

State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 13th, 2025, 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., Lori Ritter, Mohammad Arain, M.D., Eric Brandmeyer, Gene Brandon, Mary Beth Voights (proxy Lori Ritter), Lori Ritter, Richard Gonzalez M.D., Stacy Van Vleet. James Doherty, M.D. (proxy Dr Fantus), Manoj Shah, M.D.

Quorum is established.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2024 -Approved.

Illinois Department of Public Health Report: Robert Van Bebber, MSN, RN:

- Detailed report attached.
- Program plan amendments are due August 1st. These are program planned amendments for the administrative rule updates that were made official on November 1st of 2024.
- Doctor Fantus asked what is the stroke fund that you are referring to? Bobby replied they are funds that are collected from the application fee to be recognized as a specific stroke center level, the intent for the funding is to pay for a stroke registry event.

TAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REGISTRY SUBCOMMITTEE: Joseph Albanese, RN:

TRAUMA PROGRAM:

- See attached report.
- **CQI/REGISTRY REPORT: MARY BETH VOIGHT'S:**
- See attached report given by Lori Ritter

TRAUMA NURSE SPECIALIST: STACY VAN VLEET

- See attached report.
- Last meeting was held on February 14th
- Topic included renewal process: submitting CE certifications from a picture on their phone which was a problem because they needed a PDF format.

- Since Connie is retiring, we went over transitioning of the curriculum, the format, the exams, the APA format, and all the templates. We will continuously be working on that and keeping everything consistent.
- If you have any renewals for TNS, please send them to the ongoing traumanurse.org website for the most updated information. We do have that section in there if they are listening to any of the apps or blogs on how to get credit for those as well. We will continually work on revisions.
- Our next meeting will be April 11

EMS Advisory Council: Rebecca Tracy, MD:

- No Report

Legislative and Rules Subcommittee: James Doherty, M.D.

- Report given by Stacy VanVleet
- We currently meet the 4th Thursday of every month. Our last meeting was February 27th. We are excited to be working in collaboration with the Illinois Hospital Association on the new set of rules that were passed last year where the Governor signed the Level 3 and the Acute Injury Access addition to the EMS Act. We were tasked with developing the recommendations for the new Level 3 and the acute injury access center and stabilization centers. We have paired with the Illinois Hospital Association to help us with all of that. Our first step right now is to understand the needs of the resources that are at our non trauma centers across the state.
- Our last meeting we were developing a resource survey that we'll be sending out on April 1st. The non trauma centers will have about a month to complete that and then we will look at that as we look forward.

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

- Report given by Josh Carson, Burn Director.
- There's a meeting today with SBCC and IDPH to review the annex update and we will have a core group moving and looking to start classes, so the current issue is the updates of the annex in the plan.

TAC OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

TAC NEW BUSINESS:

- Dr Fantus proposed changing the AIQ (?) injury stabilization enter to a level 4.

- Joe Albanese agrees that's a reasonable suggestion. There are probably arguments for both sides and possibly we will find that out from some of the responses of the surveys.
- Joe does not think we are able to attract some of the places we want to be trauma assisted participants in or that would have resources like Stroke Centers for acute emergency stroke ready hospitals. Regions four or five are areas that have very little access to the trauma system which would be Carbondale and Evansville which is 45 minutes into Indiana for region 5 where they are going to cross the river to Missouri.
- Dr Fantus asked if there was a focus group coming up with the fourth level.
- Dr Brandmeyer asked if he was talking about semantics with the wording of what these hospitals would be called and why it's important for them to be called level fours rather than what Joe has proposed. Dr. Fantus said it is more mainstream with most trauma systems that he is familiar with, and it's only being brought up for discussion. We would be striving for uniformity and not being the odd person out on a global scheme where there are 5 levels of recognized trauma center participation.
- Lori Ritter likes the idea and that would help bring clarity .
- Further discussion will follow at future meetings.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

June 12, 2025

September 11th, 2025 JAC

December 11th, 2025

Adjourned: 11:34 am