



Georgia Trauma Commission

Right Patient, Right Hospital, Right Time, Right Means

EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 11 December 2014
Scheduled: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Room 219C
Forsyth, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the December meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, in Forsyth, GA at 10:15 AM.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chair & GA Trauma Commission Vic Drawdy – GA Trauma Commission Randy Pierson – Region One Paul Beamon – Region Four (Conference Line) Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six (Conference Line) Jimmy Carver – Region Seven Brandon Fletcher – Region Eight David Moore – Region Nine Huey Atkins – Region Ten	Pete Quinones- Region Three Keith Wages – OEMS&T Dr. Jeff Nicholas – GA Trauma Commission Chad Black – Region Two

OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
John Cannady Dena Abston Kim Littleton Mark Peters Lanier Swofford	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff GAEMS Gwinnett County Fire Dawson County Emergency Services

30 October 2014 Minutes Approval:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the 30 October, 2014 subcommittee meeting.

MOTION #1 EMS Subcommittee 2014-12-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the 30 October 2014 meeting.

MOTION BY:

SECOND:

ACTION:

Jimmy Carver

Randy Pierson

The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Region 10 Data Tool Discussion:

Mr. Huey Atkins provided an update on the Region 10 data collection tool pilot project. Mr. Atkins stated the software has been developed and participants in Region 10 including staff from Athens Regional were testing the program by inputting data. Mr. Atkins demonstrated the program for the group. The program can be accessed at www.gatrauma.com.

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger asked the group for input on how they received feedback from trauma centers on patients transported by EMS.

Mr. Lee Oliver raised the possibility of creating a standard feedback form to be utilized by trauma centers to provide feedback to EMS.

FY 2014 Contract Update

Mr. Terwilliger provided an update on the progress FY 2014 funding contract. Mr. Terwilliger stated a scope of work had been provided to GTCNC staff and stated GAEMS staff are in the process of addressing questions from GTCNC staff arising from said scope of work. Mr. Terwilliger hopes to have a signed contract completed in the near future.

Mr. Terwilliger also provided an update on the EMS redesign project, which is still ongoing.

FY 2015 Funding Discussion

Mr. Terwilliger led a discussion on proposed funding for FY 2015 EMS funding dispersal.

Mr. Oliver, Mr. Jimmy Carver, Mr. David Moore stated their respective regions support a return of the vehicle replacement grant program.

Mr. Terwilliger stated he felt there might be future legislative support for the program but that he did not feel there would be Commission support until after legislative support was expressed. He advised waiting to pursue the program until after the next legislative session. Mr. John Cannady stated it might be in the group's interest to develop clear metrics to measure success of the program prior to pursuing it.

The group discussed the Commission's financial support of readiness costs for trauma centers and whether it was possible to capture an accurate picture of readiness costs for EMS providers.

Mr. Terwilliger suggested adding funds to the Triage Tag System as it does not currently have any funds allocated to it on the FY 2015 funding proposal.

MOTION #2 EMS Subcommittee 2014-12-02:

I make the motion to add \$55,523 to the Triage Tag System line item on the funding list for FY 2015 EMS fund distribution.

MOTION BY:

Lee Oliver

SECOND:

Jimmy Carver

ACTION:

The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Mr. Oliver suggested requesting that hospitals utilize the same triage system adopted by EMS.

Mr. Atkins raised a question related to the Region 1 DART and training programs. Mr. Atkins inquired as to whether or not they would be one time funding requests or if they would be ongoing.

Mr. Randy Pierson responded by stating the DART funding is a one time request and the training program would be evaluated at the end of the year. Mr. Pierson felt that if there were a future request for funding for the Region 1 training program it would be substantially less than the initial funding request. Mr. Pierson reported that Region 1's budget per course would be \$1,800.

New Business/Old Business

None.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at GPSTC. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Crafted by John Cannady