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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION
Thursday, 15 November 2018
Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service
1120 Allgood Industrial Court
Marietta, Georgia 30062

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman Dr. Fred Mullins, Vice Chairman (conference) Mr. Victor Drawdy, Secretary/Treasurer Regina Medeiros Dr. James Dunne Dr. John Bleacher Mr. Courtney Terwilliger Dr. James J Smith Dr. Robert Cowles (conference)	

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Erin Bolinger Billy Kunkle Katie Hamilton Renee Morgan Dewayne Morgan Dr. Christopher Dente Liz Atkins Sharon Nieb Farrah Parker Scott Maxwell Jekerry Weaver Mark Peters Dr. Jeffrey Nicholas Kristal Smith	Georgia Trauma Commission, Executive Director Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff DPH/OEMST Baldwin County Fire Emory University Grady Memorial Hospital Surgery Prevention Research Center-Emory JMS Burn Center at Doctor's Hospital HCA Gwinnett Fire RTAC III Gwinnett Medical Trauma Services, Navicent

Stephanie Jordan Scott Waldhour	RTAC IV RTAC VI

Call to Order: 10:05 AM

Quorum Established: 9 of 9 commission members present or on conference line.

Welcome/Chairman’s Report

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley welcomed everyone and began with introducing our newly appointed Commission member, Dr. James “J” Smith from Gwinnett Medical Center. We are excited to have him and have a full Commission. Dr. Ashley reported on his recent presentation at A.A.S.T in September where he presented our readiness cost survey. It was well received and there should be publication upcoming in the journal of trauma. TCAA (Trauma Center Association of America) would like us to present this work at their upcoming meeting as well. The national meeting held in September there was great representation from Georgia. Also a reminder that our research grant deadline of up to \$ 1 million has an upcoming deadline of November 30th. Dr. Ashley report that all of this information is online.

Administrative Report

Presented by Dena Abston

Ms. Abston advised the Commission that Ms. Allard was recently appointed as a counselor to the America Public Health Association and is currently attending their meeting. Ms. Allard is also a part of the TQIP panel this weekend at TQIP along with Dr. Dente and Ms. Atkins. Mr. Kunkle has been traveling and during the ACS conference taught 8 Stop the Bleed courses at the request of the college. He also hosted some train the trainer courses during clinical congress. He will be on a panel discussion at TQIP for Stop the Bleed this weekend. Nightly News with Lester Holt recently showcased our state Stop the Bleed program this past week.

Ms. Abston reviewed the FY18 Super Speeder collection revenue as of October 30th report and its current collection of \$ 21.4 million. This is a monthly issued report from the Department of Driver Services. Ms. Abston shows no real concern or change as originally suspected by the institution of the Paupers affidavit. Ms. Abston reviewed the proposed and previously approved dates and locations of FY19 Commission meetings. Ms. Abston made mention of the January 2019 meeting in Macon and the time change and length of meeting decrease from 2 days to 1 day with a full day meeting. The March meeting dates have changed as they were overlapping with a conference. Ms. Abston reviewed the hosting locations of May and November meetings. There was no opposition to the dates and locations.

MOTION GTCNC 2018-11-01:

I make the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 2018 minute as presented.

MOTION BY: Victor Drawdy

SECOND BY: Dr. James Bleacher

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

System Planning/ RTAC Report

Presented by Billy Kunkle

Mr. Kunkle began with an update to the Stop the Bleed school response. At this time there have been four reported tourniquet usages across the state. We have had lots of positive feedback from the school nurses. It is reported that there are over 61,000 total individuals trained and we have 84% of our state schools training either completed or in progress with 77% of our schools in receipt of the kits. Regions 1 and Region 9 are 100% completed. Mr. Kunkle wanted to recognize Gwinnett County School system as they are the 12th largest system in our nation and they have completed school and school bus training by the end of this month. This is a phenomenal task for 148 schools. Dr. Ashley asked about metro Atlanta. Mr. Kunkle says all areas of Atlanta with the exception of Clayton county are working towards completion. Mr. Kunkle is continuing talks with the Clayton county school board in hopes of getting them on board before the end of the year. Some schools within Clayton county are trained and have their kits and it was reported that one of those schools has had to use a kit. Dr. Ashley asked if there was anything that the Commission could do to help along the counties that are still in need of training and kits. Mr. Kunkle reported that Lincoln county near Augusta has not been as receptive and that he was in. Mr. Kunkle hopes his new RTAC coordinator for that area will be able to complete this area. Region 7, Taylor and Chattahoochee have not had an EMS council meeting in 9 months and have had very little activity. There is now a new regional EMS director, Mr. Russ Mcgee that intends to get

everything running soon and work with us on getting the kits in the schools as well as the training.

