

State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2014

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SIU School of Medicine

913 N. Rutledge, Room 1252, Springfield, IL 62702

Call to Order-Richard Fantus, MD at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes-Richard Fantus, MD

Council Members Present: Scott French, M.D. (proxy), Christopher Wohltmann, M.D., Lori Ritter, R.N., Glenn Aldinger, M.D., Stacy VanVleet (proxy), David Griffen, M.D., Mary Beth Voights, A.P.N., James Doherty, M.D., Kathy Tanouye, Richard Fantus, M.D., Mohammad Arain, M.D.,

Council Members Absent: Scott Tiepelman, Dongwoo Chang, M.D., George Hevesy, M.D., Eric Brandmeyer, Robert Hyman, Michael Iwanicki, M.D., William Watson, M.D.

Quorum is established.

Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2014: Motion for approval by Dr. Aldinger and was seconded by Dr. Arain. Motion to approve passes. No oppositions.

Illinois Department of Public Health Report/Jack Fleeharty, RN, EMT-P:

- Advisory Council and Subcommittees were applauded by the IDPH for their good work.
- **DPH Staff:** New Administrative Assistant, Tena Horton, was introduced to the Advisory Council. Also,
- Council was advised that the new Ambulance Program Section Chief, Keith Buhs, has started working with the Department. He brings to EMS and Fire Services 30 plus years of experience in the EMS.
- **Veterans Bridge Program Curricula:** The Department continues to work with Veterans Affairs on the Military Bridge curricula. Veterans returning from the wars or from military services can use their education towards either obtaining an EMT-B, EMT-I or Paramedic licensures. This project continues.
- **Scope of Practice Survey:** The Department is working with the EMS System Medical Directors and has completed two (2) surveys. The Department is also establishing a new scope of practice which will set the minimums and the advanced scope skills and training for EMS Personnel as the Department adopts the new education standards.

Special Programs:

- **UPDATE ON EMS GRANTS:** The Department gave out \$100,000 in EMS grant money again to 61 qualified applicants.
- **UPDATE ON HEARTSAVER AED GRANTS:** The Heartsaver AED Grant applications are out. The Department will see how many are received.

Regulatory:

- The Specialized Emergency Medical Service Vehicles (SEMSV) rule amendments have been adopted. Significant changes were made and were adopted by JCAR.
- The Department began writing the rules for the new education standards and are approximately 40% completed. The Department has conducted meetings with the State Stroke Advisory Subcommittee on new upgrades which included comprehensive stroke centers and changes the emergent stroke ready hospitals' designation to stroke capable hospitals, as well as allows for the development of stroke registry in other areas. The rules are now in Legal and anticipated to go to the Governor's Office by the end of the year. This project continues.

Legislation:

The following bills were passed this summer:

- SB 3414 Illinois can adopt the New Education Standards.

- SB 3076 Changes the Advance Directive DNR form name to the POLST form. The form's revisions are in close to finalization this week. The new POLST form should be on the Department's website by January 1, 2015.
- HB 5742 - Already mentioned Stroke language.
- HB 4523 - Alternate response vehicle language was passed. Administrative rules have been written and have been submitted to the EMS Advisory Council for approval.

Stroke Designations:

- The Department continues to designate hospitals with stroke care capabilities. To date, the Department has designated 82 hospitals may be up to 84 currently. Of these designated hospitals, 48 are Primary Stroke Centers and 34 are Emergent Stroke Ready.

EMS Pre-Hospital and Bypass Updates:

- The Department has been doing significant enhancements to the Bypass System. A new GIS mapping function has been added with the ability to import/export data from HaVbed to the Federal System. Changes are approximately 95% completed. Phase I will roll out next week into production.
- Work continues on moving the Department's pre-hospital data collection to NEMSIS version 3.0. Projected to roll out in 2015. IDPH will be collecting new NEMSIS data for pre-hospital data. Eventually, this should close the loop between pre-hospital, emergency room and trauma data.

EMSC Program Updates:

- **Pediatric Pre-hospital Protocols** - The Department continues to work on new EMSC Pre-hospital Pediatric protocols.
- **Pediatric Facility Recognition** - Pediatric Facility Recognition of hospitals continues. Hospitals in Region 7 were surveyed in November 2014 and are being surveyed in December 2014. Regions 2 and 8 will undergo the facility recognition surveys in 2015.
- **School Nurse Emergency Care Courses** - Eight (8) School Nurse Emergency Care courses were conducted over the summer months. Two-hundred ninety (290) school nurses from across the state participated in these courses. The program is being rewritten and the new curricula will be out in the summer of 2015.
- **EMSC Advisory Board** - The EMSC Advisory Board still has an open board position for a trauma representative (either a pediatric surgeon or trauma nurse coordinator). Any interested parties should contact Evelyn Lyons.

