

**Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems (STHS)**  
**Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Workgroup Meeting**  
**August 29, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Room 1184**  
**Call in Information 1-800-491-4585**

**In attendance:** William Crawford, M.D., Sarah Nafziger, M.D., Stephen Wilson, Choona Lang, DHEd, Verla Thomas, Valeta Jones, Dion Schultz, Michael Minor, Denise Louthain, Glenn Davis, Travis Parker, David Garmon

**By Phone:** John Blue II, Allan Pace, Adam Lansdon, Jeremy White

**Absent:** Augustine Amenyah, Shea Duerring, M.D., Joe Acker

Dr. Crawford welcomed participants.

**QA/QI Process**

***Trauma System Update***

Dr. Crawford stated that Office of Emergency Services (OEMS) had been communicating with Grady Hospital to set up a site-visit to add Grady Hospital to the trauma system and the stroke system. Dr. Crawford stated that Dr. Scott Harris, the new State Health Officer would take office on September 1, 2017. Dr. Harris would be replacing Dr. Tom Miller who was retiring.

Dr. Crawford stated that the Statewide Trauma Health System Advisory Council Meeting had been scheduled for October 20, 2017. Dr. Lang discussed that each region should prepare to have an accurate Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Membership and Appointees listing, for both the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) and the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA) to send to the Alabama Department of Public Health. Dr. Crawford and Dr. Lang explained that the RAC listing would be reviewed every year to ensure accuracy during the appointed four year term.

***Stroke System Update***

Dr. Nafziger reported that the stroke rules were approved by State Committee of Public Health (SCPH) on August 16, 2017. In addition, Dr. Nafziger stated that there would be a 45 day waiting period before the stroke rules would go into effect. The effective day would be September 30, 2017. The next order of business in the stroke system would be to schedule an activation press conference. Lastly, Grady Hospital had applied to join the stroke system along with other hospitals in the Georgia area.

**Regional Discussion**

***Region One***

Mr. Schultz stated that under Anatomical topic of the Region One trauma plans it states, "Two or more long bone fractures." The (RAC) noted that it should state the same as the protocols.

Dr. Crawford and the Quality Assurance Group agreed it should be the same as EMS protocols. Mr. Schultz expressed that Dr. Najjar would like for clarification to be placed in the trauma plans to stated that, under Emergency Services Personnel (EMSP) discretion, that anyone under 14 of age or younger that would be flown, should not stop at Huntsville Hospital. The patient must be flown directly to Children’s Hospital or Erlanger for immediate care. Mr. Schultz approved over 300 educational courses. An Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) was held in September.

***Region Two***

There was no report presented.

***Region Three***

Mr. Minor stated that Emergency Medical Services EMS discretion and Co-morbid factors in the trauma plan, was combined into one section. The Co-morbid factors need to be separated and reworded. From June 1, 2017 to August 28, 2017, there were a total of 15 STHS Quality Issues; nine closed and six are still open.

***Region Four***

Mr. Parker suggested that Region four trauma plans should be simplified and reduced. Region four had reduced their RAC membership to 11 members.

***Region Five***

Ms. Louthain reported that Dr. Fred Pich expressed that the Level II hospitals that are without Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and are green or red should take patients from the scene. Ms. Louthain stated that Wiregrass Life-Light went out of business in Dothan, Alabama. Haynes added a helicopter on September 1, 2017. Ms. Louthain stated that Columbus Regional Trauma Center had a total of 90 patients that received care at the hospital but had not been compliant with returning the patient care reports.

***Region Six***

Mr. Garmon reported that his region would like to reduce the region trauma plan and also the RAC Composition to a smaller number of members. Mr. Garmon stated that their region had completed their inter-facility transfer paramedic course. The updated information includes the instructor manual, student manual, and all the power-points.

***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery at The RSA Tower, Suite 1100.

***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:01 p.m.