Mr. Kunkle reported on the School Bus initiative which Mr. Kunkle reported on the progress. His goal is to have statewide bus systems scheduled or trained prior to the end of next summer (2019). At this time with the funding already granted by the Commission we have enough for 7,000 kits but are in need of 20,000 kits to furnish all school busses statewide. Mr. Kunkle will request additional funding to complete the project if there are additional funds to request for. Dr. Bleacher asked how the school bus initiative changes the scale of our Stop the Bleed project. Mr. Kunkle advised we are putting 1 kit on each school bus and doing mass training which has proven to be easier than the schools. There will be a December shipment of kits for the busses and distribution and training will continue through 2019. It is estimated that we will have 50,000 kits within our community upon completion. Mr. Kunkle reported that we are also providing one training kit per school for continuing education and new employee training.

Mr. Kunkle updated the Commission on the video and the collaboration with American College of Surgeons. The second version of the Stop the Bleed procedures are being released in March and we intend to collaborate on a video with ACS after that release. Mr. Kunkle reported on making the Stop the Bleed program a part of normal first aid taught to all students. Older students have been very responsive to the training. Mr. Terwilliger discussed how first responders are incorporating the CPR training and the Stop the Bleed training and it has worked out well. The school safety committee has our recommendations to include our program within the training. Dr. Ashley suggested some behind the scenes work from Mr. Kunkle to gain support on the side of safety. Mr. Terwilliger mentioned the training that the sports curriculum leader at our schools already have in place.

Dr. Ashley reported that the recent ACS conference that there has been some discussion that ACS has limited/restricted who is allowed to teach the program and that can hinder the goal. But there is good discussion on this and awareness to not be so restrictive to just medical personnel. Mr. Kunkle reported on its intent to continue to expand this program and Georgia is leading this nationwide. Ms. Medeiros suggested that our next step is to make sure the schools are self-sufficient and continue the training themselves. Mr. Kunkle believes that is what the training kits to each school will assist with. Dr. Ashley sees us as facilitators to the Stop the Bleed training. Dr. Ashley also wanted to take time to appreciate all our volunteers that have assisted in this.

Mr. Kunkle reported on the Regional Trauma plans and all are located in the report today. All regions are looking at their plans, and prior assessments and it is his intention to have some commonalities across the state so we are all functioning similarly. Mr. Kunkle introduced his

regional trauma planners for Regions 1/3/4/6/8/9. There is a partnership with UGA currently for one of our coordinators and he is in their public health program and has been very beneficial. Mr. Kunkle reviewed the quarterly reports that are all located in the Commission handbook.

Dr. Nicholas spoke on a request for some residual RTAC III funds to be reallocated. We have a request for fatal vision kits and equipping some of our emergency rooms with them and distracted driving modules and a request for replacement of parts for \$ 1,1170.00. Mrs. Van Ness our Injury Prevention program manager at Wellstar Kennestone is requesting to host a TPM course for \$ 6700 and Ms. Moorcones is looking for \$ 18,945.00 for a TCAR course for 62 attendees in January. Total funds we request to be reallocated are approximately \$ 26,815.00. Suntrust Park is also requesting we outfit the park with 100+ Stop the Bleed kits/ wall mount stations, this project total is \$ 13,749.50 for a total reallocation of all funds of about \$ 40,560.00. Ms. Medeiros asked for clarification of the required expenditures by December 31st. This was confirmed. All funds must be reallocated by the end of 2018. We are working to pre pay the January course.

MOTION GTCNC 2018-11-02:

I make the motion to approve that any region is allowed to spend funds specific to those held by the Georgia Trauma Foundation as their committees and trauma system planner deem appropriate without requiring additional Commission approval for fund reallocation.

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Victor Drawdy

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Dr. Dunne asked about funds we allocate for contract positions that may not be filled in the year we allocate the funds for. Ms. Abston says we will revisit this at our spring meeting and make decisions on reallocation of funds.

OEMST Report

Presented by Renee Morgan

Ms. Morgan updated the Commission on positions filled in Regional training positions. Regions 1/8/9 have been filled. Regions 2 and 3 are in process and there are open positions for Regions 4/5/6/7/10. The GEMSIS elite workshops are progressing or almost at completion. The course is extremely helpful and having the EMS look at their data there is n understanding of getting quality data. There is a recent contract with a new software company that will allow us to merge cardiac and trauma care data. Ms. Morgan believes this platform will work and be very good for our state and data collection. Ms. Morgan reviewed the data report (Exhibit A is OEMST report).

Georgia Trauma Foundation

Presented by Regina Medeiros

(Exhibit B attached)

GCTE Report

Presented by Liz Atkins

Sub-Committee Reports

Injury Prevention

This years Day at the Capital will be all about injury Prevention so all 3 task forces are working together in planning that. The GA COT is all set up and reserved with space for various Injury Prevention tables in the southwest wing of the capitol. There is also talk of hosting a luncheon that day and they are determining costs of this and would be prior to the event at the capital but after the morning meeting and line with legislators.

There is still work being done on the statewide resource list so if there are any items to be added to that, please send to Ms. Smith.

Registry Subcommittee

The data dictionary is still in process and there are still some draft definitions to be completed. On the year-end registry update Ms. Atkins asked Ms. Probst to address.

Ms. Probst said DI sent e-mail to everyone and to please advise if you were not in receipt of the e-mail. There will be 2 phases to the update (1) confirming all registries are current with coding and NTB requirements and (2) the State update. Both should come out by end of the year.

