

## **State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, via WebEx

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **Call to Order-Dr. Richard Fantus at 11:00 a.m.**

**Trauma Roll Call Vote:** **Council Members Present:** Richard Fantus, M.D., George Hevesy, M.D., Glenn Aldinger, M.D., Stacy VanVleet, RN, Michael Pearlman (Proxy Dr Fantus), Mary Beth Voights (Proxy Stacy VanVleet), Eric Brandmeyer, RN, Manoj Shah, M.D., Richard Gonzalez, M.D., James Doherty, M.D.

Quorum is established

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -Approved after making a correction on 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point.**

#### **Illinois Department of Public Health Report: Leslee Stein-Spencer**

- New EMS Division Chief starting next week, a memo will go out introducing him
- 2 major pieces of legislation that have a direct effect on EMS-body cameras and paramedics working in secondary system
- If a paramedic wants to work in another secondary system, the 2nd system can't test the person into it. We are opposing it
- New system plan rules went into place and updated policies and procedures are going to be updated-due to regionals in August
- Dan Lee will be stating part time next week on 75-day contract
- Dr Hevesy asked about body cameras funding and more info will be forthcoming as Leslee is not sure yet

#### **TAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **REGISTRY SUBCOMMITTEE: Joseph Albanese, RN:**

##### **TRAUMA PROGRAM:**

- See attached report from Joe

## **CQI/REGISTRY REPORT: MARY BETH VOIGHTS:**

REPORT GIVEN BY STACY VANVLEET

- See attached report also
- Have met once since advisory meeting and it was very well attended with over 25 attendees from all different regions
- Regarding the registry- there's ongoing clarity of different data points. Any generic questions of any kind that are not covered in the data dictionary please go ahead and submit them to Joe, Lisa, and Mary Beth. And we would find out clarity through National Trauma Databank or discussion between all the different people involved. And what needs to be updated or disseminated in the Illinois Data Dictionary.
- It is very helpful if you use the Tri quarter functionality as it tends to generate a little bit more of an accurate score or mortality risk managed for the patients which is more specific for trauma injuries. It's an expectation that the knowledge validation and entering the registry is done by the registrars and the trauma program manager access coordinator.
- They're working on validation tools and multiple different quizzes for distribution throughout the trauma coordinator list serve also utilizing regional support as well more to becoming on that.
- The last time we met was in January and at that time we had a presentation by Saint Anthony Medical Center. Presentation on the download-query and utilization of different reports. Our next meeting for that is in August.
- Discussion of field triage criteria. That was approved. And we want to encourage people that although it's not a rule yet and they are not approved they have gone through the JCAR system and as soon as they do, we're going to work with your regional EMS committees so you're starting to develop regional guidelines for when those rules do become official, so your region is in place and ready to go. We can then get the right patients to the right place at the right time within the right amount. Right now, we are focusing on in house trauma team activation across the regions trying to get a consensus on statewide minimums. Any center can or any region can increase the minimums and add additional things but they're looking at what would be the minimum across the state? We are waiting to hear back from the 11 regions, but mathematically full consensus wise we have come to consensus on quite a few items for that so hopefully we will get that shortly

- Next meeting is in April.

#### **TRAUMA NURSE SPECIALIST : STACY VAN VLEET**

- We are working on modifications to the course more to come on that as we continue to update courses-curriculum.

#### **EMS Advisory Council: Glenn Aldinger, MD:**

- EMS Advisory Council met in February. And to expand on what Leslie talked about on the Senate bill 1306 which was filed by a Senator from Decatur after the death of a patient and murder charges that were lobbied on to paramedics. The committee had quite a bit of discussion and concerns regarding this unfunded mandate. There were discussions about less expensive options such as education, compassion, burnt out bias. But there is no way if that passes it can be funded so it is a problem.
- Another item discussed was Alzheimer's training which is a separate bill.
- Discussion that systems must provide reciprocity without having to test into a new system.
- Huge discussion regarding shortage of EMS personnel. Personnel shortage and hiring by the hospital, the shortages just getting worse.
- Next council meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Dr Fantus asked regarding body cameras if it becomes a requirement- Do you think it would create a huge negative incentive especially if they're requiring volunteers to do it.?
- Doctor Aldinger replied 15,000 a year for 5 years when they budgeted. There's no way that can happen, it will further negatively impact on recruiting and retention. Dr Fantus asked if there's any other states that had this requirement currently. Doctor Aldinger said it did not come up that there were any or that he knew of so far.
- For the most part the national organizations are against it. But there was a person representing Pennsylvania that was very supportive of it. It has helped in a lot of complaints to show what happened it was a very divided.

