Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence

September 19, 2012 Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, GA

Members Present:

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Athens Regional Medical Center	Kathy Sego		
Atlanta Medical Center	Rochella Mood		
Appling Healthcare System			
Barrow Regional Medical Center			
CHOA Egleston	Greg Pereira	Liz Atkins	
CHOA Scottish Rite	Tracie Walton		
Chatuge Regional			
Clearview Medical Center	Bambi Bruce		
Colquitt Regional Medical Center			
Dodge County Hospital			
Effingham Hospital	Julie W. Long		
Emanuel Medical Center	Gail Thornton		
Fairview Park Hospital			
Floyd Medical Center	Chad Taylor	Katie hasty	
Georgia Health Sciences University	Regina Medeiros	Melissa Brown	
Grady Memorial Hospital	Fran Lewis	Dayna Vidal	Emily Wright
Gwinnett Medical Center	Gina Solomon	Colleen Horne	
Hamilton Medical Center	Kim Brown		
Houston Regional Medical Center			
Hutcheson Medical Center			
John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital	Jo Roland		
Joseph M. Still Burn Center – Doctor's	Barbara Feibiger		
Hospital Augusta			
Lower Oconee Community Hospital	Karen Loather (on		
	teleconference)		
Medical Center of Central Georgia	Debra Kitchens		
The Medical Center – Columbus	Imogene Willis (on		
	teleconference)		

Memorial Health University Med Center	Elaine Frantz (did not sign roster)	Marie Dieter	
Morgan Memorial Hospital			
Northeast Georgia Medical Center	Deb Battle	Mary Lou Dennis	Janice Labbe & Londa Greene
North Fulton Regional Hospital	Jim Sargent		
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital			
Sheppard Center			
Taylor Regional Hospital	Carlisa Payne (on teleconference)		
Trinity Hospital of Augusta	Fran Swindell		
WellStar Kennestone	Laura Garlow	Portia Godboldo	
Wills Memorial Hospital			
State Office of EMS	Renee Morgan	Marie Probst	Danlin Luo
GTCNC	Jim Pettyjohn	John Cannady	Judy Geiger

I. Welcome and Introductions R. Medeiros	 Meeting called to order at 1000 Welcoming comments by Dr Jeff Nicholas Trauma Medical Director, Grady Memorial Hospital 	
	 Introduction: Marie Dieter the new Trauma Program Manager at Memorial Health University Med Center in Savannah, GA. She comes to GA from PA and has extensive experience in the trauma industry Julie Long, New CNO at Effingham Hospital Deb Battle at Northeast Georgia Medical Center introduced Linda Greene as her second trauma registrar and Janice Labbe as the Trauma PI & Education Coordinator. Deb also announced the promotion of Mary Lou Dennis to the position of Registry Supervisor/Clinic Practice Administrator Quorum established by the Laura Garlow 	

II.	Approval of Minutes	September 2012 Minutes presented by Laura Garlow	
	L. Garlow	 Motion to approve by Greg Pereira 	
		 Seconded by Jo Roland 	
		 Approved by Membership 	
III.	Sub-committee Updates R. Medeiros a. PI/Registry L. Adkins/J. Roland	Regina Medeiros requested that each sub-committee chair send copies of their minutes to Laura Garlow for the record. These will be available on the GCTE website. • DI V5 product presentation: • There was an extensive presentation by John Kutcher from DI demonstrating the	
		 V5 product followed by much discussion and feedback to DI. Each trauma center will have the opportunity to evaluate the product on a "playground" and send evaluations to Liz Adkins and Rochella Mood. The discussion and presentation lasted for approximately 45 minutes. This sub-committee met following the GCTE meeting in September and suggested the development of a PI matrix so all TCs are the same. 	
		• There was discussion regarding the 48-hour trauma registry inclusion criteria which is not aligned with the NTDB. This group recommends increasing inclusion to include those with LOS of 24 hours and will forward this to the Trauma Medical Director's Sub-Committee and to Dr O'Neal. DPH and Dr O'Neal have a list of inclusion criteria they will be presenting to the PI/Registry group at their meeting later this afternoon.	
	b. Education/TAG D. Kitchens	 TOPIC is scheduled for Nov. 30th at MCCG. Please confirm registration with Virginia Land Current course schedule is attached. TCAR funding request was submitted with funding calculation errors resulting in a cost over-run of more than \$30,000 if we host a second course. The Sub-committee elected to cancel the second course. The first course scheduled for Dec 3 & 4th at WellStar Kennestone will be evaluated to determine if there is value in seeking funding for additional GA courses. GAEMS/ASPR funded ATLS/ATCN course in May of 2013 is scheduled TAG Website: Courses are being added to the TAG website and each course will be limited to a single contact person who will likely be the contact person for TAG which 	

