

**Alabama Trauma System**  
**QA/QI Workgroup Meeting**  
**January 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Office of EMS & Trauma Conference Room**  
**Call in Information 1-800-491-4634**

In attendance: Alex Franklin, Allan Pace, Glenn Davis, Denise Louthain, David Garmon, Mark Jackson, John Campbell, M.D., Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Robin Moore, Tammie Yeldell

Not in Attendance: Geni Smith, Beth Anderson, William Crawford, M.D.

Choona Lang opened the meeting with a welcome.

**Trauma System Update**

The Trauma Funding Committee Public Relations (PR) subcommittee will conduct a yearlong campaign to educate the public and the legislature on the trauma system. The Funding subcommittee will identify possible funding sources for the trauma system.

There are currently two hospitals in the North Region interested in becoming stroke centers. They are Decatur General and Huntsville Hospital.

A Stroke Planning Committee Meeting will be held on January 20, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., in Montgomery at the Montgomery Health Department auditorium.

Springhill Memorial Hospital has requested to change its designation from a Level II Trauma Center to a Level III Trauma Center.

The Trauma Center Designation Revision Workgroup is rewriting the Alabama Trauma System Designation Criteria. They have completed two of eleven pages.

The chairmen and vice chairmen of the RTAC will be invited to the next QA/QI meeting. At this meeting Joe Acker and Michael Minor will present the LifeTrac Software report updates.

**QA/QI Issues**

Mark Jackson gave an overview of the current QA/QI issues that were recently processed.

1<sup>st</sup> Issue: A fire rescue service in the West Region delayed contact to ATCC due to lack of trauma system entry procedure knowledge. The issue was handled within the region by requiring the paramedic to get more education on the trauma system.

2<sup>nd</sup> Issue: There was missed routing and the air medical providers failed to call ATCC with patient status regarding a motor vehicle accident involving a truck with six

teenagers. Four of the six teenagers were entrapped for 45 minutes. Three of the patients remain in critical. Mr. Jackson met with the direct service providers involved in this incident. There were numerous reasons given for the delayed ATCC contact. Mr. Jackson clearly stated to the direct service providers involved in this incidence that a repeat of this type incident could result in licenses suspension. The direct service provider will develop a written plan to prevent this type of incident from occurring again.

### **NATS Update**

Alex Franklin gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the North Region. Mr. Franklin gave an overview of the Alabama Trauma System Regional Monthly System Status and Performance document, as attached.

Mr. Franklin also stated that Decatur General has five surgeons. Three of these surgeons will no longer take calls.

### **WEST Update**

Glenn Davis gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the West Region. Mr. Davis and Dr. Crawford met with representatives from Bryan Whitfield Hospital and learned that they are interested in participating in the trauma system as a Level III Trauma Center.

### **SOUTHEAST Update**

As of January 19, 2011, the Alabama Trauma System has not been activated in the Southeast Region.

### **GULF Update**

David Garmon gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the Gulf Region. Mr. Garmon stated that he is trying to receive an update from Jackson Medical Center related to their surgeon's status. He is also trying to schedule a meeting with Dr. Gonzalez and the appropriate trauma staff at Thomas Hospital.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery at the Office of EMS and Trauma.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.