Trauma Program Updates:

- Trauma/HSVI registry has moved to the new environment (Websphere Application Server 6.1) and the old portal is no longer accessible. Thank you to the Trauma Registrars who volunteered as testers of the Trauma/HSVI registry during its development. There are still problems with the Registry. The Department recognizes a final resolution is not at hand. However, updates are going out this week to improve the performance. The Department no longer uses a Registry that if it crashes it will be inoperable. The RFP is approximately 95% completed and should be submitted by January 1, 2015.
- The Trauma Community and Trauma Coordinators Handbook are in the process of being moved to the new environment.
- The Department recognizes some of the connectivity problems are based on browser settings and other applications on user computers. Our current recommendations for the Trauma Registry are:
 - Java 6 (Update 45 or higher)
 - Internet Explorer 9 or higher
 - Windows Vista or Higher (Windows 7, Windows 8)
- Trauma Center Fund amount of \$4.9 million has been distributed to in-state trauma centers. Funds should have been received, or hospitals should have at least received notification. The distribution report is available on IDPH website or contact Adelisa Orantia.
- Fulfillment of data requests have been stopped due to changes in program priorities.

Trauma Program Updates - Joe Albanese, RN:

- The Department is trying to keep users updated as well as they can with a weekly progress report.
- Feedback has been appreciated from users as well as their patience, and IT is working on the project full time.
- The Department is working on trying to get performance reliability.
- The newest release is in the testing environment.
- The testing groups will be contacted to provide an update on the changes initiated.

TAC Registry Subcommittee Reports:

- No report available.
- Discussion on the funding of the Registry and the submission of RFP for the Trauma Registry. Recommendations were given for the various types of Registry.
- Dr. Fantus formally requested the State to provide a waiver to minimize data elements until a Registry is purchased and implemented. Jack Fleeharty committed to consideration of the waiver if the State is unable to resolve current Registry issues and improve performance of the current Registry.

COI/Best Practice/ Mary Beth Voights, APN:

- The Committee is developing a state-wide and regional-wide QI tracking study. This project is currently on hold as the current Registry is unable to run a reliable report.
- Navigation has occurred for the Best Practices Document and the Injury Prevention Document to the new portal on IDPH website.
- Work continues on the tool that tracks triage efficacy, and the Committee is currently working on draft #4. The goal is to develop consensus on trauma activation criteria. Field triage activation was approved back in June. There is no consensus at this time.
- Discussion on trauma patient classification, in-house team activation criteria with response times, and multi-tier levels of trauma care.
 - **Note:** The rules come first to the Trauma Advisory Council for formal recommendation. The formal recommendations also go to the Legislative Subcommittee and ultimately to the Department. It was recommended by the Department not to hold off progress on this bill.

Trauma Nurse Specialist/Michael Richard, RN:

- Met with psychometrician and evaluated the examination questions in September 2014. A 2014 TNS curriculum was just started with this September class. It was noticed that when it went from a Word document to PDF Internet conversion that some edits needed to be completed. The Committee has asked that the TNS curriculum be copyrighted and a request went to IDPH, awaiting status. The Committee will meet on December 5, 2014.
- Improvement on the CTS process is more efficient. A TNS training site has been established in Elgin, IL and Sharon Celia is the new course coordinator. Sue Berry is retiring soon and has been the Chair for the TNSCC Committee for years and the Department should recognize her for her services.

EMS Advisory Council/Glenn Aldinger, MD:

- The State EMS Advisory Council met on November 18, 2014 in Springfield. Quorum was present. An extensive IDPH report was presented by Jack Fleeharty.
- State paramedic examination pass rate on first attempt is now at 75%. State EMT-B examination pass rate on first attempt is now 69%; shown improvement. Students are encouraged to take online practice examinations. These questions are not on State examinations.

- George Madland gave a Mobile-Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Committee report and IDPH has agreed to assemble members of the committee to meet with its staff including Legal to review questions regarding some of the language of the MIH.
- Connie Mattera gave a report on the State EMS Education Committee and sent out copies to all Committee meetings.
- Greg Scott presented an EMS Recruitment and Retention Committee report. This Committee is working on PSA billboards and television spots in the rural areas of Illinois. Illinois EMS Alliance Report highlighted possible legislation by AHA dealing with STEMI. EMS Council approves supporting STEMI legislation.
- Illinois EMS Summit was held in Springfield on November 19, 2014. Dr. Beck was keynote speaker. Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon was awarded the 2014 Illinois EMS Alliance EMS Advocate of the Year Award. Representative Don Moffitt was given the 2014 Legislator of the Year Award. Over 150 people in attendance.
- Council members were reminded to complete their Ethics paperwork and submit to the Division of EMS.

