

Statewide Trauma Advisory Council Teleconference
July 10, 2008

Conference Room
Alabama Department of Public Health
The RSA Tower
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present	Dr. Loring Rue, Dr. John Mark Vermillion, Dr. Rony Najjar, Beth Anderson, Gary Gore, Dr. John Campbell, Dr. Donald Williamson
Members Absent	Dr. Alzo Preyear, Chief Billy Pappas, Allen Foster
Staff Present	Dennis Blair, OEMS&T Director; Verla Thomas, OEMS&T
Guests	Jim Wells, Vaughn Regional Medical Center; Danne Howard, Alabama Hospital Association; Joe Acker, BREMSS

Welcome

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

Consideration of the Minutes of April 21-22, 2008

The Council recommended approval of the Minutes of April 21-22, 2008, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Discharge of Out of State Residents from Alabama Hospitals Report

The attached document provided by SHPDA identified the out-of-state discharges of each region.

Dr. Williamson stated that he had contacted Blue Cross regarding the trauma care reimbursement for hospitals and physicians and was waiting for the information

Trauma System Update

Gulf Region Town Hall Meeting was very productive. The Gulf Region may be the next trauma regional system to become operational.

An emergency rule was adopted by the State Committee of Public Health to establish the Regional Trauma Advisory Councils. (The Regional Trauma Advisory Council Emergency rule will be out for public comment until September 11, 2008, which is the date of the public hearing)

NATS Patient numbers

March 66 patients

May 178 patients 73 percent seen at Huntsville Hospital
6 percent seen at Decatur General Hospital
22 percent divided among eight Level III hospitals
Alex Franklin has done a great job with the QI process and patient tracking in the North Alabama Trauma System.

East Region Update

Dr. Campbell and Joe Acker have been to all hospitals in the East Region, except three. We are waiting for appointments for the Regional Trauma Advisory Council to move forward in East.

Trauma System Website

All Trauma information is current on the Alabama Trauma System Website.
www.adph.org/ats

Trauma Workgroup Update

Trauma Rules

A working draft was presented on the status of the rules.

QI Workgroup

One of the main focuses of this workgroup is the under triage issues in North.

Pediatric Workgroup

The first meeting of the Pediatric Workgroup was June 20. One of the main goals would be to identify the minimal equipment for pediatric care for air/ground transport and in trauma centers. Selected members of this workgroup will bring information on pediatric equipment used in their hospital.

Hospital Entry Criteria

This criteria is for in-hospital medical personnel to enter a patient who meets the trauma or burn patient criteria into the Alabama Trauma System.

Suggested Changes by Dr. Loring Rue:

Physiological #3 Add to statement

(determination of appropriate trauma level will be made through secondary triage)

Also add as a requirement:

Patients entered under physiologic criteria may be transferred as soon as the transferring physician and the ATCC agree on a destination hospital. For patients entered under anatomic or mechanism of injury criteria (normal vital signs and level of consciousness), the doctor at the transferring hospital should speak to the physician (emergency physician or surgeon) at the receiving hospital to discuss the transfer and any

stabilization that should be done before transfer. The ATCC can link the two doctors.

Dr. Campbell will make the necessary changes and the revised version will be sent out STAC for review before sending to the State Committee of Public Health for adoption.

Trauma System Admission Forms

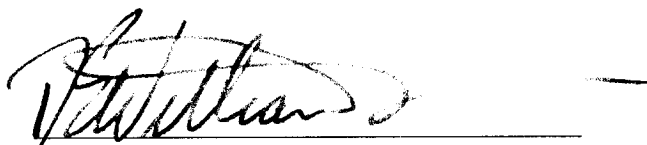
Admission forms were sent to the STAC for review and comments

Recommended changes to the "Trauma Care Center Site Survey"
Add introduction of surgeons under opening remarks.

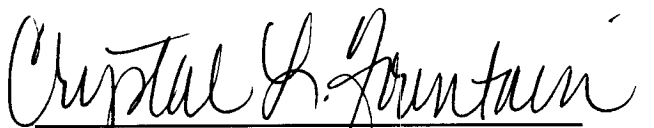
Next Meeting

August 21, 2008, Teleconference, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

October 6, 2008, The RSA Tower, Suite 1586, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Donald E. Williamson, M.D., Chairman
Statewide Trauma Advisory Council



Crystal L. Fountain, Administrative Assistant II
Statewide Trauma Advisory Council

Approved August 21, 2008

Discharges of Out of State Residents from Alabama Hospitals

October 2006 through September 2007 SHPDA Data



Region 1 (North)

State of Residence	Combined OOS Discharges
Delaware	1
Florida	5
Georgia	2
Indiana	2
Michigan	1
Mississippi	5
North Carolina	1
South Carolina	4
Tennessee	18
Wisconsin	1
Unknown	6
Total Out-of-State	46



Region 2 (East)

State of Residence	Combined OOS Discharges
Florida	2
Georgia	1
Ohio	1
Texas	1
Total Out-of-State	5



Region 3 (BREMSS)

State of Residence	Combined OOS Discharges
California	1
Florida	20
Georgia	8
Louisiana	2
Kentucky	1
Mississippi	24
New York	1

Ohio	1
South Carolina	2
Tennessee	1
Texas	1
Virginia	1
<u>Total Out-of-State</u>	<u>63</u>

Region 4 (West)

State of Residence	Combined OOS Discharges
Delaware	1
Florida	1
Georgia	1
Louisiana	3
Michigan	1
Mississippi	1
Ohio	1
<u>Total Out-of-State</u>	<u>9</u>

Region 5 (Southeast)

State of Residence	Combined OOS Discharges
Florida	46
Georgia	33
Mississippi	2
Ohio	2
Tennessee	1
Virginia	1
West Virginia	1
<u>Total Out-of-State</u>	<u>86</u>

Region 6 (Gulf)

State of Residence	Combined OOS Discharges
Florida	28
Georgia	5
Illinois	1
Indiana	1
Louisiana	6

Michigan	1
Mississippi	52
Missouri	1
Ohio	2
South Carolina	1
Tennessee	1
Texas	5
Virginia	1
<hr/> Total Out-of-State	<hr/> 105