



EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Classroom 219C

Forsyth, Georgia

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chair & GA Trauma Commission Regina Medeiros – GA Trauma Commission Carlton Firestone – Region One Chad Black – Region Two Pete Quinones - Region Three (<i>Conference Line</i>) Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six (<i>Conference Line</i>) Jimmy Carver-Region Seven Huey Atkins – Region Ten	Vic Drawdy, GA Trauma Commission Steve Folden- Region Four

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Erin Bolinger Katie Hamilton Tim Boone Renee Morgan Paul Beamon Stan Kuzia Erika Bobbitt Kelly Joiner Dan Gates Patricia Newsome Mark Peters	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff AVLS DPH/OEMST Grady/Pike County Global Emergency Response Global Emergency Response Region V, OEMST Director Region VI, OEMST Director Region Vi RTAC Coordinator Gwinnett County EMS

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Terwilliger called the 23rd of February 2018 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum with 9 of 11 members present at the GPSTC in Forsyth , Georgia.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-02-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes as amended from the January 8, 2018 EMS Subcommittee meeting with clarification in regards to the dissolved learning management GEMSIS ACCORDENT system by Mr. Terwilliger.

MOTION BY: Huey Atkins

SECOND BY: Chad Black

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

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

Global Emergency Response

By: Stan Kuzia/ Erika Bobbitt

Mr. Black introduced Mr. Kuzia and Ms. Bobbitt came and delivered a presentation about GER (Global Emergency Response). GER is a patient tracking software platform that integrates emergency response, patient tracking, and daily operations tracking. The software uses real time and can be modified to include trauma inclusion criteria. Georgia could be the pilot for the patient tracking system and it was discussed to begin by region with integration across the state if this were to be considered. It was decided among the group that the hospitals should take a look at this platform. It is currently in use in Maryland and operates on a personalized platform to that state. There was much discussion about this software and there was discussion to have this presentation added to the Commissions agenda for further discussion.

AVLS Report

By: Tim Boone

Mr. Boone's AVLS report is attached to the end of these minutes. There are some new participating areas. Mr. Boones report shows the additions. Discussion of the air cards and the need for replacing those over time and the budget occurred. Mr. Boone would like to talk to the regional folks about the needs in their areas.

Regional EMS Council Discussion

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger has been a member of the regional council for 39 years and for the time he has considered himself an arm of state government. Recently, Mr. Terwilliger has found this to be untrue and that the only connection with the state office of EMS is for zoning and that we are a locally coordinated

entity. In region six, there are some internal issues occurring. The city came to the council meeting and brought a letter requesting we open up the zoning. Gold Cross, whom is the regions provider filed suit to block this. Gold Cross says that this was not in open records and the vote was made on an item that was not on the agenda. So it went to superior court. Gold Cross in their suit asked for attorney fees. The judge said that it appeared to her the regional council was not an arm of state government but an arm of local government. So this created a lot of questions as to what the regional council is attached to, whether state or local. (The regional council and its support of in regards to legal issues and legal representation). So a letter has been drafted with a lot of questions and it will be sent to Dr. O'Neal for clarification as if a council is sued and we are not attached to state government whom would assist the council in regards to legal representation.

Ms. Abston asked how one could sue an organization that is technically not an organization. Mr. Terwilliger says that is a great question with a need for an answer. This has created confusion and the reason he has brought this here to the EMS subcommittee was that he has pushed for years that RTAC leaders are contracted with the regional councils. There was much discussion about how the relationships with the council should operate. Mr. Gates says that there is a organizational issue that we should define. As soon as the letter is formalized Mr. Terwilliger can send out to everyone for review. Mr. Terwilliger in working with the Commission is trying to work on how we keep the RTAC coordinators and their needs to be accountability among those in these positions. Mr. Atkins says that there are several that will no longer represent their councils if there are liability issues personally on the member.

Mr. Atkins would like to discuss patient removals. After last year's hurricane, Mr. Atkins was signing GEMA and FEMA contracts. In that contract there is a question, has anyone on your executive team ever been convicted of fraud. Mr. Atkins says it made him think about our grants and the grant monies. Mr. Atkins suggest we add this affidavit of fraud to help with the legalities of the times. Ms. Medeiros requested for that information to be shared with everyone. Mr. Atkins will send a snapshot of the fraud affidavit to Ms. Abston so she can share with the group. There are a lot of dialysis transport company issues going on where we have providers shutting down one day and opening up another day under a new name. Ms. Abston requested that if anyone knows of any EMS fraud to please let her know as she would not know of this and asks all that if there is fraud or pre existing fraudulent situations to be divulged to her. Ms. Abston is happy to do any audit that is requested of her.

Mr. Terwilliger asked the group about RTAC structure. Ms. Medeiros suggested we await the response from Dr. O 'Neal to proceed with RTAC discussion. Mr. Firestone asked about councils being sued. Mr. Terwilliger advised if your council is a 501c3 and that is a legal entity that can be sued.

Supplemental Budget/Funding Discussion

By: Courtney Terwilliger

The subcommittee reviewed the GTC FY18 budget recommendations. The supplemental budget is still in committee but if approved as presented, the Commission will have an additional \$ 5 million in the amended FY18. This is all speculation until the Governor signs. Ms. Abston says all of these funds will be required to be spent by June of this year upon approval. Mr. Terwilliger reviewed the budget with the group. It was discussed that there will need to be some quick execution upon approval of the amended budget.

There was discussion about a March meeting. Details to come.

