



GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Thursday, 16 August 2018

King & Prince Resort

The Retreat Room

201 Arnold Rd

Saint Simons Island, Georgia 31522

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman Dr. Fred Mullins, Vice Chairman Mr. Victor Drawdy, Secretary/Treasurer Regina Medeiros Dr. James Dunne Dr. John Bleacher Mr. Courtney Terwilliger	Dr. Robert Cowles

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Erin Bolinger Billy Kunkle Katie Hamilton Norma Campbell Renee Morgan David Newton Dr. Christopher Dente Kelli Vaughn Katie Hasty Melissa Parris Elizabeth Atkins Amanda Ramirez Todd Dixson Stephanie Gendron Heather Morgan	Georgia Trauma Commission, Executive Director Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff DPH/OEMST DPH/OEMST DPH/OEMST Emory University Archbold Hospital Floyd Medical Floyd Medical Center Grady Memorial Memorial Health University Medical Center Region V RTAC Coordinator/Navicent Region IX RTAC Coordinator Piedmont Athens Regional

Karen Pittard	Piedmont Athens Regional
Kara Allard	GQIP
Lori Mabry	Georgia Trauma Foundation
Sharon Nieb	Surgery Prevention Research Center-Emory
Susan Bennett	JMS Burn Center at Doctor's Hospital
Farrah Parker	JMS Burn Center at Doctor's Hospital
Tracy Johns	Navicent Health Medical Center
Renee Morgan	Wellstar- Kennestone Hospital
Karen Hill	Children's Hospital of Atlanta
Leslie Baggett	Piedmont Columbus Regional- Midtown
Susam Simons	Piedmont Columbus Regional- Midtown
Scott Maxwell	HCA
Dr. Steve Paynter	Hamilton Medical Center
James Boyd	Piedmont Walton Hospital
Joseph Gleason	Redmond Regional Medical Center
Carrie Summers	Georgia Hospital Association
Jaina Carnes	Redmond Regional Medical Center
Cindy Hoggard	Redmond Regional Medical Center
Jim Sargent	Wellstar-Atlanta Medical Center
Kathie Hamby	Wellstar- North Fulton
Dr. Nathan Polite	Wellstar- Kennestone
Jamie VanNess	Wellstar-Kennestone

Call to Order: 8:05 AM

Quorum Established: 7 of 8 commission members present.

Welcome/Chairman's Report

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley welcomed everyone and began with congratulating Dr. Mullins and his team for the recent ACS verification. Dr. Ashley then reviewed his A.A.S.T oral presentation and power point as this has been accepted and recognized on a national level. (Attachment A) Dr. Ashley reviewed the report and results of the readiness cost survey. Dr. Ashley will be presenting this at the national A.A.S.T conference in September. Dr. Ashley's intent on presenting today is to acquire feedback and finalize presentation. It was suggested that the financial components be reviewed by the T.C Administrator's group. There was some discussion of the presented data

with questions on costs associated with certain readiness criteria. Dr. Ashley upon completion of review of the presentation asked the group to assist in the message we present from this collected data.

Administrative Report

Presented by Dena Abston

Ms. Abston advised the Commission that within their member packet is a copy of Dr. Ashley's presentation, please review and contact Dr. Ashley if you have any changes or requests Ms. Abston reviewed the additional contents. Ms. Medeiros asked regarding the minutes if there could be a bullet point cover sheet of the main points addressed in our meetings. Ms. Abston advised the meeting minutes must be documented and recorded as they are. Ms. Medeiros asked if we could have an overview like 'Cliff's notes' that would be helpful. Mr. Terwilliger requested attention at May's motion GTCNC 2018-05-04 as it needed to be amended as it appears the way it is presented that those numbers are set in stone regarding RTAC salary points when we know to include travel based upon region and travel requirements and that amount may fluctuate based on those factors. It was agreed that the motion needed to be Corrected to reflect that understanding.

