



Georgia Trauma Commission

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EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 30 April 2014
Scheduled: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Room 105, Juvenile Justice Center
Forsyth, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the April meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, in Forsyth, GA at 10:09 AM.

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

OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
John Cannady Dena Abston Kim Littleton Ernie Doss (Conference Line) Mark Peters	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff GAEMS OEMS&T Gwinnett County Fire and EMS

Call to Order and Establish Quorum:

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the meeting to order at 10:09 and a quorum was established at that time.

13 March 2014 MINUTES APPROVAL:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the 13 March, 2014 subcommittee meeting.

MOTION #1 EMS Subcommittee 2014-04-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the 13 March, 2014 meeting as written.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Jimmy Carver
Blake Thompson
The motion **PASSED** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Purchase of Data Tool:

Mr. Huey Atkins gave a presentation of a data collection tool currently under development and trial usage within EMS Region 10. The intended purpose of the tool is to capture times from injury to definitive care for individual patients meeting TSEC criteria, with the ability to capture other benchmark times both prior to and after arrival at definitive care. Mr. Atkins stated this tool gives users (local agencies, RTACs, and/or state agencies) the ability to view various time related benchmarks both individually and in aggregate. In addition, registry numbers and agency PCR numbers can be captured for individual patients. Mr. Atkins stated the completed software package can be purchased for \$5,000. During discussion on a motion to purchase the software, it was stated that trauma program managers should be brought on board and provided education on the software as it is dependent upon local trauma center personnel entering the data.

MOTION #2 EMS Subcommittee 2014-04-02:

I make the motion to approve the purchase of the software for the purpose of data collection.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Jimmy Carver
Blake Thompson
The motion **PASSED** with no objections, nor abstentions.

After the motion passed, Mr. John Cannady inquired as to what funds would be used to purchase the data tool. Mr. Terwilliger stated that the intent was to utilize residual funds and that he would work with the GTCNC Executive Director to identify the necessary funds.

Introduction of New Subcommittee Member:

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Mr. Terwilliger introduced Mr. Vic Drawdy as the newest member of the EMS Subcommittee. Mr. Drawdy joins the Subcommittee as the new Governor's appointee to the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission.

Hand Held Devices/Smart Phone Applications:

Mr. Terwilliger discussed both the Saab/TCC Resource Availability smart phone application and the GER patient tracking system. Mr. Terwilliger mentioned at present there has been slow buy-in of the patient tracking system due to the necessity to have both EMS and hospital usage for the system to be effective. In addition the cost differential between a smart phone and the Motorola hand held unit was discussed.

Mr. John Cannady discussed the Saab smart phone application and the fact that Saab developers had agreed to a workshop to discuss the development of the application and possible features. Mr. Cannady stated that he would like volunteers from the EMS community to participate in the workshop.

Mr. Terwilliger would like the EMS Subcommittee to begin examining the various options and try to identify a best usage of the technologies. Mr. Terwilliger mentioned that an all-encompassing system which could track helicopter availabilities, GPS incident locations, and benchmark times.

During this time, agency cell phone usage policies were also discussed.

Spine Board Protocol:

Mr. Terwilliger presented both adult and pediatric spine board policies (See attachment) created by hospital personnel from EMS Region 6. Mr. Terwilliger discussed the need for a state-wide policy and requested input from the Subcommittee members.

GEMSIS Meeting Update:

Mr. Terwilliger stated there was approximately \$18,000 available to facilitate GEMSIS Workgroup meetings. Mr. Terwilliger stated that he felt the available monies would fund approximately 4 meetings of the group during which they would identify technical issues associated with GEMSIS usage along with system type issues.

Residual Grant Funding Dollars:

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the potential availability of a grant provided by the Office of Emergency Preparedness to purchase CAT tourniquets. Mr. Terwilliger stated that the potential amount of the grant would not allow for the purchase of 2 tourniquets per 911 zoned ambulance and 1 tourniquet trainer for each 911 zone provider. Mr. Terwilliger further stated that there were residual funds of approximately \$95,000 combined from both the FY2012 and FY2013 Equipment Grant funds. (\$54,000 from FY2012 and \$41,579 from FY2013.) Mr. Terwilliger requested that the group utilize approximately \$46,500 of the residual funds to supplement the Emergency Preparedness grant in order to purchase 2 tourniquets per 911 ambulance, and 1 tourniquet trainer per 911 provider.

MOTION #3 EMS Subcommittee 2014-04-03:

I make the motion to utilize the approximate \$46,500 of residual Equipment Grant funds from the FY 2012 and 2013 Equipment Grant to supplement an

Emergency Preparedness grant in order to provide 2 CAT tourniquets for every 911 zoned ambulance and 1 trainer for every 911 zone provider in the state.

MOTION BY:

Jimmy Carver

SECOND:

Blake Thompson

ACTION:

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

Mapping Software:

Mr. Terwilliger stated that Angie Rios with OEMS&T may have GA Department of Transportation monies available in order to purchase mapping software for the GEMSIS system.

Mr. Terwilliger asked that the group consider funding the purchase of the software in the event that the DOT monies are not available. No action was taken during this meeting.

First Responder Training:

Mr. Terwilliger stated that there was approximately \$33,000 remaining from the FY 2013 First Responder Training grant. Mr. Terwilliger stated that at this point every agency that applied for a grant has been given the opportunity to provide a First Responder course Mr. Terwilliger would like the group to use these funds to provide 6 additional First Responder courses to be awarded to new applicants for the grant. The applications would be taken via e-mail and the course would be provided and completed as soon as possible. Mr. Terwilliger stated that he would like a motion to begin the process. Mr. Cannady stated that there had previously been such a motion made and approved during the 13 March EMS Subcommittee meeting. (Motion #2 EMS Subcommittee 2014-03-02) Mr. Terwilliger stated that he would proceed on the previous motion and contact the GTCNC Executive Director in order to begin the process.

State Trauma Plan:

Mr. Terwilliger mentioned the draft State Trauma plan and asked for input from the group prior to the 15 May GTCNC meeting.

Mr. Cannady discussed the regional trauma plan template and the upcoming RTAC Coordinating Group meeting immediately following the 15 May GTCNC meeting.

Mr. Lee Oliver discussed the RTAC and how information should flow both from and to each RTAC after the initial formation phase. Mr. Cannady and Mr. Terwilliger discussed the fact the each RTAC should function as a subcommittee of the regional EMS Council.

2015 Funding Plan:

Mr. Terwilliger presented the FY2014 EMS Subcommittee funding priorities and asked the group to begin considering funding priorities for FY2015 monies.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn:

Mr. Terwilliger stated he would like to decide on the next meeting date after the 15 May GTCNC meeting. Mr. Terwilliger stated he would send a poll to all Subcommittee members after the GTCNC meeting and identify a date for the next Subcommittee meeting.

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Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Crafted by John Cannady