Rules & Legislative Subcommittee/Christopher Wohltmann, MD:

- The Subcommittee has not recently met. The Subcommittee is experiencing the same issues that were discussed earlier regarding the Subcommittee working on items within the current Administrative Code. Although, they would like to get Legislation to start working on a Level III tier trauma system.

Injury Prevention and Outreach/Jacque Quick, RN:

- The Committee has not met yet and is currently evaluating rules and objectives. Invitation was extended to appoint new Committee members.

Illinois Burn Advisory Subcommittee/ David Griffen MD:

- The Burn Advisory Subcommittee is chaired by Dr. Arthur Sanford and last met November 10, 2014. It has developed by-laws defining the core voting members and ensuring compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A number of representatives have been signed on to be part of this Subcommittee representing multiple aspects of the Trauma system.
- Two resources have been developed and are in the process of being printed and distributed. One is the Assessment and Initial Care of Burn Patients poster to be distributed to acute care hospitals around the State. The other is EMS/Pre-Hospital Burn Resource pocket card which will be sent to EMS agencies.
- A working group of the Subcommittee will be developing the Illinois Burn Education Program based on the University of Michigan course which is specific for Level I and II trauma hospitals that are not burn hospitals. These hospitals are part of the Burn Surge Annex plan to serve in case of burn disasters overflow areas. Courses will be developed that extends care beyond the 24-hour window which is covered in the ABLIS course.
- Announcement of two (2) burn exercises have been scheduled. One in Regions 1,7-11 on March 10, 2015 and the other for Regions 2-6 on March 24, 2015.
- Announcement that Evelyn Lyons and Laura Prestidge have begun scheduling presentations on the Burn Surge Annex at Regional Trauma Advisory Board meetings to familiarize trauma centers with the response plan that will be used in a mass casualty burn event.

TAC Old Business:

- **Indiana Trauma System update/James Doherty, M.D:** Two hospitals were ACS verified. Trauma patients are still presenting as far away as Porter County and Renssealaer, Indiana directly as EMS runs. This is still an ongoing issue.

Proposal to Amend Bylaws for Telecommunications: Mary Beth Voights:

- Following up with the State to ensure there is nothing else needed from the Council. The Department shared the bylaws that had the new language drafted within them and appears to be accurate. Of note, at the bottom where it says that these bylaws were approved in August 2010, a line item needs to be added that states “an amendment on September 2014.” Jack Fleeharty requested that Council indicate amendments were reviewed from prior meeting and approve the finalized bylaws as amended. Also, section 4.15 was added and should be added to the table of contents.

Dr. Fantus requested for a motion and vote on accepting these modified bylaws that were sent out prior to this meeting. Motion to approve by Dr. Aldinger and was seconded by Mary Beth Voights. Dr. Fantus called for a roll call vote. Motion passed to the approval of bylaw amendments.

TAC New Business:

Reminder of Ethics Training/Dr. Fantus:

- Ethics training is due by the end of the calendar year. All Council members were reminded. Also, prior distribution of administrative rules for Stoke Center Designation for review, comment and approval at the next meeting.

Trauma Fund Distribution through the State/Dr. Doherty:

- Dr. Doherty wanted to point out for the record that with the non-trauma designated hospitals Regions 4 and 5, received \$470,000 in the Trauma Center Fund which is \$18,800 per average. This is more than 29% of what the Level II's received and is more than all of the existing Level I pediatric trauma centers in the state received. It is Dr. Doherty's opinion that this establishes a financial unfairness. If funds were redistributed to existing trauma centers, there would be an extra \$20,000 per institution that could be applied toward a new Registry.

Request for Waiver for Minimum Data Set at Registry Dilemma/Dr. Fantus:

- Dr. Fantus requested a motion to a support waiver. Motion to approve by Dr. Aldinger and seconded by Dr. Doherty. Open discussion. Jack Fleeharty states “by having an official waiver request from the State”, if the Department cannot rectify the problem, then the Department will the grant waiver. Granting the waiver solely relies within the Department's authority. Jack requested a letter from Dr. Fantus indicating the Council is requesting this waiver. If the Department cannot make a functional registry with a reasonable timeframe with efforts by Information Technology considered, the Department will consider granting the waivers. Dr. Fantus indicated that there is a motion and has been discussed, brought forth and seconded. Open discussion. Dr. Fantus called for a roll call vote. Motion passed to waiver request.

Future Meetings/Kathy Tanouye:

- Proposal to meet on the first Thursday of March, June, September and December 2015. Proposed to move the Joint EMS & TAC meeting to March 10, 2015. Discussion on conflict of schedules and events. The next meeting will be scheduled sometime in March 2015. Future dates are June 4, 2015, September 3, 2015, and December 3, 2015. No vote needed.

Adjourn: 12:31 p.m.