MOTION GTCNC 2018-08-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes of 17 May 2018 Commission meeting as corrected in reference to page 11 amended Motion GTCNC 2018-05-04.

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Dr. Dennis Ashley

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Ms. Abston began the administrative report by reviewing recent Department of Driver Services revenue for FY18. Collection was reported to be \$ 200,000 less than this time last year but not the projected decrease of \$1million that has been forecasted since FY2015. The pauper's affidavit is not making as significant of a difference as originally projected for FY18. Ms. Abston reported on her recent invite to present the Stop the Bleed initiative to the Senate Safety in our Schools Committee that was held in Region 1 in July. Senator John Albers, chairman of the Committee sent a thank you letter to the Commission for its part in school safety and looks forward to continuing to work together. Ms. Abston reminded the Commission of the current trauma research grant and its deadline of November 30th. Ms. Abston reminded the Commission that this grant is for all participants within the Georgia Trauma System at any

point of the care continuum. Ms. Abston reviewed with the Commission the EMS Stakeholder distribution for FY19. Ms. Abston reported on the 2 rounds of FY18 and AFY18 EMS trauma related equipment grants and the success and appreciation across the EMS community. Ms. Abston let the Commission know that the FY19 contracts are in process and being sent to our centers. If there are any questions about these please let our staff know. Mr. Kunkle has been asked by ACS to sit on a panel at the upcoming TQIP conference and assist with the national Stop the Bleed efforts. Mr. Kunkle is also working on becoming a part of the nation Stop the Bleed Committee.

System Planning Report

Presented by Billy Kunkle

Mr. Kunkle began with an update to the Stop the Bleed school response (Attachment B). It is reported that there are over 44,000 total individuals trained and we have 84% of our state schools training wither completed or in progress. There are 1,4222 schools in receipt of their bleeding control kits at this time and we have 341 additional schools set up and scheduled for training over the next couple of months. There are recent updates to these numbers already and the number of individuals trained is actually closer to 50,000. Regions 1 and Region 9 are 100% completed. It is reported that there is lots of good work across the state and the regions that are not complete have plans to finish up. Next objective is the School Bus initiative which Mr. Kunkle reported that the bleeding control kits for the buses have been ordered. There are approximately 20,000 school buses in the state of Georgia and we managed to purchase over 7,100 kits. This will be on a first come first served basis as we will not have enough kits to furnish all at this time but hope to acquire additional funding to fulfill this need. As of this meeting we have 652 bus drivers trained. Other items to come are to place the STB training kits and a developed training video in every public school in the state for continuing education of staff and individuals. Mr. Kunkle is working with ACS on the development of the video. Another initiative is our Emergency Department training and the need to place tourniquets and trainers is every Emergency department across our state. Reported progress on this includes ordering 750 tourniquets and acquiring 150 trainers. The shipment of tourniquets has arrived and the need to develop a training network is in the works. The training network will include our local coalitions and RTAC's, DPH, GHA, our Emergency preparedness folk, and MAG/MRC.

Mr. Kunkle reported on the Commissions' staff recent involvement with the NDMS/DMAT training recently held in Atlanta. We were asked by COT to assist in training a class with over 600 students. The Commission provided the equipment and we gathered 50 volunteers. We were able to train over 400 individuals who can take the program back to their communities.

Mr. Kunkle gave a brief update on regions and reported on those with trauma plans in place. It is noted that plans are complete and in place for Regions 1,2,3,5,6, and 9. Regions 4 and 10 are in progress and Region 8 has begun their plan at this time. Mr. Kunkle reported on the RTAC system structure and status of coordinators across state.

Discussion by Ms. Medeiros of the Stop the Bleed subcommittee and its purpose. Ms. Medeiros reviewed the Stop the Bleed Subcommittee charter and asked the Commission to review. The first meeting will be scheduled after this meeting and will become a monthly call.

