

****Approved December 3 2018**



EMS Subcommittee on Trauma
Thursday, August 9, 2018
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Classroom 215
Forsyth, Georgia

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

| OTHERS | REPRESENTING |
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| Dena Abston Erin Bolinger Katie Hamilton John Mabry Patricia Newsome Tim Boone Anthony Grimaldi Russ Mcgee Kelly Joiner Renee Morgan David Newton Dewayne Morgan Kim Littleton Cathy White Keith White Rafe Waters | Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Air Evac Augusta University AVLS Region III Clayton County Fire OEMS/T Region Four OEMS/T Region Five OEMS/T OEMS/T Baldwin County Sherriff's Office GAEMS GAEMS GEMSPF GEMSPF/GAEMS |

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Terwilliger called the 9th of August 2018 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum with 11 of 13 members present or by conference line at Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Classroom 215 in Forsyth, Georgia at 11:01 AM P.M.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-06-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held June 4, 2018.

MOTION BY: David Moore

SECOND BY: Jimmy Carver

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

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

AVLS Report

By: Tim Boone

Mr. Boone's AVLS report is attached to the end of the minutes (**Attachment A**). There are some new participating areas. Discussion of several moving to First Net/AT&T and it was reported that those that have made the move are happy service. Mr. Boone presented a budget proposal for AVLS replacement on older units. The new units will come with a 1-year warranty. Mr. Firestone asked about new units for his area's fleet. Mr. Boone says to contact him and so we can begin the replacement process. The latest AVLS usage map was reviewed. It was noted Regions 5 and 10 are 100% using AVLS. Mr. Terwilliger advised if anyone knows anyone in need of any AVLS to contact Mr. Boone. Ms. Abston advised that there are google maps that can identify each area's ambulance counts and additional data that could help expedite the AVLS program.:

Pre-Hospital Administration of Antibiotics Discussion

By: Dena Abston

Ms. Abston told the group that the Region 3 RTAC wants to do a pilot program about this and so there is no need at this time to discuss this. Mr. Oliver discussed a presentation he attended by Dr. Bruggers in regard to open fractures. Mr. Oliver says there is various discussion amongst EMS directors about the potential to not have the patients' medical history to check allergies prior to administration of the antibiotic. He and his area are interested in participating in this but just need further understanding. Further discussion amongst the group about this topic but as of yet no progress as a group in a statewide process being implemented. Discussion of transport times along with antibiotic administered and that it would make more sense to administer in a patient that has a 45-minute transport versus a 10-minute transport. Mr. Oliver says he will discuss with Dr. Nicholas further.

EMS Survey- Feedback Discussion

By: Dena Abston

Ms. Abston presented a power point (**Attachment B**) and gave an overview of the collected responses from the recent EMS survey. Ms. Abston gave overview of most requested educational courses and the polls questions by Region. It was unanimous across the state that the EMS equipment grant is greatly appreciated. Region 1 education requests included Pediatric Trauma Courses, Tactical Rescue training, Active Shooter, and EVOG courses. Region 2 requested additional EVOG courses Region 3 also wanted active shooter and mass casualty courses. Region 4 requested vehicle operating courses. Ms. Abston mentioned that the other regions had the same requests as those mentioned. Ms. Abston suggested that she and Renee assist the EMS community with an EMS grant writing course. This could benefit those regions that want to apply for grants, but the paperwork seems overwhelming. MS. Abston suggested something similar to the course she and MS. Morgan collaborate on for the trauma centers and helping them to understand the requirements we have and it is similar to an orientation. Ms. Abston suggests they do the same thing for EMS. Discussion of some courses and the usefulness of some courses and the need for better material in other courses. Region 8 had a request for a course on dealing with the opioid epidemic and street drugs. Region 10 requested extrication and farming hazard courses. The final question to all was what else would you like to see EMS funds spent on. Many responses were equipment grants, adding more specialized equipment for purchase allowances, and more active shooter by region courses. Several folks they said in their specific areas there is sometimes a lack of trauma courses which hinder those required to have hours for credentialing requirements within their jobs. Additional folks requested ambulances, mechanical CPR devices. Ms. Abston will blind the data and send out for further review for each regional director. This will help with regional improvement grants.

