

Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems (STHS)
Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Workgroup Meeting
October 24, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Room 1184
Call in Information 1-800-491-4585

In attendance: William Crawford, M.D., Stephen Wilson, Choona Lang, DHEd, Verla Thomas, Gary Varner, Augustine Amenyah, Valeta Jones, Dion Schultz, Michael Minor, Glenn Davis, Travis Parker, Denise Louthain, David Garmon, Lamar Green

By Phone: John Blue II, Allan Pace, Jeremy White, Shea Duerring, M.D. , Adam Lansdon

Absent: Joe Acker

Dr. Crawford welcomed Mr. Gary Varner to the State Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and to the QA/QI Workgroup. Mr. Varner is the Senior Epidemiologist for the OEMS and would be providing the data for the QA/QI Meetings.

QA/QI Process

Trauma System Update

Dr. Crawford reported that staff of the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) staff and the regional EMS agencies completed the site-visit to Grady Hospital on September 26, 2017. Grady had agreed to participate in the Alabama Trauma and Stroke System and had submitted their application to participate as a Level I Trauma Center and a Comprehensive Joint Commission Stroke Center. Grady was approved by Region Two Regional Advisory Council (RAC). The Statewide Trauma and Health Systems Advisory Council (STHSAC) approved Grady Hospital's participation in the Trauma and Stroke Health Systems on October 20, 2017. The STHSAC approved to reduce the Regional Advisory Council Compositions for each region as recommended by the respective RAC. Dr. Crawford reported that the STHSAC had also approved Region Five Secondary Triage plan. Dr. Crawford expressed that the OEMS staff was still waiting on feedback from Danne Howard, Alabama Hospital Association, related to a future meeting with Blue Cross and Blue Shield to discuss trauma activation reimbursement.

The QA/QI Workgroup had agreed to review the reduced trauma plans and add a reference section in the plans for historical information and other content. Dr. Lang reminded the QA/QI group of the past plans to add the Trauma/Stroke Manger and Registrars Meeting on the day of each scheduled QA/QI meeting. In addition, the state and regional team should prepare for the upcoming 2018 Re-designation of Level III trauma hospitals chart reviews, and Level I and II site surveys.

Stroke System Update

Dr. Crawford reported that there would be a Stroke System Press Release on October 30, 2017.

Regional Discussion

Region One

Mr. Schultz reported that Park Ridge West Hospital in Jackson County, Tennessee would like to participate in the stroke system.

Region Two

Mr. Blue reported that Tanner Medical Center in Georgia would like to participate in the trauma system and Mr. Blue would be working with their staff to ensure the process is handled.

Region Three

Mr. Minor reported that from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, there were STHS Quality Issues; 19 are open and 13 closed. BREMSS had four training classes in which a total of three hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) was earned.

Region Four

Dr. Crawford reported that he and Mr. Davis conducted a conference call with the Administrative staff of Rush Hospital in Meridian, Mississippi. Rush Hospital would like to participate in the trauma and stroke system. Rush Hospital had received the admission paperwork and had applied for a Level III Trauma Center.

Region Five

Ms. Louthain reported that she was pleased to get her region's secondary triage approved by the STHSAC. Ms. Louthain expressed 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 Thomas Hospital would be opening a free-standing emergency department that would like to participate in the stroke and STEMI system and would like to have a workstation. Mr. Garmon expressed concerns about four hospitals in his region that stay on red in the system which includes: Atmore, North Baldwin, Providence, and Thomas.

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Adjournment

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