Break 9:35 to 9:55

OEMST Report

Presented by Renee Morgan

Ms. Morgan updated the Commission on recent ACS visits and verifications. Augusta is now level II ACS. Cartersville a level III has become a trauma center. Ms. Morgan advised the current list is available on their website. There are 4 facilities between now and the end of 2018 there are 4 facilities having a verification or consultation visit. If a center would like to be a part of the trauma system, we must be collecting 1-year data and Ms. Morgan will send out the application 8 months into that process. There are currently 4 centers participating in our registry that are not designated at this time. Eisenhower, a 2nd military base will have their consult to become a level III center in November. Once the evaluations are complete there may be some center level designation changes. There are some rural hospitals really struggling and we will watch what happens over the next 12 months. Critical Access has not helped as much as anticipated. Ms. Morgan made the announcement for David Newtons' new role as Deputy Director of OEMS/T.

There will be another TC orientation that will be led by Ms. Morgan, Ms. Abston and Ms. Allard will join this too, dates to follow this meeting. Mr. Newton advised there are 21 centers applying to become cardiac care designated centers. Mr. Newton explained the levels of designation. Mr. Newton also reported on perinatal designated facilities and there are 8 levels of designation for those centers. Mr. Newton discussed a integrated software, there will be a demo presentation at the upcoming EMS conference in Savannah. They are working with the state of Montana currently to build the dash boards and will present this to us. Mr. Newton invites all to attend the demo and provide input as how we would like the data dashboard to look. Mr. Terwilliger asked for a project date completion. There is no completion timeline as this is a large undertaking. Ms. Medeiros asked if there was the ability within the system to integrate the ACS visits. Mr. Newtons' intent is to make existing processes smoother with this system.

Georgia Trauma Foundation

Presented by Lori Mabry

There are 150 registered for this year's day of trauma event and we have some excellent speakers, GQIP collaborative, as well as the 5th annual M. Gage Ochsner paper. Dr. Charles Mabry, MD, FACS will speak on his trauma system Dr. Michael Englesbe, MD, FACS will speak on his collaborative in Michigan and what they have accomplished in trauma care.

GCTE Report

Presented by Liz Atkins

Ms. Atkins reported upon the recent and upcoming ACS visits. There is a collaborative repository of helpful information and templates to share between all centers and help in preparation for ACS visits. The registry subcommittee has actively worked on changing some process regarding the registry (**Attachment A**). The subcommittee presented a timeline that included a request to change trauma registry software and work with OEMST on those changes. This subcommittee is hoping to have approval and implement between March and June of 2019. There is an ongoing pilot that includes 5 centers and the data collected is being presented at the collaborative meeting and it is our hope to standardize some practices from this work and compile this information and upload to the foundation website. Dr. Ashley commented that it would be great to include job descriptions so there is a template that centers can share and build off of.

The Process Improvement (PI) subcommittee are working on items pertaining to ED LOS data with Ms. Allard and Ms. Probst. One focus is to decrease admissions of non-surgical services and decrease under triage. They are also working on a compilation of activation criteria and looking at data sets to uncover under triage opportunities. There is also recommendation for new PI measure and it will be presented tomorrow at the GCTE meeting. The Injury Prevention (IP) subcommittee is focusing on Falls, Traffic, and Intentional injuries and has 3 task force established. The Education subcommittee has a newly appointed Erin Moorcones. Ms. Moorcones is looking for new and interested additions to the subcommittee. There have been some recent funding changes. Discussion around TNCC and the upfront costs incurred. The original budget was based on the trauma foundations process so there is some reorganization ongoing at this time. It was discussed that we might need to reallocate funds to those courses that have no upfront costs.

The Pediatric subcommittee has a new leader, Ms. Kate Bailey. They will be meeting soon to begin collaborating on some existing needs and ongoing projects to continue.

