

Minutes of Statewide Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting
July 26, 2010, 10 a.m.

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

Members Present	Dr. Donald Williamson, Chairman, Dr. John Campbell, Dr. Richard Gonzalez, Chief Billy Pappas
Members By Phone	Dr. Loring Rue, Dr. John Mark Vermillion, Mr. Bryan Kindred
Members Absent	Mr. Vernon Johnson, Dr. Alzo Preyear, Ms. Linda Jordan
Staff Present	Dennis Blair, Choon Lang, Verla Thomas, Robin Moore, Tammie Yeldell, Greg Locklier
Guests	Denise Louthain, Logan Gray, Michael Whaley
Guests By Phone	Dr. Sherry Melton, Joe Acker, Alan Pace, David Garmon

Welcome

Dr. Williamson called the meeting to order with a welcome and roll call. Dr. Williamson announced new member, Ms. Linda Jordan, Administrator of Clay County Hospital.

Consideration of Minutes of January 26, 2010

The Council recommended approval of the Minutes of January 26, 2010, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System

The State Committee of Public Health (SCPH) approved the revision to the BREMSS trauma plan which states that if the Level I trauma center is on divert (red status) no patient will be routed outside the region.

Trauma Funding Retreat Summary Recommendation

The Trauma Funding Retreat Summary was distributed, as attached. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting to give members that were absent time to review the Trauma Funding Summary.

Trauma System Activation Updates for Southeast Region/Next Step

Southeast Alabama Hospital's application was received but was returned because there was no surgeon signature.

Russ Tyner, CEO of Baptist Medical Center South, has hired an outside orthopedic consultation group to evaluate the orthopedic work load which seems to be the primary concern at this point. Dr. Williamson will contact Mr. Tyner to discuss this matter.

Highlands Medical Center

Highlands Medical Center was surveyed as a potential Level III trauma center but is currently on hold due to their surgeons refusal to sign the Surgeon Support Statement. Highlands Medical Center will remain a community hospital.

DeKalb Regional Medical Center

The Council recommended approval for DeKalb Regional Medical Center as a Level III trauma center; as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Pediatric Workgroup Update

The Pediatric Workgroup discussed the need to develop a pediatric trauma short course for physicians. Dr. Campbell will review Seattle, Washington's pediatric trauma course as a guideline to establish the course in Alabama.

Trauma Registry Update

Verla Thomas gave a brief overview of the Alabama Trauma Registry dashboards. Eight dashboards are being tested and five more will be designed. Four of the eight dashboards are being tested: (1) Monthly Stats by Region, (2) Monthly Stats by Facility, (3) EMS Stats by Day of Week, (4) Injury by Mechanism of Injury (Blunt, Burn, and Penetrating).

Alabama Trauma System Trauma Registry Compliance

	Trauma Facilities	Compliant	Non Compliant
North Region	12	9	3
East Region	8	4	4
BREMSS Region	9	7	2
West Region	1	1	0
Gulf Region	15	10	5
70% Statewide Compliance			

Alabama Trauma System Operation Report

Joe Acker gave a brief Trauma System Operation Report from January 24, 2010 through July 19, 2010, as attached.

RTAC Membership Revisions

The Council recommended approval of membership changes to the North RTACs as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

The Council agreed to approve changes to the East, BREMSS, Southeast, and Gulf RTACs upon submission of those changes to the Office of EMS and Trauma.

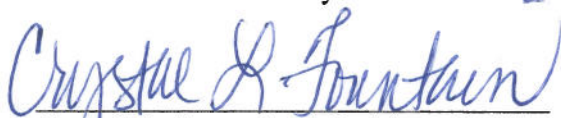
Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m., September 13, 2010, The RSA Tower, Suite 1586; 201 Monroe Street; Montgomery, Alabama.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



Donald E. Williamson, M.D., Chairman
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