#### **Rules & Legislative Subcommittee: James Doherty, M.D./Stacy VanVleet**

- *Stacey is reporting and sharing her screen.*

- Everyone on the council should have received state travel legislative and rules subcommittee recommendations. They were sent to the Trauma Advisory Council for March. See attached.
- Section 505.100 the definitions. Where we focus strictly on areas that were trauma related and adding to the definitions what we did is look at the proposed rules so far that have been approved by the Advisory Council. We added definitions to some of the new verbiage that is being used and we are going to be focusing right now on just the yellow ones for approval.
- Down at the bottom. Board eligibility of emergency physicians. We added. non accidental trauma and we did this in conjunction also with our pediatric group. And added elder abuse and neglect.
- The green section is just for reference.
- The State Trauma Advisory Council was not defined in the definitions. EMS was. We were not even recognized until 1994 even though we were working before that, so our recommendation was a state group that serves on the advisory body to the department on matters related to the trauma care and trauma centers. Each regional trauma committee will nominate representatives through the Trauma Advisory Council. Final council membership would be approved by the Governor and the referencing section 3.205 of the acts. We recommend adding under the trauma services section pediatric trauma centers. It talks about adult trauma so it could be all inclusive as far as trauma service. Also, to reference Pediatrics.
- There are new additions including trauma center fund which is a special fund in the State Treasury or Illinois hospitals those are designated as trauma centers or in the Illinois hospital providing trauma care to a region without designated trauma centers.
- Trauma center plan is the section 3.9 of the act for trauma center designation submitted to the department and the manner prescribed by the department. We also define pediatric trauma center designated by the state of Illinois to care for pediatric trauma patient's trauma registry as a complex database of the demographics injury care and outcomes of trauma patient.
- Next was the trauma registrar. Coming from section 3.95. Individuals responsible for abstracting, collecting, entering trauma patient related data into a specific database. The role may also include collaboration with others

including injury coding data. Validations analysis in general reports to support trauma center operations.

- Definitions of trauma surgeon review-refer to the specific sections inside of the rules for each of those. We did define resident Physicians. Accredited Graduate Medical Education Specialty Program, board certified board eligible in general surgery. A surgeon who has met the criteria for board eligible certification requirements by the appropriate certifying body.
- Next residency physician who has successfully completed residency training in their primary specialty.
- Evaluations performed overtime in coordination with the organization using data to allow continued privileges for direct patient care delivery. Focused professional practice evaluation is a process whereby the organization evaluates the specific competency and analyzes them.
- Trauma outcome measures. Care surgery of a surgical specialty with 3 essential components trauma critical care and emergency surgery.
- Discussion additions, deletions, and changes.
- That is the conclusion. We need a motion to approve. Doctor Hevesy, Dr Fantus and Lori Ritter motion to approve. Roll call vote. Motion to approve.

#### **Illinois Burn Advisory Subcommittee: Richard Gonzalez, M.D.**

Josh Carson reports:

- We are putting together a drill probably in a month or 2. Nothing major going on.
- Dr Fantus asked if we had gotten any volunteers. Josh replied not a ton to put it politely. Nursing staff are so stretched out and then they don't have availability or volunteer time.
- There is a plan to review the state annex. Because they are grant writing now for July. Not sure if it will be done by then, but we just started to work on that.

#### **TAC OLD BUSINESS:**

No Report

**TAC NEW BUSINESS:**

No Report

**FUTURE MEETINGS: 2023**

**VIA WEBEX-**

**WEBEX INVITE WILL BE EMAILED OUT IN SEPARATE EMAIL ALONG WITH AGENDA ITEMS**

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, JAC

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Fantus with multiple seconds.

***Adjourned:*** 11:49am