



Georgia Trauma Commission

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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Thursday, 19 May 2016

**Gwinnett Medical Center
 Women's Pavilion
 Rose/Azalea Rooms
 1000 Medical Center Blvd
 Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman Dr. Fred Mullins, Vice Chair Mr. Victor Drawdy, Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Jeffrey Nicholas Dr. James Dunne Dr. John Bleacher Mr. Courtney Terwilliger Dr. Robert Cowles	Mr. Mark Baker

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Heyward Wells Dr. Pat O'Neal Dr. William Hardcastle Renee Morgan Lori Mabry Scott Maxwell Gina Solomon Janet Schwalbee Laura Garlow Liz Atkins Dr. Regina Medeiros Kristal Smith Billy Kunkle Shea Ross Daphne Stitely Mark Peters David Newton Karen Hill Jill Brown Susan Moore	Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, staff JMS Burn Center DPH/Health Protection DPH SOEMS/T DPH SOEMS/T Georgia Trauma Foundation Mathews & Maxwell, Inc. Gwinnett Medical Center Gwinnett Medical Center Kennestone Grady Augusta University MCCG/RTAC 5 RTAC 3 GHA John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital Gwinnett Fire Gwinnett Tech CHOA HCA SE Division MAG/MRC

Call to Order: 10:05 AM

Quorum Established: 10:07 AM, 8 of 9 commission members present.

Welcome/Chairman's Report

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Ms. Janet Schwable with Gwinnett, Vice President of Physician Services.

Dr. Ashley reported the Trauma Medical Directors call from this past week was canceled due to the Spring TQIP meeting being held at the end of April 2016. Over the last two or three years the state chair of the GA COT Dr. Dente has been working with the medical directors to get everyone's data together to look at quality improvement and working together to develop processes to make the state better.

Research update Dr. Ferdinand submitted a paper on the DVT analysis at the Southern Surgical with Dr. Ashley presenting. The access paper is a follow up paper to our paper we published about a year ago that showed trauma centers in Georgia at a 96% survival over being treated at a non-designated center. And a 20% increase of trauma patients going to trauma centers over the past decade. Submitted it to an oral presentation, which he submitted it to the Southeastern Surgical and published in their journal.

The TMD group had some issues about hand re-implant call and care. There will be an update on that at the August Day of Trauma meeting.

The Trauma System Evaluation Committee met at the end of April and discussed several recommendations that he would be making to the full Commission this morning. When discuss the budget we will discuss more then.

The GA COT is gaining new leadership as Dr. Dentes term is up. Dr. Ferdinand will be the chairman; Dr. Henderson, Dr. Christie, and Dr. MacNew will all become vice-chairmen. Dr. Renz will be an at-large executive member. There is an at-large member position available.

Administrative Report

Presented by Dena Abston

Ms. Abston stated the meeting minutes from the March meeting were sent out to members. Dr. Ashley asked if anyone would be willing to make a motion to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION GTCNC 2016-05-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes of 17 March 2016 Commission meeting as written.

MOTION BY: MR. VIC DRAWDY

SECOND BY: DR. FRED MULLINS

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Ms. Abston Administrative report was sent to everyone electronically, was posted to the website and is in your packet. She reported that she received the April 2016 DDS Super Speeder revenues report. The administrative report from pages 3-27 includes Warren Averett's Validation of UCC data report. Page 23 begins a summary of

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the report, which includes the centers total amount of claims, the audited results and page 26 showing the overall totals combining all the centers.

Ms. Abston continued beginning on page 28 is the quarterly eBroselow report of activity. There are only 5 participating hospitals with 3 of them being non-designated facilities. Page 32 is a map from GAEMS Leadership alumni showing where each individual trained was from and by year they took the course.

FY 2017 Budget Discussion

Presented by Vic Drawdy

Mr. Drawdy asked members to turn to page 33 of the admin report. Page 33 shows the FY 2016 closing budget projection. It shows in each budget category how each department expects to close. For both Commission Operations and System Development, each of these categories had funds left over primarily from staff turnover and costs savings there. The AVLS support category showed some funds available that appeared to be from expected overage charges for airtime saved rather than spent. There is also \$50,000 shown in the Readiness Cost Survey area. This project did not occur as intended and is expected to occur in FY 2017 instead of the current year. The budget category for the trauma centers and physician funding showed \$123,819 as the pull back amount from the trauma centers for Performance Based Payment criteria not being met.

