

Minutes of the Alabama Trauma System

QA/QI Workgroup Meeting

February 24, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Office of EMS & Trauma Conference Room

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

By Phone: Jeremy White, Geni Smith

Absent: Beth Anderson, William Crawford, M.D.

Choona Lang opened the meeting with a welcome.

Trauma System Update

The Trauma System Public Relations Campaign will be a year long campaign to promote the trauma center. Regional focus groups will be held throughout the state, starting in the North and Southeast regions, to educate the public on the system.

Currently, the ADPH Cardiovascular Program Manager is in the process of identifying 12 members to serve on the executive stroke planning committee.

The Trauma Center Designation Revision Workgroup will meet immediately after the Statewide Trauma Advisory Council meeting scheduled for April 4, 2011.

The Alabama Trauma System Update Satellite Conference and Live Webcast will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

QA/QI Issues

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

- An eight year old child who fell and hit his head was transported to Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, Alabama. Before the patient reached the hospital, the EMTs stated that the patient did not meet the trauma system entry criteria upon arrival to Thomas Hospital; the medical personnel assessed the patient's GCS as a nine and then immediately called the ATCC to transfer the patient. ATCC contacted the

three Level I trauma centers in the Gulf region coverage area but neither of trauma centers would take the patient, even though their status was green on the Life Trac system. All trauma centers involved will be reminded of the requirement to keep accurate resource status as designated trauma centers. Joe Acker suggested that the status of trauma resources be addressed during the satellite conference.

In the East Region, a lady was riding a motorcycle and lost control in a curb. A ground transport service responded to the call and, while on the scene, they called for a helicopter. After making the call to Etowah County 911, the EMTs were informed that, before an air transport provider can be dispatched, a letter must be on file from each ground service provider indicating the preferred air ambulance transport provider. The main issue is the nearest helicopter was not called to transport the patient. The patient was later transported to Birmingham.

Trauma Training

- To ensure all new and transferring EMS personnel receive trauma system training, we will consider organizing monthly trauma training within each EMS/Trauma region. Joe Acker will revise the current Module I trauma training to include all of the required trauma education for all EMS levels. The OEMS&T will need to draft a letter to the service providers stating the new trauma training requirement. In addition, all trauma system updates will be discussed during annual EMS protocol updates.

LifeTrac Software/BREMSS Update

Joe Acker and Michael Minor gave a detailed overview demonstration of the newly revised LifeTrac Software reports, as listed below.

- Patient Count Reports
 1. Patient report by county
 2. Patients by provider which are not divided by regions
 3. Patient designation
 4. Final summary
 5. Detailed summary
 6. Patient- report with feedback
- Screen Preview Option
- Hospital Drop Down-Option
 - Verla requested a report with the data points listed below:
- ATCC Number
- Date/Time
- Prehospital Provider
- Hospital

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery at the Office of EMS and Trauma.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.