



Georgia Trauma Commission

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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 15 May 2014
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Gwinnett Medical Center
1000 Medical Center Boulevard
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman Ms. Linda Cole, RN, Vice Chair Ms. Elaine Frantz, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Courtney Terwilliger Dr. Fred Mullins Mr. Mark Baker Dr. Robert Cowles Dr. Jeffrey Nicholas Mr. Victor Drawdy	None

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

** Public sign-in list for this meeting was lost.

Call to Order: 10:07 am

Quorum Established: 10:19 AM, 8 of 9 commission members present.

Welcome

Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley introduced and welcomed the newest Commission member, Mr. Victor Drawdy from Jesup, Georgia in Wayne County, as the Governor appointee as an EMS representative.

Chairman's Report

Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley noted that the legislative session had ended. He also reported that Dr. Pracht's report identified "need" areas for trauma centers across the state. Dr. Ashley noted revenue for the Commission was coming from Super Speeder bill, and the

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Commission would receive an additional \$1,000,000 in FY 2015. He also reported the Commission would increase payments of Readiness to Trauma Centers from 6.8 cents to around 7-8 cents on the dollar. Georgia was the second state with ACS (the first being Michigan), and that GACOT had formed an aggregate report of trauma patients grouped into one report instead of 16 individual ones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION GTCNC 2014-05-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes of the 23 January 2014 Commission meeting as written.

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

Mr. Jim Pettyjohn

Mr. Pettyjohn mentioned the administrative report was based on the FY 2015 budget and that individual subcommittees would be proposing funding plans.

Dr. Cowles joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

FY 2015 Budget Review

Ms. Elaine Frantz

Ms. Frantz reported the FY2015 budget would increase to \$16.3 million due to Super Speeder revenues. Ms. Franz continued by starting with the staff proposed FY 2015 budget, Commission operations area. The largest increases in this area are due to a Governor mandated increase in employee benefits and a new office lease for the Commission offices. The State Properties Commission is working with a potential lessor to work a contract for the operations office space and will potentially move in around July or August 1st. GTC staff reviewed and considered 4 bids with the chosen space in Rossville, GA.

The next area Ms. Franz presented was the Trauma Communications Center (TCC), mentioning the State Trauma Plan recognizes the TCC as a hospital-to-hospital transfer facility and resource center. She reported that John Cannady had reduced staff during FY 2014 to single agent coverage. She also mentioned the TCC will be available as needed by EMS providers, for RAD and diversion information. The largest impact on this budget area is that John Cannady's position has been moved to the System Development & Accountability budget area.

Mr. Cannady discussed the next budget area for System Development & Accountability while giving his reports about the Trauma System Evaluation Committee and regionalization updates. He reported the GEMSIS workgroup has been working on identifying trauma patients using EMS data and tracking time from injury to definitive care. The software is currently capturing 80-85% of trauma patients to arrive at hospitals in less than 60 minutes. He indicated that Ms. Angie Rios gave a report about this information during the April 2014 meeting.

Mr. Cannady also gave the following RTAC updates:

- Region 1: working on adopted trauma plan by GTC.
- Region 2: formed their RTAC and has received approval of a regionalization grant for start-up costs.
- Region 3: oldest formed RTAC in the state. Dr. Nicholas is working to put together a proposal for the Commission for a start-up grant for August.
- Region 4: no RTAC formed yet.
- Region 5: pilot region.
- Region 6: working on PI/specific trauma cases.
- Region 7: trying to establish a Trauma Committee from their EMS Council.
- Region 8: leadership RTAC placed and are moving forward to regional planning and funding.
- Region 9: working RTAC and plan
- Region 10: EMS Council has a Trauma Subcommittee and they are working on a plan that aligns with the state plan.

TAG PROPOSAL

Dr. Regina Medeiros

Dr. Medeiros presented on the importance of the continued education of nurses. There is also a focus on developing a mentorship program for the Registrars across the state. She indicated there would be a 5% administrative fee, for an accounting firm to produce quarterly financial statements and tax services plus website upkeep and designer's fees.

Mr. Pettyjohn reported that ebroselow's report indicated 14 hospitals were participating in program at \$3,750 each cost for their proposed funds for FY 2015. However, that should have only been 13 hospitals.

GATF, Inc. Update and Request

Dr. Fred Mullins and Lori Mabry

The Georgia Trauma Foundation, Inc. is still waiting to hear from the IRS regarding their 501(c)(3) status. The Foundation is requesting an additional \$150,000 for FY 2015 to secure some consultants to help build the structure. These consultants may include an accountant, website developer and manager. Ms. Mabry reported they hope to start collecting donations early next year. She also indicated they had opened a bank account and are working to get board members appointed.

EMS Subcommittee Update

Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger reported there was an increase in EMS agencies using AVLS systems and producing reports, and that devices covered 86% of ambulances across the state. During FY 2014, the EMS Subcommittee had elected not to continue supporting the uncompensated care reimbursement program. He reported GAEMS is working with Katie McKnight at DPH for ASPR funding for 2 CAT tourniquets per each 911 zoned ambulance with a trainer at every service. The First Responder Grants are continuing in the competitive application process as previous funding years where residual funds are being used as subsidise funds for the CAT tourniquets? Not sure that was actually said.

Mr. Terwilliger reported they are also working on an EMS redesign project with Dr. Pat O'Neil, Keith Wages and Ernie Doss for necessary changes in the EMS licensure and how

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to redesign the EMS system to this decade. He also mentioned there is an upcoming GEMSIS workgroup meeting scheduled for 10-11 June 2014. They will be working with technical and system experts on data entry and how it flows through the GEMSIS software and reviewing system errors, with county-to-county reviews. He reported that John Cannady will be working with Saab to develop a smart phone app for the RAD. He also reported they are looking at the ability to publish the leadership program by GAEMS.

