



Georgia Trauma Commission

Right Patient, Right Hospital, Right Time, Right Means

EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 13 March 2014
Scheduled: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Georgia Public Safety Training Center
LRC
Forsyth, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the March meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, LRC, in Forsyth, GA at 10:05 AM.

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

OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Jim Pettyjohn John Cannady Dena Abston (Conference Line) Kim Littleton Russ McGee Peki Prince	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff GAEMS OEMS OEMS

9 January 2014 MINUTES APPROVAL:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the 07 November, 2013 subcommittee meeting.

MOTION #1 EMS Subcommittee 2014-03-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the 09 January, 2014 meeting as written.

MOTION BY:

Jimmy Carver

SECOND:

Lee Oliver

ACTION:

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

RAD Smartphone Application:

Mr. John Cannady discussed the smart phone application of the TCC's Resource Availability Display. Mr. Cannady described the potential features of the application and requested feedback. Mr. Cannady also mentioned his desire to have EMS stakeholders participate in the development of the application.

Equipment Grant – Potential Waivers:

Ms. Kim Littleton mentioned that the grant period was over and there were no requests for waivers at this time. Also discussed was the fact that the program would have approximately \$70,000 left over from the grant period. The question was posed as to whether or not the Subcommittee can use the leftover funds to purchase other items. Mr. Jim Pettyjohn responded that this was a question to bring before the Commission.

Mr. Huey Atkins raised an unrelated question as to whether agencies were receiving pushback from local government officials over the costs of flying patients to hospitals via helicopter EMS services. Mr. Terwilliger suggested that the EMS Subcommittee may consider creating a template for helicopter usage. It was suggested by Ms. Peki Prince that this may more appropriate if it originated in RTACs and progress through EMS Subcommittees to the Trauma Commission as part of the State Trauma Plan.

There was also discussion on the progress of the funding bill for a Department of Public Safety helicopter in southwest Georgia.

Equipment Grant Required Equipment Discussion:

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the potential list of required equipment EMS agencies must have on hand before they are allowed to utilize Equipment Grant funding to purchase additional trauma related equipment. His intention is to submit the list generated at the last Subcommittee meeting to the TMD and COT groups for input. The list created by the group is as follows:

1. CAT tourniquets or equivalent
2. Hemostatic Dressings
3. Fluid Warmers
4. Blanket Warmers
5. I.O. Needles

Mr. Terwilliger asked if there were any suggested additions or subtractions and there were none, although some concern was raised over the size of the blanket warmers. Mr. Terwilliger indicated he will present the list at the next TMD conference call.

Surplus First Responder Course Grant Monies:

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the fact that there will be a surplus of First Responder Grant monies left over from the FY 2013 First Responder Grant. This surplus was due to several factors including non-response by awardees and lower course costs. There was discussion on how to re-allocate the funds and identify addition First Responder Grant awardees.

MOTION #2 EMS Subcommittee 2014-03-02:

Regarding surplus money in the FY 2013 First Responder Course grant program, I move we re-announce the availability of funds and that the funds be re-allocated through GAEMS for additional First Responder Courses.

MOTION BY:

David Moore

SECOND:

Huey Atkins

ACTION:

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

Funding for Mapping System and Hospital Bridge on GEMSIS:

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the possibility of utilizing remaining excess Equipment Grant funds to purchase a mapping system and hospital bridge as part of the GEMSIS system. There was discussion of the costs of each and whether the remaining funds could be re-allocated through an amendment of the contract between GTCNC and GAEMS.

New Business

Mr. Atkins discussed the Region 10 plan to track times from time of injury until arrival at the trauma center. Mr. Atkins presented a plan and a proposal from a software developer for the purpose of designing a universal system to track the aforementioned times. The cost of development would be approximately \$5,000. Mr. Terwilliger stated that he will send the proposal to the group for consideration.

Mr. Terwilliger led a discussion on EMS distribution patterns and the role of the EMS Subcommittee and regional EMS Councils/RTACs in monitoring and addressing these patterns.

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the Region 6 RTAC's spine board usage policy and the status of the triage tag system.

Mr. Terwilliger gave a presentation describing the Trauma Commission's recent activities. Included in the presentation was a review of the FY 2014 and 2015 EMS allocation from the Commission's budget. Also included in the presentation was a summary of Dr. Pracht's study on trauma patients in the state of Georgia.

Old Business

None

Approved 30 April 2014

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn:

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 30 April 2014 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Georgia Public Safety Training Center in the LRC. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes Crafted by John Cannady