

Statewide Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting
January 26, 2010, 10 a.m.

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

Members Present	Dr. John Campbell (Proxy for Dr. Donald Williamson)
Members By Phone	Mr. Bryan Kindred, Dr. Loring Rue, Mr. John Rainey, Ms. Beth Anderson, Mr. Vernon Johnson, Chief Billy Pappas, Dr. Alzo Preyear
Members Absent	Dr. John Mark Vermillion
Staff Present	Dennis Blair, Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Robin Moore, Brian Hale, Tammie Yeldell
Guests	Joe Acker, Denise Louthain, Glen Davis
Guests By Phone	Allan Pace, Bryan Grout, David Garmon , Alex Franklin, Ben Patterson, Michael Minor, Cindy Hiedon, Larry Thorn, Kathy Gillis Parker, Molly Nobles, John Read

Welcome

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order with a welcome and roll call. Dr. Campbell also welcomed new member, Mr. Vernon Johnson, CEO of Dale Medical Center.

Consideration of Minutes of December 10, 2009

The Council recommended approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2009, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Trauma System Activation Updates for West/Southeast Regions

The West Region is to begin trauma system training for the pre hospital service providers next week. Plans to complete the training by the end of February.

DCH Regional Hospital in Tuscaloosa was surveyed as a Level III Trauma Center.

Montgomery and Dothan hospitals have yet to submit applications to participate in the Alabama Trauma System. There is a meeting scheduled for February 19, 2010 to discuss this issue.

West Regional Trauma Plan Revisions

The Council recommended approval of changes to the West Region Trauma Plan's secondary triage, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

See attached document.

DCH Trauma Center Level III Recommendations

The Council recommended approval for DCH Regional Medical Center to participate as a Level III Trauma Center, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Trauma Funding Workgroup Update

The state will not request funding from the Legislature until the Alabama Trauma System is fully operational throughout the state. The STAC will plan a one-day retreat to discuss funding will be distribution.

Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Issues

The neurosurgeons in Huntsville were concerned about inappropriate transfers that should be reported as EMTALA violations. The current backlog of reports at CMS has prolonged response time to EMTALA violation reports. Also, the neurosurgeons wanted to ensure that they would have input regarding hospitals entering patients into the Trauma System in the North Region.

Alabama Trauma System Operation Report

Joe Acker gave a brief Trauma System Operation Report from December 08, 2009 through January 24, 2010.

Out-of-State Trauma System Designation Process

The Council recommended approval of the motion by Ms. Anderson pertaining to the Out-of-State Trauma System Designation Process, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

See attached document.

Electronic Trauma Image Sharing Process

The consortium of hospitals in BREMSS has obtained the grant to develop a medical imaging sharing process and are ready to begin testing the process.

RTAC Membership Revisions

The Council recommended approval of membership changes to the West and Southeast RTACs, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

See attached documents.

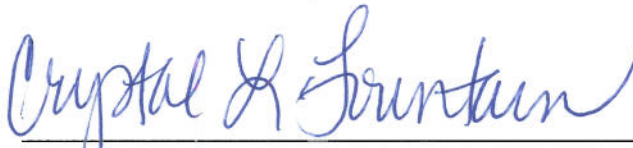
Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m., February 26, 2010, The RSA Tower, Suite 1586; 201 Monroe Street; Montgomery, Alabama.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50a.m.



John E. Campbell, M.D.; Presiding Officer
State Trauma Advisory Council



Crystal L. Fountain, Administrative Support Assistant II
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