Project Updates

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Ms. Littleton began with GAEMS 2018 budget. The 3rd installment of leadership courses is set to begin next week. All 25 students that initially enrolled (100%) are set to graduate at the end of this session in November. The EMS educator trainer courses began in late July with 20 registered and 16 graduates. The 2nd course will begin in October and is full. The 5 AMLS courses that we added to the FY18 budget. Those courses along with a coordinator are ready to be pushed out with 3 of 5 scheduled. These were the courses that originally provided with ASPR funding and they do contain a trauma component. With no more ASPR funding the feedback was something that she noticed were also requested in the EMS survey. Ms. Abston confirmed that was a request by many. Ms. Littleton reviewed the upcoming TECC courses that Ms. White is coordinating. An update to accommodate these, there is a course in Titpon and this

course filled up within 12 hours and the demand is there. There were issues we had to work out with the affiliate and there was explanation about a site code requirement. Ms. Littleton does not have a South Georgia coordinator which should help in these current road blocks. Mr. Terwilliger asked Ms. Abston if it were ok to proceed in those areas that applied for and we approved the regional grants. Ms. Abston responded that there are a couple of minor things but that the grants can begin shortly.

Lunch from 12:20 to 1:00 PM

2019 Budget

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger began with the EMS stakeholder FY19 proposed budget and funds review (**Attachment C**). EMT/EMR courses, there was \$338,000 given in FY17 and it was confirmed we are still spending that money which is why there was no funding for them in FY18. Mr. Terwilliger suggests we need to add money in there for them from FY19. Ms. White says there are about 45 courses ongoing currently. Ms. White upon announcement of the courses was able to fill all spots. Ms. White will be utilizing all FY16 up and projected out courses will utilize the FY17 remaining funds. Ms. Abston asked about the timeline of the projected courses. Ms. Abston asked if they would be complete in FY19. Ms. White explains that the FY16 funding and courses should be expended by the end of the current CY. All of the other courses extend through April or May of next year. Ms. Abston says would it be safe to say that FY19 funds would not be needed for additional EMR /EMT courses for this FY if completion of those courses would extend through this CY and most of the FY19. Mr. Terwilliger believes that this coming FY (FY19) funds will be needed. Ms. Abston explained that with courses potentially extended through April or May 2019 that we wouldn't want to utilize FY19 budget funds but perhaps would want to wait until the amended FY budget as we are forecasted to most likely see an increase and that if we did not utilize the AFY increase funds to host the EMR/EMT courses then we would be better to use FY20 funds since the courses run the entire FY19 timeline. Mr. Terwilliger is thinking we still need funds from FY19 for these courses.

Mr. Drawdy asked about how long it take to fill the course registry. Ms. White says there are 48 courses planned and those enrolled met certain criteria to be enrolled. Ms. White mentioned the upfront book costs and that every graduating student does receive a jump bag. Mr. Oliver asked if we could see a number for how many students request this specific course. Mr. Terwilliger says from the survey results, these courses, and the trauma course and the equipment grants seemed to be requested the most. Mr. Oliver asks if we wanted to consider providing the EMT-A course? Mr. Terwilliger says there are additional things to do that but that there are several types of EMT courses. Mr. Terwilliger's rationale if you look at trauma there is probably a litany of things to be covered. Mr. Oliver thought initially this course was innovative in the beginning and we should think about entertaining the EMA course as half of the regions continue to request it and seem to have a need for it from the recent survey results. Discussion of the length of the EMT courses. Mr. Atkins asked about the course costs. Ms. Abston suggests we wait until we see about any additional fund's EMS may receive in the amended FY.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-06-02:

I make the motion for existing allocated funds to be used for EMR/ EMT-A / EMT courses.

MOTION BY: Lee Oliver

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 2018-06-03:

I make the motion to allocate a fixed cost of funds to be used for EMR/ EMT-A / EMT courses for each course regardless of course expenditures.

MOTION BY: Lee Oliver

SECOND BY: Jimmy Carver

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

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

Continued discussion about the EMT courses and the need to get instructors prepared in all regions to cut down on travel expenses. Ms. Littleton discussed the use of the GAEMS equipment and the need for new equipment and dedicated regional equipment. Ms. Littleton will get a quote for the equipment. Mr. Oliver suggests we dedicate the regional system improvement grant funds of \$ 466,000 (which is about \$46,000 per region) to each to assist with filling the gap on trainers. Work continued down the EMS Stakeholders budget with discussion of Just Culture course, EMS equipment grant funding, pre-hospital trauma symposium costs, and EMT instructor courses. Cadaver labs have gained popularity and are filling up quickly. It was discussed that perhaps with the trauma nurses attending the cadaver labs that the trauma Commission would like to put additional funds from their budget into providing the Cadaver labs. Additional discussion about the need to have 2 sets of equipment for EMS training courses in the north and the south of the state.

