



Georgia Trauma Commission

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EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 30 October 2014
Scheduled: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Room 219C
Forsyth, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the October meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, in Forsyth, GA at 10:15 AM.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chair & GA Trauma Commission Vic Drawdy – GA Trauma Commission Randy Pierson – Region One Paul Beamon – Region Four Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six (Conference Line) 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 Dr. Jeff Nicholas – GA Trauma Commission Chad Black – Region Two

OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Jim Pettyjohn John Cannady Dena Abston Kim Littleton Mark Peters	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff GAEMS Gwinnett County Fire

Call to Order and Establish Quorum:

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the meeting to order at 10:15 and a quorum was established at that time.

25 September 2014 Minutes Approval:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the 25 September, 2014 subcommittee meeting.

MOTION #1 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the 25 September 2014 meeting with the correction of adding David Moore from Region 9 as being in attendance.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Jimmy Carver
Randy Pierson

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

2015 Funding Discussion:

Randy Pierson discussed the Region 1 D.A.R.T and education program funding proposal. Mr. Pierson stated the revised proposal raised the administrative costs from 5% to 10%. Included in the revised proposal were letters of support from trauma surgeons and other stakeholders from the region. Mr. Pierson also clarified the use of the proposed regional education trailer.

Mr. Pierson answered questions on possible duplication of services through the regional training program. Mr. Pierson stated the region's willingness to assist with training other regions or assisting other regions in the development of a regional 501c3 organization.

Mr. Huey Atkins questioned how training within Region 1 is currently conducted. Mr. Pierson stated training is currently conducted by individual services or hospitals.

Mr. Pierson stated any agency within the region would be able to utilize the training resources contained within the proposal.

Mr. Pierson stated the total cost of the Region 1 D.A.R.T. and training proposal would be \$142,736.

Mr. Lee Oliver questioned the amount of the cost for the GAEMS facilitated PHTLS classes and suggested the amount allocated for PHTLS could be reduced by the amount of the proposed educational funding in the Region 1 training proposal. Mr. Terwilliger stated this could be discussed during the portion of the meeting dedicated to the PHTLS course line item.

MOTION #2 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-02:

I make the motion to add \$102,036 for the Region 1 D.A.R.T. proposal to the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Paul Beamon
Vic Drawdy

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

MOTION #3 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-03:

I make the motion to add \$40,700 for the Region 1 training program proposal to the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

**MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:**

**Jimmy Carver
Randy Pierson**
The motion **PASSED** with Mr. Huey Atkins opposing.

PHTLS Funding Discussion:

Mr. Oliver asked if EPC should be added to the PHTLS line item.

Mr. Pierson suggested decreasing the amount in the PHTLS line item by some amount to account for the Region 1 training program and the ability for that program to take some of the load from the GAEMS program.

Mr. Terwilliger also suggested adding EPC instead of dropping the amount for PHTLS. Discussion ensued over whether it was better to concentrate on one course instead of adding others. EPC was added to the PHTLS line item.

Ms. Kim Littleton also stated ASPR funds no longer paid for PHTLS courses.

MOTION #3 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-03:

I make the motion to reduce the FY 2015 EMS fund distribution PHTLS line item of \$150,000 by \$40,700 to accommodate for the Region 1 training program.

**MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:**

**Lee Oliver
Jimmy Carver**
The motion **PASSED** with Mr. Courtney Terwilliger abstaining.

EMR/EMT Funding Discussion

Mr. Oliver suggested the group examine the criteria for awarding the grants in order to encourage more participation.

Mr. Terwilliger stated every agency that has applied for a grant and completed the requirements has received one.

MOTION #4 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-04:

I make the motion to leave \$126,000 on the FY 2015 EMS fund distribution list for the purpose of EMR/EMT courses.

**MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:**

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

EMS Uncompensated Care Discussion

Mr. Oliver stated roughly 60% of region 5 supported adding this back to the funding list. Mr. Atkins stated there was more support in Region 10. Discussion ensued over the lack of trauma centers in some regions not allowing for many agencies to receive uncompensated care reimbursement. The group emphasized the need to find hospitals in those areas to pursue trauma center designation.

There was no motion to add EMS Uncompensated Care to the FY 2015 funding list.

GEMSIS Support Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger stated the GEMSIS workgroup was still operating on FY 2013 funds and that the amount of \$20,800 currently designate from FY 15 funds would be sufficient.

MOTION #5 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-05:

I make the motion to keep \$20,800 for the GEMSIS Support line item on the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Jimmy Carver
Huey Atkins
The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

EMS Redesign Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the status of the EMS Redesign project.

MOTION #6 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-06:

I make the motion to keep \$80,761 for the EMS Redesign line item on the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Lee Oliver
Huey Atkins
The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Vehicle Replacement Grants Discussion

Mr. Blake Thompson suggested adding \$1.5 million to a vehicle replacement grant line item.

MOTION #7 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-07:

I make the motion to add \$1.5 million to a Vehicle Replacement Grant line item on the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Blake Thompson
Lee Oliver
The motion ***DID NOT CARRY*** with Blake Thompson voting in favor of the motion and all others opposed.

Leadership Course Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger reported on the status of the Leadership Course program

MOTION #8 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-08:

I make the motion to keep \$100,951 for the Leadership Course line item on the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Jimmy Carver
Lee Oliver

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

Triage System Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger stated currently there was no funding on the FY 2015 EMS Fund distribution list as will be able to operate on FY 2014 funds. Mr. Terwilliger would like to discuss possible FY 2015 funding at the next meeting.

Extrication Course Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger stated there would be no request for funding to be added for FY 2015.

EVOC Course Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the status of the EVOC course

MOTION #9 EMS Subcommittee 2014-10-09:

I make the motion to keep \$20,190 for the EVOC Course line item on the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

MOTION BY:
SECOND:
ACTION:

Jimmy Carver
Vic Drawdy

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

Child Seat Technician Course Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger stated there were funds available as part of the FY 2014 funding and there was no request at this time to add funding for FY 2015.

Telemedicine Discussion

Mr. Paul Beamon will discuss this project at the next meeting.

Additional AVLS Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Oliver discussed the status of AVLS distribution across the state. There was no motion to add funding to the FY 2105 funding list.

Backboard Protocol Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the status of the statewide backboard protocol initiative. Mr. Terwilliger stated he would like approval from the Trauma Medical Directors Subcommittee before proceeding.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2014 at GPSTC. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Crafted by John Cannady