EMS Subcommittee Report

Presented: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger reported on the recent EMS grants recently administered and the positive outcome from those grants. The trauma skills cadaver labs that have been held have been very beneficial and warmly welcomed. The attendance has been a mix of EMS and about 30% Nursing. The skill set is really beneficial. Terwilliger suggested since these trauma skill courses have been so well received he suggests that we partner up in funding some additional trauma skills labs together in 2019. Mr. Terwilliger proceeded to review the projected FY19 EMS 20% stakeholder budget items (**Attachment B**). An additional \$ 384,000 is being put into replacing older AVLS units and air card upgrades for services that are still running on original technology. Ms. Abston added that we have had 5 additional trauma skills lab requests and would suggest that an additional \$ 150,000 be granted towards having those across the state. Ms. Abston explained how each training is allotted for 120 to be trained and the lab time is hands on very well received. Mr. Drawdy added that the recent lab we held in Moultrie, Georgia was extremely beneficial and there was only positive feedback from the survey. Mr. Drawdy reminded the Commission of the importance of getting these types of things in to South Georgia as requested by the Governor. Each group that rotates through the lab is put into groups with the same skill set so the stations as they are going through the lab is set to their background, be it EMS or nursing. Dr. Ashley asked what we need to do through the Commission to get the additional funds to host these. Mr. Terwilliger says he does not mind the nurses and wants that clear but if there are any funds set aside for nurses or if we receive any funds in the supplemental budget with the amended FY19 budget. Ms. Abston suggested that we revisit this in January when we are more certain about the amended budget.

GQIP Collaborative

Presented: Kara Allard

Ms. Allard reminded the Commission of the activities tomorrow at the Day of Trauma event. There are plenty of great presentations tomorrow to include one on pediatric radiation guidelines and the presenting of the GQIP data and our update and we will have a breakout session and host some discussion that we will divide the group by center level designation. The VAP (Ventilator Associated Pneumonia) guideline have been sent and implemented in our centers, most are participating. This preliminary data will be presented tomorrow. The AKI (Acute Kidney Injury) there are two guidelines under this (1) protective bundle guideline and (2) final draft to be adapted by centers, the ultimate goal being that we take this back to our centers and implement going forward. We are working with a staff member at Navicent on this project and

data collection. The Annual Quality & Safety conference is upcoming, there is also some preliminary data from NSQIP and there are early indicators that are similar to what the trauma side is seeing. There is a lot of learning from each other between these collaboratives. Ms. Allard says in regard to protective bundle guidelines it appears that there will be some overlap between the GQIP and NSQIP collaboratives. The next meeting for NSQIP is in December.

New Business

Presented: Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley discussed the newly formed Trauma Administrators Subcommittee and the need for involvement of this group. Ms. Michelle Wallace, SVP Clinical Operations of Grady Memorial in Atlanta and Ms. Janet Schwalbe, VP of Physicians Services and Trauma at Gwinnett medical Center and together they are spearheading the Trauma Administrators subcommittee and together presented a Power point (**Attachment C**). Their goal is to configure a way to support all of the Commissions' ongoing and new initiatives. The first meeting was a face to face at Grady with what was around 50 % participation of the group. There are monthly meetings but with limited participation and Ms. Wallace thanked Ms. Atkins, Ms. Solomon and Ms. Medeiros for their support. Dr. Dunne asked how the Commission can increase support in their respective areas. Ms. Wallace believes that we need to help administrators understand the needs in order to increase participation. Dr. Ashley suggests that we consider adding in these criteria to our performance-based pay structure. Mr. Terwilliger would love to see the rural health numbers and there is need to figure out the things that are killing people and work on prevention. It will also be interesting to look in two years at how the hands-free legislation will have impacted our survival rates. Ms. Schwalbe believes we will also have to look at the Opioid crisis and its impact on trauma care. Ms. Medeiros added that along with the GAAP analysis and the senate study committee and the need for more injury prevention focus and should consider investing in that area. Ms. Medeiros believes in working with the Trauma Administrators group they can help guide us and develop tools for us to look at and provides expectations and goals to work towards.

Ms. Nieb with Emory Injury Prevention offered her services and the need to bring these collaboratives and groups together and we can be a real resource to each other.

Meeting as adjourned at 12:15

Minutes crafted by: Erin Bolinger