

Minutes of the Meeting of the Statewide Trauma Advisory Council (STAC)

November 1, 2010, 10 a.m.

Alabama Department of Public Health
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present	Donald Williamson, M.D., Chairman, John Campbell, M.D., Richard Gonzalez, M.D., (Proxy for Ms. Beth Anderson)
Members By Phone	Mr. Bryan Kindred, Loring Rue, M.D., Rony Najjar, M.D., Mr. Vernon Johnson, Ms. Linda Jordan
Members Absent	Alzo Preyear, M.D., Chief Billy Pappas
Staff Present	Dennis Blair, Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Brian Hale, Tammie Yeldell
Guests	Denise Louthain, Carol Brown
Guests By Phone	Allan Pace, David Garmon, Alex Franklin, Joe Acker

Welcome

Dr. Williamson called the meeting to order with a welcome and roll call. He welcomed Rony Najjar, M.D., back on the Council.

Consideration of the Minutes of September 13, 2010

The Council recommended approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2010, as distributed. It was noted that the minutes should be amended to indicate that Mr. Vernon Johnson attended by phone. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Trauma Funding Rule Proposal

The Council recommended approval of the Statewide Trauma System Fund Rule 420-2-2-.14, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Trauma Registry Standardized Reports

Dr. Campbell and Dr. Gonzalez discussed the need to identify QA/QI trauma data filters to develop standardized reports for STAC review. The standardized reports would be used to measure the effectiveness of the trauma system and the challenges that would require follow up. Dr. Campbell stated that most of the reports reviewed from the Alabama Trauma Registry have focused on pre-hospital data. Since a large percentage of trauma centers are entering trauma system data, the Council needs to decide what type of standardized reports should be generated from the trauma registry. Dr. Gonzalez

suggested an ad-hoc committee to discuss this issue. Dr. Williamson agreed that an ad-hoc committee should be formed with Dr. Gonzalez as the chair. He also stated that all STAC members will be invited to participate and, if participation is insufficient, volunteers will be drafted.

Alabama Trauma System Operation Report

Joe Acker gave a brief review of the Trauma System. DeKalb Regional Medical Center, in the North Region, is currently on-line as a Level III Trauma Center. Mr. Acker stated that he is currently awaiting phone line and VPN information from Sacred Heart to proceed with activation. Dr. Williamson suggested that, if the required information is not received from Sacred Heart Hospital by November 15, 2010, the activation process for Baptist Pensacola Hospital should begin.

Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) Membership Revision

The STAC received current RTAC revisions as attached.

Trauma Center Designation Revision Committee Update

The first meeting of the Trauma Center Designation Revision Committee is scheduled for January 5, 2011, at 1p.m., in Montgomery at the Office of EMS and Trauma. The committee will discuss the criteria revisions for all levels of trauma centers.

Lakeland Community Hospital Recommendation

The Birmingham Regional EMS System RTAC considered the site review evaluation of Lakeland Community Hospital and recommended that the STAC grant them recognition as a Level III Alabama Trauma System Hospital.

The Council recommended approval to accept Lakeland Community Hospital as a Level III Trauma Center, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Wiregrass Hospital, in the Southeast Region, is scheduled for an on-site visit on November 16, 2010.

Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery at The RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, Room 1586.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Donald E. Williamson, M.D., Chairman
State Trauma Advisory Council

Crystal L. Fountain, Administrative Support Assistant II
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