DPH OEMS/T (State Trauma Plan)

Dr. Pat O'Neal & Kelly Nadeau

Dr. O'Neal reported the identified areas of weakness were: (1) non-trauma centers roles in the trauma plan, and (2) rehabilitation. He also thanked Renee Morgan, Bruce Jeffries, and Peke Prince who worked to put together the plan.

APPROVAL OF STATE TRAUMA PLAN - DRAFT

MOTION GTCNC 2014-05-02:

I make the motion to approve the State Trauma Plan in draft form as written.

MOTION BY: ELAINE FRANTZ

SECOND BY: COURTNEY TERWILLIGER

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

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

Trauma Center Designations

Ms. Renee Morgan

Ms. Morgan reported OEMS/T is investigating the role of Lower Oconee. There are issues of level of care being provided they are working through. She also reported there were two new TC's: Meadows as a Level 4 in Vidalia and Redmond as a Level 3 in Rome.

Ms. Kelly Nadeu spoke about emergency preparedness teaming up with coalitions across the state to form and write trauma plan and emergency situational plans, region specific. She spoke about the importance of the regional coordinators to work with their neighbors to provide consistent planning across the state.

Trauma Center Uncompensated Care Audit

Mr. Paul Lundy and Ms. Jessica Story

Mr. Lundy and Ms. Story presented their findings of the trauma centers uncompensated care claims audits. They began by noting that Warren Averett, LLC merged with GHI around a year ago. They reported they test a random sample size and do not test all claims submitted by each trauma center and perform agreed upon procedures. They indicated that Attachment A within their findings report defines the procedures and the focus of the audit work. They began by assembling and sending the UCC survey to each trauma coordinator at all trauma centers, compiled the results, applied sampling plan and then tested specific claims.

Trauma Center & Physician Funding Subcommittee

Ms. Linda Cole

Ms. Cole reported: SB 60 locks the Commission into a set funding formula for two-year periods. FY 2015 is the second year of a the two year funding formula, so no changes

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to the formula of how funding is calculated will or can be made this year. However we have already begun meeting to discuss changes for the 2016 fiscal year. The Trauma Center Funding Statement the Commission approved at our strategic planning workshop in Rome in January 2011 is on page 70 of this meeting's admin report.

By approving that statement, the Commission approved and supported that just because a Trauma Center became designated that did not mean the Commission would fund it. However, to date, we have funded all Trauma Centers that have completed the designation process. Now that we have the data provided by Dr. Pracht suggesting areas of Georgia where the population would be best served by a new trauma center, this subcommittee (Trauma Center and Physician Funding) will utilize this data, and the goals set in the Trauma Plan, to create a new formula for funding any Trauma Centers designated from this date forward.

We have learned from the Pracht data that we are nearing our goal of 95% of all Georgia residents being within 50 miles of a Trauma Center. As we near this goal, we want to ensure we are not diluting the effectiveness of our existing Trauma Centers and not dividing the funding to a point of it not being meaningful. Our goal is to bring the recommended formula to the January 2015 workshop. Just to ensure no one is surprised, if there is a hospital that is considering requesting designation in FY 2015, the Trauma Commission's goal is to only fund them if they meet the criteria the Trauma Commission approves in January 2015.

In addition the Trauma Center and Physician Funding Subcommittee is working with Greg Bishop to create a simplified funding calculation. Our goal is to create a formula that is less complicated, alleviates the expense of yearly audits and is fair to all the Trauma Centers. Our subcommittee's goal is to bring a recommendation on a new funding formula to the November 2014 meeting.

I have heard from several other members of the Trauma Commission and from stakeholders in the state that Administrators at the Trauma Centers would like more direct information regarding the Trauma Commission and an opportunity to discuss what we are doing, and when appropriate, offer advice.

To respond to that request, we are forming an "Administrators Council" as another stakeholder group. This team will be advisory to the Trauma Center and Physician Funding Subcommittee. In their advisory capacity they will only meet ad hoc. The first meeting will be in Atlanta on 30 June.

APPROVAL OF FY 2015 GTC BUDGET

MOTION GTCNC 2014-05-03:

I make the motion to approve the FY 2015 proposed budget as written.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: ELAINE FRANTZ

SECOND BY: LINDA COLE

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

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

APPROVAL OF FY 2014 BUDGET REDIRECT

MOTION GTCNC 2014-05-04:

I make the motion to approve realization of funds saved in FY 2014 budget as proposed utilizing the redirect plan as written.

MOTION BY: ELAINE FRANTZ

SECOND BY: LINDA COLE

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

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brittany Jones

Ms. Jones reported Letter of Advice (LOA) was submitted to the Commission for the bylaw changes related to per diem allowance amount and qualified meetings definitions. The Committee of Officers (COO) recommended attendance for Subcommittee conference calls were not eligible for reimbursement, however attendance for face to face Subcommittee meetings were allowable for the per diem allowance.

APPROVAL OF NEW CHANGES TO BYLAWS RECOMMENDED BY COO

MOTION GTCNC 2014-05-05:

I make the motion to approve the changes made to the GTC bylaws related to per diem allowance and qualified meeting definitions as advised by AG's office and recommending by the COO as revised.

MOTION BY: DR. DENNIS ASHLEY

SECOND BY: COURTNEY TERWILLIGER

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

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

Ms. Jones also reported a LOA was submitted to the GTC pertaining to the Open Meeting Acts regarding notice of requirements for Subcommittee meetings and indicting there must be minutes kept.

NEW BUSINESS/ADJOURN

Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley asked Commission members if there was any new business to discuss. None were mentioned.

Next Meeting will be held 21 August 2014 in Macon, Georgia.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:29 PM

Minutes crafted by: Dena Abston