

**Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems
Advisory Council (STHSAC) Meeting**

March 8, 2017, 10 a.m.

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

Members Present: Thomas Miller, M.D.

Members by Phone: Sidney Brevard, M.D., Ricky Howell, Bryan Kindred, Teresa Grimes, Rony Najjar, M.D., Alzo Preyear, M.D., Beth Anderson, William Crawford, M.D.

Members Absent: Jeffrey Kerby, M.D., Vernon Johnson

Staff Present: Walter Geary, M.D., Sarah Nafziger, M.D., Choona Lang, DHEd, Stephanie Payne, Augustine Amenyah, Valeta Jones, Jamie Gray, Lori McInerney, Chris Randolph, Karen Bishop

Guests Present: Dion Schultz, Travis Parker, Joe Acker

Guests by Phone: Michael Minor, Denise Louthain, David Garmon, John Blue II, Alex Franklin, Jim Goodreau, Steven Suggs, M.D., Priscilla Brewer, Angela Basham-Saif

Welcome

Dr. Geary welcomed the participants and called the meeting to order.

Adoption of December 13, 2016, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of December 13, 2016, as amended, to remove the title of M.D., from Mr. Bryan Kindred's name; the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business/Trauma System Update

- Dr. Geary acknowledged Ms. Beth Anderson's retirement. He stated that she would remain on staff in a consultant role until May 2017.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Region Five Regional Advisory Council composition, as amended, to remove Donald E. Williamson, M.D., as the State Health Officer; the motion carried unanimously.

- Druid City Hospital would be functioning as a true Level III due to neurosurgeon coverage not being available.
- Dr. Crawford stated that the age group for children who would receive pediatric care and should be transferred to an adult facility would be discussed at the next Trauma Surgeons' meeting.
- Air medical issues continued to be addressed. Dr. Crawford stated that the Office of Emergency Medical Services staff (OEMS) would schedule a meeting with the air medical services directors in Alabama to find a solution to some of the routing concerns.
- Dr. Crawford stated that OEMS and the trauma surgeons were still working to coordinate a meeting with the representatives from the Governor's Office and the Alabama Hospital Association to discuss current Statewide Trauma and Health Systems concerns.
- Dr. Crawford reported that ground level falls would continue to be entered into the Alabama Trauma System.
- Dr. Crawford discussed the plan to encourage the Level II stroke centers to participate as Level III trauma centers.
- Dr. Crawford stated that town hall meetings had been added to the quarterly State Emergency Medical Control Committee meetings to enhance communication between EMS providers, OEMS, and regional staff.

New Business

Dr. Nafziger provided an update on the stroke system. She stated that the statewide stroke system continued to progress. The Birmingham Region and the Southeast Region continued to function and move forward in the stroke system. Dr. Nafziger stated that there were no major quality improvement issues to report; however, Hospital Outcome Reports had not been returned by some of the hospitals. Therefore, more efforts would be given to this issue to improve compliance. Dr. Nafziger expressed that the stroke system continued to progress with 66 hospitals in the state ready to participate. The West Region was still pending, but they were actively working on scheduling site visits. Dr. Nafziger reported that the final stroke plan and stroke rules were approved by the Stroke Workgroup, but may not be ready for vote until the STHSAC Meeting on June 14, 2017. If the documents are ready for STHSAC review before June 14, the Council would receive an e-mail requesting an electronic vote.

Trauma Registry Report

Mr. Amenyah presented an overview of the Trauma Registry Report, as distributed.

Health Systems Report

Mr. Acker presented the Health Systems Report, as distributed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2017, at 10 a.m., in Montgomery at The RSA Tower, Room 1586.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Walter T. Geary, M.D., for
Thomas M. Miller, M.D., Chairman
Statewide Trauma and Health Systems Advisory Council

Choona Lang, Trauma Administrator
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