	 may be a compensated position in the future. Course Directors will need to be in close contact with this individual. Please encourage use of the TAG website. There will be an interactive calendar under the "Events" tab. There will be additional tabs including Injury Prevention. Consider additional education via video tape on the GAEMS website.
c. Specialty Care T. Walton	 Specialty Care Committee represents pediatric, rehabilitative and burn care with a focus on completing 1 goal for each area each year. There are representatives from Grady & Still Burn Centers as well as Shephard and CHOA. The 3 Level 1's with Peds commitment should also be participating in this group. Pediatric TAG has scheduled some ENPC courses throughout the state but we need more instructors. Rehabilitation There was discussion surrounding the need for a model center and they are
d. Injury Prevention E. Wright	exploring the potential of designating rehabilitation centers much like the trauma center designations. Burns ABLS courses are on the ASPR calendar but there is a need for increasing access to the ABLS courses across the state. This sub-committee is seeking goals and ideas for projects. Please send these to Tracie Walton The Sub-committee met July 12 at Shepherd. The plan to push out Concussion awareness and safety information. Falls prevention and geriatric population IP initiatives have been tabled for now.

e. Special Projects G. Solomon	 This group is considering ideas related to a newsletter which can be distributed electronically through TAG website. Topics can include education, awareness, IP, new trauma center highlights, coding and abstracting tips, state registry data, RTAC news, etc. Readiness Survey: Due Nov. 30, 2012 	
f. Resource Development L. Kubik	 Lauren is not able to attend today. Report provided by Laura Garlow. The sub-committee has not met since the initial meeting in September. They are working on creating a realistic timeline for hospitals considering trauma designation as well as a current catalog of resources. We are seeking resources from other states to develop training for those who conduct designation and re-designation site visits. 	
IV. GTCNC Update/Contracts E. Frantz/J. Pettyjohn	 Elaine Frantz commented on Grady's hospitality and thanked them for being out gracious hosts for today's meeting. Elaine highlighted portions of the most recent GCTNC meeting: Elaine elaborated on a letter of solidarity between Dr O'Neal and Dr Ashley seeking collaboration form all parties in advancing the trauma system in GA. Shareiterated that we want to eliminate silos of practice. Some hospitals (both TC and non-TCs) may have been contacted by the Office of Audits and Accounts focusing on expenses of the GTCNC. The audit is due to the GTCNC in November The GCTNC is considering the formation of a foundation as a source of funding projects related to improving trauma care in GA. They are considering asking Greg Bishop to research this possibility and develop a framework and business plan. The GCTE membership suggested that there are already foundations and perhaps one option to reduce costs is to partner with an existing foundation for trauma care. GA Trauma Performance Tools are additional concepts the GTCNC is 	

	Report from State Office of EMS & Trauma R. Morgan/M. Probst	considering. They want to look at outcomes measures. There is consideration for all GA non-TCs to convert from ICD-9 to ISS for better comparative data collection and reporting. DPH and DI are working on a joint project but it must be cleared by the Attorney General first. O Uncompensated Care Claims Audit Report was approved. Exhibit 5 from GTC contracts will be replaced with the next amendment. Greg Pereira suggested that all amendments be sent to the GTCE Executive Committee for review for input and suggestions before moving forward. It was further suggested that 5 business days be allotted for feedback before submitting changes to individual hospitals. Renee Morgan relayed that Dr O'Neals concerns for data collection witll be reported to the PI/Registry Committee today.
	K. Morgan/M. Froost	 The TC Designation Pre-Review Questionnaire is under review. Resource documents are under construction Any TC verified by the ACS will automatically be a state designated facility.
	Trauma Communications Center Update J. Canady	Brief reminder of the purpose of the TCC was reiterated. No new information was reported.
VII.	EMS Patient Tracking System Kelly Nadeau	 Ms. Nadeau presented information related to a patient tracking system which will be implemented in GA There was discussion regarding health care preparedness in GA as well as 2 grants related to Emergency Preparedness for Health Care Systems through ASPR/HHS and the CDC It was strongly suggested that the biggest gap is not in planning but rather in coordinating efforts. The 5-year plan is to enhance regional coordination which were shared with the group which culminate is regional exercises which should provide feedback for improvement.
NEXT ME	EETING:	12/19/2012: Madison Chophouse & Grill, Madison, GA

Respectfully Submitted: Laura Garlow, RN, BSN