

Statewide Trauma Advisory Council Meeting
December 10, 2009, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Alabama Department of Public Health
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present	Dr. Richard Gonzalez, Beth Anderson Chief Billy Pappas, Dr. John Campbell, Dr. Donald E. Williamson
Members By Phone	Mr. Bryan Kindred, Dr. Loring Rue, Mr. John Rainey, Mr. Gary Gore
Members Absent	Dr. Alzo Preyear and Dr. John Mark Vermillion
Staff Present	Dennis Blair, Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Robin Moore, Brian Hale
Guests	Joe Acker, Denise Louthain, Alex Franklin, Spencer Howard
Guests By Phone	Allan Pace, Bryan Grout, David Garmon

Welcome

Dr. Williamson called the meeting to order with a welcome and roll call.

Consideration of Minutes of October 27, 2009

Approval was requested for the Minutes of the October 27, 2009, STAC Meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Williamson to amend meeting minutes to reflect Mr. Rainey's attendance by phone, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Alabama Trauma System Activation Updates

There are 98 hospitals in Alabama of which 52 are currently activated in the trauma system (4-Level I; 4-Level II; 44-Level III).

The Council recommended approval Southwest Alabama Medical Center in the Gulf Region as a Level III Trauma Center, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

The projected date for the Alabama Trauma System to be fully activated is January 2010.

West Region Trauma Plan

The Council recommended approval of the West Region Trauma Plan, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Out-of-State Trauma System Designation Process

Dr. Rue made a motion to table the Out-of-State Trauma System Designation Process; Chief Pappas seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Regional Trauma Plans Revision

The revision to the Regional Trauma Plan was approved by the State Committee of Public Health November 2009.

Trauma Funding Update

The physician Trauma Funding workgroup will meet on January 19, 2010 to discuss plans for distribution of any future funds for the Alabama Trauma System.

Electronic trauma image sharing process

The consortium of hospitals in BREMSS has obtained the grant to develop a medical imaging sharing process and they are ready to begin testing the process.

Alabama Trauma System Operation Report

Joe Acker gave a brief Trauma System Operation Report from October 22, 2009, through December 8, 2009. (See attached)

Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) Issues Updates

The EMTALA is a statute which governs how a patient presenting to an emergency department must be evaluated and the procedure for transferring an emergency department patient from one hospital to another

Dr. Campbell, Choona Lang, and Joe Acker participated in a teleconference with Dr. Richard Wild, CMO/CMS, regarding concerns on interfacility transfers and making sure hospitals follow the regulatory provisions according to EMTALA.

Dr. Campbell is to revise the Patient Criteria for Hospitals to Enter Patients into the Trauma System DVD redistributed to the regions.

BREMSS Trauma Plan Revisions


The Council recommended approval of the revisions to the BREMSS Region Trauma Plan, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

RTAC Membership Revisions

The Council recommended approval of the RTAC Membership revisions for the East Region, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

The next STAC meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m., January 26, 2010, The RSA Tower, Suite 1586; 201 Monroe Street; Montgomery, Alabama.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



John E. Campbell, M.D.; Presiding Officer
Statewide Trauma Advisory Council



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