On page 34, it shows where funds have been redirected by the Budget Subcommittee to support FY 2017 initiatives. The following proposals will be covered by FY 2016 redirected funds: Operations budget area - Georgia Trauma Foundation – developmental funds \$150,000; Warren Averett, LLC – UCC audit funds of \$40,000; and Office rent covered for \$24,450. System Development budget area – MAG/MRC proposal for \$150,000; RTAC 4 start up grant for \$75,000; and Dr. Prachts update to the Georgia trauma system analysis report for \$7,500. The funds remaining from the PBP pull back in the Trauma Center and Physician funding area will be redirected to the Georgia Trauma Foundation educational grant proposal for the amount of \$143,495.

Approval of FY 2016 Redirected Closing Budget

MOTION GTCNC 2016-05-02:

I make the motion to approve the FY 2016 redirected closing budget as presented and recommended by the Budget Subcommittee.

MOTION BY: BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Dr. Ashley presented the recommendations from the Trauma System Evaluation Committee. He began by reporting the Subcommittee has looked at the RTAC structures and has built some groundwork for what type of representatives should be on each RTAC. A recommendation from the Subcommittee to the Commission is for Regions 3, 6, and 9 to each receive funding in the amount of \$60,000 to support a pilot project for a RTAC Coordinator in the respective regions. The idea for a pilot project for RTAC Coordinators is neighboring regions may want to share a coordinator. There also must be measurable metrics identified for each coordinator. The second recommendation will be to fill the System Planner position, which remains vacant. This person will oversee the statewide RTAC functions as well the RTAC Coordinators and their responsibilities. The final recommendation from the Subcommittee is for the RTAC be a subcommittee of the EMS Councils, which means they would not need their own by-laws and they would be protected to do PI work together as well.

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All recommendations from the Trauma System Evaluation Committee were voted on, and all Commission members voted in favor of the recommendations. There were no oppositions or objections noted.

Mr. Drawdy continued with discussion on the FY 2017 budget. He mentioned RTAC 5 had submitted a proposal for the School Response Program. The Budget Subcommittee recommended decreasing their proposal by half and including the \$1,500 video training as a deliverable in the grant. The Budget Subcommittee recommends removing the SAAB/Resource Availability Display concept from the budget to no longer fund. The pilot program timeframe of 5 years has ended and he poled the surrounding EMS agencies. He believes no one is using this system as its originally intended. Therefore, he recommended to the Budget Subcommittee and to the Commission to remove funding for the RAD to the Contingency fund for the System Development budget.

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the TQIP initiatives being potentially moved under the "line" for the 80/20 split of the Commission funding under the Trauma Center budget. The discussion continued about the Registry dollars being pulled out because OEMST used to fund that area and no longer did, so the Commission began to fund that effort. Dr. Ashley proposed leaving the TQIP initiatives in the System Development budget area for now.

Removing Saab from Budget

MOTION GTCNC 2016-05-03:

I make the motion to remove the budget lines for Saab (Resource Availability Display) and put those amounts in the System Development contingency budget for a total of \$106,800 from Saab to Contingency.

MOTION BY: MR. COURTNEY TERWILLIGER

SECOND BY: Dr. BOB COWLES

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Budget discussion continued onto the remaining budget areas. Mr. Drawdy presented the final budget areas remaining without any questions.

Approval of the FY 2017 Budget

MOTION GTCNC 2016-05-04:

I make the motion to approve the FY 2017 Budget as amended.

MOTION BY: MR. COURTNEY TERWILLIGER

SECOND BY: Dr. JEFFREY NICHOLAS

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Georgia Trauma Foundation

Ms. Mabry reported that TAG has officially dissolved and the Foundation has acquired that educational piece. She also reported that means that she took over responsibility for the Day of Trauma, which will be held in Savannah this year in August. She stated there would be a guest speaker and break out sessions for TMD, TPM, and Registrars.

Presented by Ms. Lori Mabry

GCTE SUBCOMMITTEE

Presented by Ms. Laura Garlow

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Ms. Garlow reported that GCTE met the day before the Commission meeting. She began by giving a report from each Subcommittee. She started with Injury Prevention and reported May is Trauma Awareness month. The IP group is working with the GTF to add events to their calendar. The Registry group chair is now Regina Medeiros as the former chair left the state. The Registry group is reviewing the Trauma Coder software, which looks at data elements, ICD 9 & 10, and the data dictionary (which will only contain State requirements). The Special Projects subcommittee is working on collecting job descriptions; data validation tools; and other resource materials to put together a best practices manual. They are also working on a trauma registrar orientation certification materials packet. The Education subcommittee is in the planning stages of 2 TNCC and 2 ENPC courses; all RTTDC courses have been scheduled; 2 ATCN courses are being planned at Grady and Wellstar.