Special Projects

Ms. Atkins discussed the toolkit and the need to have more volunteer support to finish this project. As of now there have been no volunteers, if you are interested in this project please email Erin at the Trauma Commission office. There are some tools, documents, and forms that we have collected. Ms.

Mabry has branded them with our logo and colors and those are available in the meantime. If any centers have an upcoming ACS visit planned, it was suggested to reach out to Ms. Medeiros or any of the recent centers that have just completed their ACS visits. Ms. Atkins requested 2 volunteers and reminded the group that we are not needing them responsible for content but more so the compilation and organization and work with Ms. Mabry to add the tools to the website.

Ms. Morgan requested being kept in the loop on the visits and it was suggested that she be on the team with her expertise and ACS visits.

Education Subcommittee

There are 2 upcoming TNCC courses. And there is an EMPC course being held at Habersham in February. There is a need for instructors for this course and please email Ms. Moorcones if you can help. There is a TCAR course at Wellstar being hosted next week with 50 slots. There also will be a TCRN course, please check the STN website for this. There is also the recent purchase of the STN e-library, we need to create a form for all users to sign to comply with the purchase price requirements for the state, and an MOU is being worked on for this. Ms. Atkins requested Ms. Moorcones come up with a distribution process for this. There will be an optimal course on March 13th at the Chateau Élan from 10:00 AM to 6:30.

Performance Improvement Subcommittee

Work has begun on the two subcommittee projects the under triage and the admission non-surgical tool kit. The next meeting is scheduled for next week prior to TQIP. The last meeting, we just reviewed the new state reports and changes in those and looking at the data for over/under triage specifically. If there is anything anyone wants added to the data dictionary, please send to Ms. Hartigan.

Ms. Atkins mentioned an under-triage reporting tool that is a methodology that Grand Strand is using and that is an HCA facility. The criterion is a little different then the Krevari method. Ms. Moorcones has been reviewing this in a pre-review/ post review perspective. This may be another helpful tool for our visits.

Pediatric Subcommittee

The subcommittee is working on Pediatric Trauma Imaging guidelines.

GQIP Collaborative

Presented: Dr. Chris Dente

Dr. Dente (Exhibit C) discussed all the GQIP fall activities, the VAP project, and its presentation. There may not be a continuation of the VAP project and there will be future discussion on this. The collaborative report we just received came with a quality report, so we are getting better at data collection and sharing. Dr. Dente is waiting on some state data to assist in development of a tool that will allow us to identify higher risk patients. The next GQIP meeting will be in January.

EMS Subcommittee Report

Presented: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger reported on the recent trauma skills labs that have been held have been very beneficial and warmly welcomed. The attendance has been a mix of EMS and about 30% Nursing. The skill set is really beneficial. There has been so much positive response with over 330 people trained. We have been collecting data on the skill sets presented so we can collect before and after data on how the skills being taught at the labs are benefitting our EMS and nurses across the state. Terwilliger suggested since these trauma skill courses have been so well received, he suggests that we partner up in funding some additional trauma skills labs together in 2019. Mr. Terwilliger proceeded to review the projected FY19 EMS 20% stakeholder budget items. At the most recent EMS subcommittee meeting the FY19 budget was reviewed and approved.

MOTION GTCNC 2018-11-03:

I make the motion to approve the FY19 EMS Stakeholder Budget as presented.

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Dr. James Dunne

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

New Business

Presented: Dr. Dennis Ashley

Ms. Medeiros made mention of a software we have that we can all use if we pay the \$600.00 annual fee of the licensing to use. It has the capability of capturing data that all can use and we just are not using it. In discussion with Mr. Huey Atkins we discussed being able to use this at non-designated centers that share their data with us. This is also being piloted in Region 10 and we would like to use in Region 6. Ms. Medeiros proposes we pay the annual fee to be able to use the software again. Mr. Terwilliger reported on the need for software like this, suggests we hold a small group software discussion, and would like to hold further discussion on this at another time. This particular software was already in creation by the Commission but just has not been utilized. Dr. Ashley suggested we discuss using contingency funds.

MOTION GTCNC 2018-11-04:

I make the motion to utilize Commission funding to pay the annual \$600 webhosting fee for the data tool.

MOTION BY: Regina Medeiros

SECOND BY: Courtney Terwilliger

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Mr. Terwilliger and Dr. Dunne were discussing rural patient transfer and timeliness to some of our rural facilities and the staff at our most rural facilities. Often times these centers do not have all the knowledge that should be shared. Mr. Terwilliger would like to talk with the Georgia Hospital Association, figure out a plan, and adapt a skill set and work on our physician turnover rate in these facilities. Dr. Ashley agrees and believes any help to get our RTTDC course within these facilities and increase participation level. There are also several procedures that could be taught, and it was suggested we host a cadaver lab and work on getting attendance up. Mr. Terwilliger will discuss with GHA and update the Commission.

Meeting as adjourned at 1:31

Minutes crafted by: Erin Bolinger