

## Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence Meeting

*Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010*

*Present at Meeting: (26 in attendance) Kathy Sego, Michele West, Rochella Mood, Greg Pereira, Karen Johnson, Monique Boone, Liz Atkins, Fran Lewis, Gina Solomon, Melva Carr, Debra Kitchens, Inez Jordan, Silla Summerlin, Bambi Bruce, Renee Morgan, Marie Probst, Deb Battle) Imogene Willis, Jim Sargent, Lynn Grant, Karen Lowther, Senesta Corbin, Lauren Kubik, Gretchen Goodman, Via Phone: Cherie Dekle, Chad Taylor*  
*Guest: Howard Franklin of Yes2SaveLives campaign*

Topics	Discussion	Action(s) To Be Taken/ Person(s) Responsible
❖ Welcome/Intro/Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes sent via e-mail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Greg Pereira</li> </ul>
❖ Yes2SaveLives.com Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Howard Franklin presented an overview of the campaign to inform voters about the upcoming \$10 car fee legislation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All can contact Howard to request materials for presentations and distributions  <a href="mailto:howard@yes2savelives.com">howard@yes2savelives.com</a></li> <li>➤ 404-384-9490</li> </ul>
❖ TAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group voted to revise and gain administrative access to the TAG website. Silla will investigate to see how much will be required to get updated. Educational offerings available around the state will be added.</li> <li>• The next scheduled TNCC class is in Hawkinsville on October 26 and 27. Silla and Debra will call other neighboring hospitals to get more attendees</li> <li>• There will be no ENPC course offered this year</li> <li>• The group will increase the cost of the course to \$150/person</li> <li>• Bambi asked that everyone please sign the whistle blower policy</li> <li>• Changes Conference is April 4-7 in Atlanta and TAG will help sponsor speakers but there will be no cash outlay for the organization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bambi Bruce, Jim Sargent, Silla Summerlin</li> <li>➤ Greg Pereira</li> <li>➤ Bambi Bruce</li> <li>Debra Kitchens, Silla Summerlin</li> <li>➤ Debra Kitchens</li> </ul>
❖ Registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is still great discrepancy in many of the assessment qualifiers and data fields among the different hospitals. The state is working on a dashboard report and this will require that all hospitals have exactly the same data options.</li> <li>• Michele will contact Josh Stein at Digital Innovations to see if DI can create a standard options/mapping that can be downloaded to each center so that the group does not have to meet and go thru every data point.</li> <li>• NTDB has released its benchmark reports for 2009 and they are available on the web.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Michele West</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GA central data repository has had issues and DI is working to help correct issue with receiving new records.</li> </ul>	
❖ Broselow System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEE ATTACHED</li> <li>• Representatives from the Level I centers with pediatric commitment and the CHOA facilities met with Dr. Broselow to look at the implementation of the Broselow system in these centers during the first round of installation.</li> <li>• The group is working to standardize with hospitals and pharmacies a standard drug concentration list that would be used in all centers where Broselow system is installed.</li> <li>• Once these pilots are up and running there will be meetings with other center representatives to get Broselow up in other hospitals.</li> <li>• Kelli noted that as part of the performance based payment contracts next year, participation in this process will be necessary.</li> </ul>	➤ Greg Pereira
❖ Trauma Commission Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trauma commission meets tomorrow</li> <li>• Jim Pettyjohn will attend the next GCTE meeting to provide updates.</li> <li>• Greg Bishop has devised a deficiency lists which weighs and categorizes different deficiencies. These may be used by the commission in evaluating performance based payments for next year.</li> </ul>	➤ Kelli Vaughn
❖ Cribari Grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEE ATTACHED Liz Atkins gave a presentation on the Cribari Grid Methodology for evaluating under and over triage if facilities would like to use it. Liz will send to each committee member electronically.</li> </ul>	➤ Liz Atkins
❖ TQIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEE ATTACHED Powerpoint: Gretchen Goodman from Savannah Memorial gave a presentation on TQIP and how it is best used within the trauma center. This methodology helps standardize complications and does risk adjustments for co-morbidities.</li> </ul>	Gretchen Goodman
❖ State Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Hospitals are scheduled for designations before the end of the Year: Taylor Regional in Hawkinsville and Lower Oconee in Glenwood. Due to funding, The Medical Center in Columbus Will be the only existing center to undergo re-designation for The remainder of the year.</li> <li>• 3 other hospitals have expressed an interest in applying for designation: Effingham Hospital, Appling Healthcare (already purchased NTRACS) and Barrow County Hospital.</li> </ul>	Marie Probst

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The state EMS director positions will be announced soon.</li> <li>● The state was unable to hire the recent candidate for the epidemiology position. No plans for hiring/posting the position are planned at this time.</li>   <li>● Marie has sent electronic versions of the quarterly reports.</li> <li>● Trauma Commission monthly reports should be sent at the beginning of the month to be posted for the trauma commission meeting.</li> <li>● As of 2011 contracts, all reports will go directly to the commission.</li> </ul>	
❖ Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SEE ATTACHED: There are ASPR grants available for many education courses including ATLS, PHTLS and others. A facility may send only 2 participants for each grant funded course.</li> <li>● FYI: STN is looking at a refresher course for ACTN</li> </ul>	Debra Kitchens
❖ Roundtable	<p>Jim Sargent: North Fulton  Have hired 3 hospital based surgeons to take care of trauma patients  NF is deeply committed to the yes2savelives campaign</p> <p>Kelli Vaughn: Archbold  Construction of ED tower is underway  Hospital is deeply committed to the yes2savelives campaign</p> <p>Rochella Mood: Atlanta Medical  2<sup>nd</sup> TNS course starts next week  Continue to work towards Level I designation  Has a new trauma surgeon interested in teaching ATLS</p> <p>Lauren Kubik: Columbus  Phase 2 of construction should be complete in March 2011 including 6 trauma bays and triple the square footage for the ED  New Chief Nursing Executive over all 3 Columbus facilities</p> <p>Liz Atkins: CHOA  Very involved in new concussion initiative  Posting a position for someone to start up a comprehensive concussion clinic.</p>	

Greg Pereira : CHOA  
Doing talks and recruiting speakers for yes2savelives campaign  
from GA Safe Kids

Fran Lewis: Grady  
Going to start TQIP in January  
All new trauma services staff is now working

Deb Battle: NEGA Medical Center  
Had 1<sup>st</sup> trauma committee meeting  
Has posted a position for a trauma registrar

Silla Summerlin: Savannah Memorial  
Hospital is very active in the yes2savelives campaign and has many  
scheduled events to promote the upcoming legislation.  
Hired 2 new orthopedic surgeons  
Started a violence intervention program and 8 people have already  
joined.  
Elaine Frantz has been hired as the new trauma program director

Debra Kitchens: MCCG  
Annual Trauma Symposium is November 4

Gina: Gwinnett  
Still working toward opening the open heart program.  
TNS starts at the end of this month and will, for the first time,  
include some new nurses.

Bambi Bruce: Walton  
Hospital is actively under construction  
Still recruiting another trauma surgeon

Oconee Hospital:  
Looking forward to designation  
Purchasing new equipment to meet designation requirements.

Chad Taylor: Floyd Hospital  
Now fully covered with neurosurgical coverage  
Construction underway adding 24 new ED beds

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