

**Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems (STHS)**  
**Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Workgroup Meeting**  
**January 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m., Room 1184**  
**Call in Information WebEx**

**In attendance:** William Crawford, M.D., Stephen Wilson, Alice Floyd, Verla Thomas, Gary Varner, Augustine Amenyah, Valeta Jones, Jamie Gray, Chris Hutto, Bill Petrey, Lori McInerney, Dion Schultz, Michael Minor, Glenn Davis, Travis Parker, Denise Louthain, Kent Wilson

**By Phone:** John Blue II, Allan Pace, and David Garmon

Stephen Wilson opened the meeting by introducing two new employees in the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and to the QA/QI Workgroup. Kent Wilson would be working with Chris Hutto in the Education Section. Bill Petrey would be working with Jamie Gray in the Compliance Section. Dr. Crawford welcomed everyone and gave a brief update about the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems Advisory Council Pre-Planning Meeting with Dr. Scott Harris.

#### **QA/QI Process**

##### ***Trauma System Update***

Dr. Crawford discussed that the QA/QI Workgroup had agreed to reduce the regional trauma plans at the QA/QI meeting on October 24, 2017. Ms. Louthain from Region Five stated that she had reduced their Region Advisory Council (RAC) trauma plans. Mr. Schultz from Region One stated that their RAC plan was going to be reduced. They would have two separate plans, one for historical administration for their RAC and the other would be for their Region. Mr. Minor from Region Three stated that their region had reduced their RAC plans. Dr. Crawford stated that Region Four had reduced their plans and RAC composition. Mr. Blue from Region Two stated that they are staying consistent with their RAC membership. Mr. Blue reported that they had been reviewing their RAC trauma plan and was waiting to view the completed West trauma plan to see how they may incorporate West revised plan into Region Two trauma plan. Mr. Garmon reported that they had reduced their RAC composition to 17 members. Mr. Garmon also stated that their regional plan would be downsized and he would like to view Region Four revised trauma plan. Dr. Crawford introduced the OEMS new Trauma Manager, Alice Floyd.

##### **Trauma /Stroke Data Report**

Gary Varner presented the ATS Report, as distributed.

### ***Stroke System Update***

There was no Stroke Update at this time.

### **Regional Discussion**

#### ***Region One***

Mr. Schultz reported that their communication radio reports into the hospitals had been the only quality assurance that their RAC had been focused on. The RAC designed a flow chart of how they want their paramedics to call in the reports. Mr. Schultz stated that his region had distributed flowcharts, since the end of December 2017, and had already received positive feedback from the hospitals on the radio report coming into the hospitals.

#### ***Region Two***

Mr. Blue expressed his gratitude to Ms. Floyd for assisting his region with the Georgia partners and hospitals that had submitted an application to join the Alabama Statewide Trauma.

#### ***Region Three***

Mr. Minor reported that when the Level I was on Trauma System Overload (TSO) they re-routed 31 patients; 13 of those patients were sent home, 16 were admitted, 1 expired, and 1 was unknown. When the Level I was red, their region only rerouted 1 patient and that patient was admitted. Mr. Minor explained of the 555 patients their region had in the stroke system, 49 percent were diagnosed with stroke, 26.6 percent tPA, and 89 percent were admitted which was a neurology emergency and not a stroke. Additionally, they had 198 STEMI patients, 83 were admitted and 46 percent went to the catheterization laboratory, 7 Quality Issues which were closed and they ranged from "No time to No patient entry."

#### ***Region Four***

There was no report presented at the time.

#### ***Region Five***

Ms. Louthain reported that most of Region Five hospitals were on red because of the flu virus.

#### ***Region Six***

Mr. Garmon reported that the hospitals in his region were also on red because of the flu virus. Mr. Garmon stated that Dr. Sidney Brevard had stepped down as Chair of the Trauma Burn Critical Care Surgery. Dr. Jon Simmons is the Interim Chair. Mr. Garmon explained that Dr. Brevard would still be with the university as far as teaching and doing surgery.

**Additional Discussion**

Dr. Crawford discussed the history of responsibilities of the Workgroup and RAC. QA/QI issues had been and should be looked at by the RAC. Issues that need to be directed at the state level should and would be addressed. There was discussion on changing this meeting date and time to align with the STHSAC meetings. Regional monthly calls would continue on the first Wednesday, as the regional directors verbalized that these meetings are useful.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2018 in Montgomery, Alabama at the RSA Tower.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:27 a.m.