Office of EMS and Trauma

Presented by Dr. Pat O'Neal
Ms. Rana Bayakly
Ms. Renee Morgan

Dr. O'Neal began by thanking the Commission members for the continued support of the MAG/MRC group initiatives. He attended with some members the MAG drill at the end of April where they demonstrated the mobile hospital. He wanted to recognize that Georgia is the only state in the nation with a medical association with physicians of this caliber. This type of association is helpful to all potential types of disasters including trauma, infectious disease and others. It is a favorable reflection on the entire state. Susan Moore wanted to also thank the Commission for the support and would like to engage more physicians in their initiatives. Dr. O'Neal reported there is expected to be another opportunity mock drill in October around the time the House of Delegates meet to essentially practice. He is surprised at all the subspecialties of physicians that participate in MAG. He stated it is very similar to the way Israel operates in that their physicians are required to be involved in these types of initiatives especially disaster related ones.

Dr. O'Neal reported that right now there is a tabletop exercise being conducted in Dalton, Georgia on Ebola and that Mr. Keith Wages is there instead of with us here. He has asked Ms. Rana Bayakly to give an update on the Hospital Hub project. Ms. Bayakly thanked the Commission for the support in purchasing the Hospital Hub. She is in the process of amending the contract with ImageTrend. She has been working to clean data sets with GEMSIS for hospitals to install the Hospital Hub. She reported there will be a webinar held on June 6th with stroke registrar staff, EMS and trauma staff to implement data into the stroke registry. They will duplicate the stroke concepts with the trauma hospitals and resolve issues by the end of June. They should have the capability of accessing that data from GEMSIS in their trauma registry. Dr. O'Neal stated that trauma system has really set the standard for all other specialty care and we should be proud of how far we've come and the trauma surgeons. The trauma system is being viewed by infectious disease, stroke, and pediatrics (neo-natal), to build their systems.

Ms. Morgan gave a data report to the GCTE members and would send to Ms. Abston to forward to members. She has been working to update and improve the trauma center quarterly reports and the performance based payment criteria for FY 2017. She reported that her office and the Commission office are working well together to make sure what's reported inside their reports benefits both our offices. She mentioned they have been conducting tabletop exercises with centers to develop an action plan to improve. The level two centers are struggling with the anesthesia requirements established by the college. She has a site visit planned for Monday with Appling Hospital in Baxley, Georgia and expects this summer to have Fairview Park become a level three center. She reported several regions are still working on helicopter data for timeliness and appropriateness of patient transfers. Dr. Dunne asked that she reconsider using a consultative visit from ACS as the state re-designated/not report. She explained they use the consultative visit to make a corrective action plan which maintains the state guidelines and how the center and state move forward together. Dr. O'Neal mentioned they would not take the deficiencies stated in the consultative visits and use as state verification.

EMS Subcommittee on Trauma

Presented by Mr. Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger reported the EMS Subcommittee met on April 12th in Eatonton, Georgia. They started at Vizitech for live demonstration of their 3D, augmented reality (AR), and virtual reality (VR) learning programs and technology. The official meeting followed at Putnam County Admin building. They discussed MOUs for AVLS purchase of new systems & airtime for all systems, which will be submitted to AG's office once re-wording has been made. They received a Letter of Advice (LOA) from Monica Sullivan on the AVL systems being subject to an open records request, even though Sierra Wireless only keeps data 14 days at a time. They have began a Regional System Improvement Grants process, which including \$298,743. This will be a competitive grant process to provide trauma related education, equipment, or pilot projects based on regional needs, which are all due on 5/31/2016. Mr. Terwilliger reported they began looking at the FY 2017 budget and areas of funding.

Mr. Terwilliger reported the GAEMS and GA EMS Preparedness Foundation contract deliverables. He stated there would be a Doodle poll sent out soon to conduct the next GEMSYS meeting. The EMS redesign initiatives SWOT analysis has began with Georgia Southern. Several of the following courses have been completed including PHTLS, ITLS, TCCC and EMR/EMT. The most recent extrication course was in Washington County with consideration of several other courses needed. GAEMS has ordered over 22,000 triage tags. These will be dispersed in 2,200 triage treatment bags. The idea is that each 911 service have these tags. North American response is working on a training video.

New Business

Ms. Abston wanted to mention the August meeting will be held in Savannah and that information about hotel room blocks will be coming soon. The November meeting will be Atlanta and hosted by Atlanta Medical Center.

Adjourn Meeting

MOTION GTCNC 2016-05-05:
I make the motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY: DR. JEFFREY NICHOLAS

SECOND BY: DR. FRED MULLINS

VOTING: All members are in favor of motion.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 12:34 PM

Minutes crafted by: Dena Abston