: CHAD BLACK

SECOND BY: JIMMY CARVER

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Minutes crafted by: Dena Abston