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TRAUMA COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2023

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1106, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Ms. Diane Simon – Chair; Dr. Laurie Johnson – Vice Chair (arrived at 10:20 a.m.); Dr. Marco Bonta; Dr. Erik Evans, Dr. Kent Harshbarger, Ms. Deanah Moore, Mr. Darin Robinaugh, Dr. James Sauto, Jr., Dr. Michael Shannon, and Ms. Julie Warholic

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Michael Beltran, Ms. Sara Brokaw, Mr. Joseph Natko, Dr. Rajan Thakkar, and Ms. Rachel Velasquez.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Mr. Rob Wagoner, Executive Director; Mr. Aaron Jennings, Deputy Director; Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director; Mr. Eric Mays, Research and Analysis Chief; Ms. Sahithi Aurand, Research and Analysis; and Ms. Robin Burmeister, Support Staff

Public Present: Ms. Tiffany Boykins, Ohio Department of Health (ODH); Ms. Kelsey Braun, Ohio Hospital Association (OHA); Ms. Alex Carpenter, Ohio Society of Trauma Nurse Leaders (OSTNL); Ms. Michelle Doll, The Health Collaborative (THC); Ms. Jessica Klamer, OHA; Ms. Sheri Kovach, Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS); and Ms. Monica Rozzell, Northern Ohio Trauma System (NOTS).

Welcome and Introduction

Chair Simon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. She asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Roll Call

Dr. Michael Beltran	Absent	Mr. Darin Robinaugh	Present
Dr. Marco Bonta	Present	Dr. James Sauto, Jr.	Present
Ms. Sara Brokaw	Absent	Dr. Michael Shannon	Present
Dr. Erik Evans	Present	Ms. Diane Simon, Chair	Present
Dr. Kent Harshbarger	Present	Dr. Rajan Thakkar	Absent
Dr. Laurie Johnson, Vice-Chair	Present	Ms. Rachel Velasquez	Absent
Ms. Deanah Moore	Present	Ms. Julie Warholic	Present
Mr. Joseph Natko	Absent		

A quorum was present.

Education Presentation

A Q&A discussion with Ms. Angela Chisolm, Peregrine Health Services, LLC, occurred with advice pertaining to her article “*How to Secure Trauma Program Funding and Resources.*” Ms. Chisolm invited committee members to contact her for a free one-hour webinar on trauma-specific coding and billing. She also provided the following link to a recent webinar recording that she felt would benefit committee members:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/jPzznSnLnwBgynZv3v1HR7SfasFODpzKuOLSpIIX7x_ryYjWibWJFv1Vykn5yoD-.7PTAcKzBP82phkKc?startTime=1676487383000

Approval of Minutes

Chair Simon requested a motion to approve the January 11, 2023, Trauma Committee meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted as written.

ACTION: *Motion to approve the Trauma Committee minutes of the January 11, 2023, meeting.* Dr. Shannon – First. Dr. Sauto – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Current Status of Trauma Administration ODPS

Deputy Director Jennings reported that the biennial budget meeting took place. Executive Director Wagoner testified in front of the House Committee and changes to funding for the ODPS EMS Division are likely to occur.

Recruitment and retention of staff within the EMS Division continues to be an ongoing challenge.

Trauma Center Status - Chair Simon reported that there have been several trauma center verification renewals, verifications, and a couple of consultations scheduled by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) since the January 2023 Trauma Committee meeting. An updated Trauma Center status list was provided to each committee member.

Chair Simon reported that Marietta Memorial Hospital has lost its trauma verification due to some administrative deficiencies. They are allowed to operate as a provisional trauma center while it works to correct the deficiencies by September 2023.

Committee Member Status – Chair Simon reported that Seat 1 (Trauma Surgeon) and Seat 4 (Burn Surgeon) were forfeited due to the committee member not maintaining attendance requirements as required by ORC 3.17. The nominating organizations were notified and are seeking nominees for the seats.