Mr. Boone explained his plan for the AVLS budget by going agency to agency and replacing as needed. This will be complete by the end of FY19. Mr. Boone also wants to utilize Crisp County as a testing site for additional AVLS capabilities. Ms. Abston suggested that they apply for the research grant. Ms. Morgan suggests that rural health grants also can assist with these things. Mr. Terwilliger completed review of the proposed FY19 EMS budget. (**Attachment C**)

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-06-03:

I make the motion to approve the proposed FY19 EMS budget.

MOTION BY: Jimmy Carver

SECOND BY: Carlton Firestone

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

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

Ms. Abston wishes the DY19 EMS grant amounts were a little higher as the funds given will be lower than last year's amounts. It was suggested by Mr. Oliver that instead of completing 2 EMS grant cycles (if additional funds are granted in the AFY and another grant cycle was permitted) to allocate funds from the AVLS budget we have today for the EMS equipment grants and use the supplemental AFY funding that may be granted for the AVLS project.

***Amended* MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2018-06-03:**

I make the motion to approve the proposed FY19 EMS budget allocating \$200,00.00 of AVLS funds to increase the FY19 EMS equipment grant funding.

MOTION BY: Carlton Firestone

SECOND BY: David Foster

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

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

Ms. Abston brought to the subcommittee the approval request to purchase bullet proof vest with the EMS equipment grant funds as two counties have requested this. No motion was made at that time.

New Business

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger discussed an upcoming meeting date. Mr. Terwilliger asked the group if there would be any items that would need discussion in November. At this time, he and Mr. Drawdy, and Ms. Medeiros will take this budget to the Trauma Commission next week. Ms. Abston suggested a November meeting to discuss the AFY budget and the potential for the supplemental budget. It was decided to try to meet on November 7th at 11:00 AM at an undetermined location, additional details will be communicated. Mr. Waters requested a scheduled call with GAEMS and Ms. Abston to discuss some administrative concerns and issues that can be nailed down. It was decided that a call would occur within the week and a doodle poll would be sent out.

Meeting Adjourned 2:57 P.M

EMS Stakeholder Distribution

| | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | % of Funds |
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| Description | | | | |
| Total Allocation (20% of available funding for stakeholders) | \$2,740,426.00 | \$2,759,426.00 | \$2,761,619.00 | |
| AVLS Support | \$575,100.00 | \$645,000.00 | \$604,500.00 | 21.89% |
| Available for Stakeholder Distribution | \$2,165,326.00 | \$2,114,426.00 | \$2,157,119.00 | |
| Leadership Course | \$110,000.00 | \$110,000.00 | \$113,500.00 | 4.11% |
| Regional System Improvement Grants | \$0.00 | \$460,706.21 | | |
| EMR/EMT-B/EMT-A | \$338,085.00 | | | |
| "Just Culture" Instructor Training | \$10,000.00 | | | |
| GEMSIS Support | \$40,099.00 | | | |
| TECC | \$100,000.00 | | \$200,000.00 | 7.24% |
| Triage System | \$0.00 | | | |
| Vizatech | \$94,000.00 | | | |
| PHLTS/ITLS/EPC/GLS/AMLS | \$121,300.00 | | \$130,000.00 | 4.71% |
| Equipment Grants | \$977,010.00 | \$1,376,282.69 | \$1,115,119.00 | 40.38% |
| EVOG | \$25,000.00 | | \$30,000.00 | 1.09% |
| Extrication | \$102,000.00 | | | |
| Cadaver Lab | | \$120,000.00 | \$150,000.00 | 5.43% |
| Child Seat Tech/ Child Passenger Safety | \$100,000.00 | | | |
| NEW AVLS UNITS | \$117,832.00 | | | |
| UPGRADE AVLS UNITS | | \$187,000.00 | \$384,500.00 | 13.92% |
| EMT Instructor Course | \$0.00 | \$22,400.00 | \$24,000.00 | 0.87% |
| One Day Pre-Hospital Trauma Symposium | \$25,000.00 | | \$10,000.00 | 0.36% |
| AFY 2018 EQUIPMENT GRANTS | | \$641,762.00 | | |
| Totals for Stakeholder Distribution | \$2,160,326.00 | \$2,756,188.00 | \$2,157,119.00 | |
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