FY18 EMS Equipment Grant Update and Approvals

By: Dena Abston

Ms. Abston gave an update to equipment grant. The deadline for application is March 9th. Things are going very well so far but please have your areas get those applications in. Ms. Abston has several equipment approval requests.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-02-02:

I make the motion to add 1 time disposable CPAP units to the EMS Trauma Equipment Grant approved equipment list.

MOTION BY: Huey Atkins

SECOND BY: Carlton Firestone

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

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

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-02-03:

I make the motion to add half-head ventilation model to the EMS Trauma Equipment Grant equipment list.

MOTION BY: Lee Oliver

SECOND BY: Chad Black

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

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

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-02-04:

I make the motion to add COMBI extrication tool to the EMS Trauma Equipment Grant equipment list.

MOTION BY: Chad Black

SECOND BY: Jimmy Carver

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

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

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-02-05:

I make the motion to add a utility vehicle to the EMS Trauma Equipment grant equipment list.

MOTION BY: Carlton Firestone

SECOND BY: Chad Black

VOTING: Six (6) members present voted in favor of the motion. Two (2) members present did not vote in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED.

Ms. Abston will add the approved equipment to the list and post to the website after the meeting. Mr. Terwilliger wanted to add that on the ATV Vehicle equipment approval to please note the list to ensure that those who utilize state funds understand for this purchase that the vehicles are to be used for rescue operations or transport in rural rough terrain areas.

Ms. Abston mentioned the upcoming Cadaver lab that she is working with Nick Adams on and reported on those that have signed up to instruct and the schedule. Ms. Abston has 12 EMS instructors is still looking for more physicians. Ms. Medeiros requested the curriculum to be sent out and specify the skill sets being taught. For the FY18 regional trauma system improvement grants and last time she sent those out to the regional directors and most requests came back from RTAC's and she is asking for advise on who the audience is for this as she would like this to be EMS trauma related. Ms. Abston asks the group to have some ideas on this. Mr. Terwilliger says it should be a blanket request to the directors and that the coordinators assist with that along with Mr. Kunkle and Ms. Abston. Ms. Abston has 1 additional cadaver lab that needs to be planned and it was discussed prior in this group to have in South Georgia. Ms. Abston asks if there is an area where we need to host this an region 8 is a good area to concentrate on. Mr. Terwilliger asked if we could find in Region 8 or 9 a place to host. There is a large educational gap in the southwest corner of the state. Ms. Abston will begin looking in regions 7,8, and 9. Mr. Oliver asked about the instructors for the current cadaver lab. Ms. Abston said that there is a need for more physicians and that hosting in Region 8 could present a problem for having adequate teachers but the earlier she can begin recruitment the better. Ms. Abston says there is a large gap in education especially in that region and it would be really great to have that in their area. Mr. Oliver thought the cadaver lab came turn key ready. This is not the case.

Stop the Bleed Update/ GTC Update

By: Dena Abston

Ms. Abston reported on the Stop the Bleed school response program by region. Everything is going well with weekly updates and there is a lot of good work on this initiative. Mr. Kunkle will give the updated report at the next meeting. There has been a subcommittee formed and if you would like to become a part of this contact Ms. Bolinger in the GTC staff office. 21 counties are complete at this time. There re 36 school systems that have not begun, most are in the southwest region of the state. There is work being done in the areas with no work complete to get them moving along. The school nurses in that area are very excited to get this training and get going.

Ms. Abston also reported on the upcoming education courses via the trauma foundation and the spring schedule for the foundation. Ms. Abston reported on the EMS regional system improvement grants by region that still have funds to be used. Region 3 has some remaining funds with an RTTDC course to be held soon. Region 4 is working on conducting TECC courses and they have completed 2 of 6 of these courses for their area. Region 5, Kristal Smith has conducted 37 BCON courses and has trained a total of 485 law enforcement officers and the program is complete at this time. Region 7 has completed 3 of 7 advanced EMT courses and the library books were purchased for the course. Region 9 is doing the same and at this time has not begun the classes in their region.

New Business

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the hospital hub being utilized for more of the stroke side than the trauma side. Mr. Terwilliger says that we can add outcomes to the hospital hub report. Ms. Medeiros knows that outcomes are being entered and there are some things to be looked at with the LONG ID and the linking to the GESIS report and registry. There is a need for additional training on this. Mr. Terwilliger would like this discussed within the hospitals so we can get some feedback. The ACCORDENT system from a while ago did go away and Mr. Terwilliger would like to look deeper into how to spend the FY money and there are 2 projects he is interested in. (1) is like an ACCORDENT system but after discussion with the state office they are not interested. Mr. Terwilliger is looking into our options so we can begin discussion. MR. Atkins asked if we think there is enough new commercial product (software) out there now to where that is not a part of the issue. Mr. Terwilliger does believe that there are enough to be looked at. The issue we have is that not all hospitals he transports to operate the same way so it would be great to find something consistent that can be used. Mr. Atkins asked if this could be done on a regional basis. Mr. Terwilliger initial thought is to go statewide. The other thing is the lack of medics. Mr. Atkins says he thinks he is more fortunate than others but where he sees our medics going is to these dialysis transport services. Since these services do not have to staff 24/7 as it is an 8 to 5 transport they can pay our medics more. Mr. Terwilliger says he may be wrong but as you see the change in then a carrier the local determination may be a little different. Mr. Terwilliger would like to focus on the rural areas and provide more training and is thinking about the possibility of doing scholarships for tuition assistance. It was suggested that they need to sign a commitment clause and we will need to discuss all the factors of providing scholarships. There will be further discussion on these items at a later date. Mr. Oliver discussed the first responder courses and then they take the next courses and keep them separate to avoid dropouts or loss of students. Mr. Terwilliger asked for the group to begin thinking about this.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M