There are currently nine open seats on the committee. Some seats cannot be filled until changes in law take place as some nominating organizations are now defunct.

Data Submission - Mr. Mays reported that the 2022 data collection does not end until the end of March. However, the vendor is still having issues correcting the reporting software issues.

New Legislation - Executive Director Wagoner reported that he testified at the House of Representatives Subcommittee of Public Safety. At this point, there is funding and all the divisions of Public Safety have been moved into the operating budget. In the past, all divisions were split between the operational budget and three divisions (Highway Patrol, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and EMS) were in the transportation budget. The move is being reviewed. The final proposal will likely include addressing filling seats for both the Trauma Committee and EMFTS Board and revising current requirements pertaining to nominating agencies that are defunct. When nominating agencies that do not submit three nominees for a seat within the time frame allotted under the ORC, a seated EMFTS Board member may serve one additional year if the seat is not filled within 60 days as is the current law. They are also working on changing the current requirement that only one person may fill a seat from a hospital system as this requirement has become more difficult as hospital systems merge. The budget bill must be finalized by June 30, 2023 since the new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2023.

Identify Trauma Committee Legislative Needs –

EMFTS Board - Executive Director Wagoner reported that Mark Marchetta was elected as the incoming chair and was seated. Mark Resanovich was seated as the vice-chair. However, on January 12, 2023, Mr. Marchetta had not yet been reappointed to the EMFTS Board; therefore, he is not technically the chair until his nomination is approved by Governor DeWine.

The EMFTS Board Retreat is scheduled to begin in the afternoon of April 18th and continues through April 20th. It will be held in the same location (DAS facility) as it was in 2022.

Medical Director Report – Dr. Cunningham (Dr. C) reported that the RPAB will be meeting after today's meeting and they are in the process of updating the State of Ohio EMS Adult Guidelines and Procedures Manual. Regarding trauma, a new draft chapter related to patient management and lithium-ion battery fires has been added. The update for the rescue task force

chapter will not happen until after the Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (C-TECC) guidelines updates are approved during their annual meeting in May.

Dr. C attended the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) annual meeting in January. There was a pre-conference workshop on C-TECC training which has not been previously available.

Dr. C reported that the statewide EMS for Children conference has been rescheduled to March 1, 2024. She advised the committee members to contact Jessica Davis at Nationwide Childrens' Hospital with any topic or speaker suggestions.

The Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference is scheduled for November 8, 2023, and it will be held in the auditorium at the Ohio Department of Transportation. Dr. C requested that committee members contact her with any topic or speaker suggestions. She noted that the date of this conference is the same date as the November 2023 Trauma Committee meeting.

There is a new state agency medical directors' forum which held its first meeting in February. Dr. C supports this newly created forum, which will have medical directors of each state agency meet virtually bi-monthly to discuss new medical opportunities (e.g., mobile mental health units) to allow better coordination and idea sharing.

Lastly, NASEMSO was awarded a grant from NITSA to develop an evidence-based guideline for the safe transport of children regardless of illness or injury.

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) – Tiffany Boykins reported that the ODH, like the DEMS, uses citations to fund its car seat shipments, and citation funds have decreased while car seat costs have increased. Car seats are provided to low-income families in all 88 Ohio counties. The ODH leveraged some additional funding for 2023 so it will still fund four car seat shipments.

The ODH is also developing a booster seat campaign, created a teen driving toolkit, and many ODH grants are available. Ms Boykins advised committee members to visit the ODH website (<https://odh.ohio.gov/>) for grant opportunities and deadlines. Many of the grants open in April.

Workgroup Reports

HR Ad Hoc Committee – Deputy Director Jennings reported that the committee focused on recruitment and retention as well as mental health resiliency and peer support in fire and EMS. Discussions took place with stakeholders.

Performance Improvement Workgroup – No report as it did not meet in February.

Scope of Practice Ad Hoc Committee - Deputy Director Jennings reported that the committee focused on decoupling the scope of practice from the education standards. Rule language changes have been submitted for approval. The EMFTS Board will be able to make adjustments; however, schools would not necessarily have to change curriculums. The committee is exploring the competencies that are included in the National EMS Education Standards and what additional

competencies could be added that would fall under local medical direction. Local community paramedicine could also be factored in when making training decisions as different communities have different needs. Thus, looking at future needs will be as important as the current needs.

Trauma Registry Advisory Group (TRAW) – Ms. Deanah Moore reported that the workgroup met in January. A resource document was approved and posted on the DEMS website and it includes contact information for new registrars. The group will be working on cleaning up “not documented” data entries so that sound data is submitted to the state.

EIS Evaluation/EMS/Rehabilitation Workgroups – These three workgroups remain on hiatus.

Resource Assessment/Competent Workforce - Chair Simon reported that the OSTNL Level III Subcommittee is continuing development of a 4-hour program that can be taken on the road to assist with training in the rural areas. A list of critical access hospitals in the state is being created so they can be contacted to see if there is anything specific they may need.

System Oversight (ORTOC) – The meeting was canceled, so there was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

EMSIRS – Mr. Eric Mays reported that IT is working with NEMESIS to see how to be recertified as changes occurred to the 3.4 version.

New Strategic Plan – Chair Simon reported that there are no new developments.

Trauma Dashboard Prototype – Mr. Mays reported that he has not been able to reschedule a meeting with IT to date so there are no updates.

Rules - There were no updates.

Seated Trauma Committee Member has Nominating Agency Change – Executive Director Wagoner reported that ODPS legal confirmed that if a seated member’s agency was absorbed by an agency that already had committee representation that neither member would lose their seat despite being represented by the same hospital system. The current language restricts “appointing” two people in the same hospital system only.

HB 509 Reversal Update – Deputy Director Jennings reported that HB 52 has been introduced which will reverse about 90 percent of the original HB 509 proposal. It has been introduced in the Senate and contains an emergency clause so that it can go into effect immediately if passed by the Senate. If passed by the Senate, Governor DeWine will need to sign the bill by April 6, 2023 so that HB 509 could be amended before it would take effect on April 6, 2023. The reduction in continuing education requirements for fire and EMS will not revert back to the current required hours.

Free-Standing Emergency Department (FSED) Data Reporting – Mr. Mays reported that FSEDs are required to report. If their data is not received, they are notified that they are non-compliant.

Discussion occurred about EMS providers transporting trauma patients to FSEDs instead of trauma centers. One reason this happens in rural areas is the lack of medical transportation to respond to other local 911 calls as well as available mobile intensive care units. Dr. C reminded the committee that there is exclusion criteria in place. A patient may request to go to a specific hospital which may not have a trauma center. There is a need for federal subsidies to support critical care ground units based in rural areas. Dr. C said the workforce shortage has reached critical levels where some community 911 responses require constant activation of mutual aid. A review of exclusion criteria should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Trauma Annual Report – Ms. Sahitha Aurand presented the report to the committee. It was suggested that adding the source of the data (e.g., ODH) would be helpful. Ms. Aurand will discuss this addition with the ODH.

ACTION: *Motion for Diane Simon to present the 2021 Trauma Annual Report to the EMFTS Board at its April 2023 meeting for approval.* Dr. Shannon – First. Ms. Warholic – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

November 8, 2023 Trauma Committee Meeting Date Change – It was the general consensus of the committee to change the November Trauma Committee meeting day from the 8th to the 15th due to the conflict with the Ohio EMS Medical Director conference.

OPEN FORUM – No questions or comments brought before the committee.

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Present 2021 Trauma Annual Report to the EMFTS Board at its April 2023 meeting – Diane Simon

ADJOURN

ACTION: *Motion to adjourn at 11:49 p.m.* Dr. Sauto – First. Dr. Johnson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Upcoming meetings - May 10, July 12, September 13, and November 15, 2023.

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