

Meeting of the Statewide Trauma Advisory Council (STAC)
September 13, 2010, 10:00 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., Chief Billy Pappas, Ms. Linda Jordan, Ms. Beth Anderson
Members By Phone	Mr. Bryan Kindred, Loring Rue, M.D., John Mark Vermillion, M.D. Mr. Vernon Johnson
Members Absent	Alzo Preyear, M.D.
Staff Present	Dennis Blair, Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Robin Moore, Brian Hale, Tammie Yeldell
Guests	Priscilla Brewer, Cindy Heidron, Carol Brown, Danne Howard, Denise Louthain, Michael Whaley, Joe Acker
Guests By Phone	Allan Pace, David Garmon, Alex Franklin, Rony Najjar, M.D.

Welcome

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

Consideration of Minutes of July 26, 2010

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

Update on Pensacola Hospitals

The Council recommended approval of Baptist Pensacola and Sacred Heart Hospitals as Level I Trauma Centers in the Alabama Trauma System; the motion carried unanimously.

Trauma Funding Rule Proposal

Dr. Williamson gave a brief overview of the proposed trauma funding distribution formula. Funding will be divided based on the level of care and acuity. Before the trauma funding can be proposed to the legislature, a Trauma Funding Distribution rule must be established. Ms. Anderson will forward Mississippi's funding distribution formula to Dr. Campbell so that a new draft of the distribution formula using the Mississippi Injury Severity Score (ISS) format can be developed. The new draft will be considered at the next STAC meeting.

Trauma System Activation Updates for Southeast/Next Step

Dr. Williamson discussed the concerns of the orthopedic doctors with Mr. Russ Tyner, Baptist South CEO. An orthopedic consultant has been hired to advise the orthopedic doctors on the trauma system.

The Council recommended approval of the ten hospitals in the Southeast Region as Level III Trauma Centers, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Trauma Registry Update

Verla Thomas gave an overview of the Alabama Trauma Registry dashboards. The trauma dashboards enable the graphical presentation of a variety of trauma indicators. Visual configurations can be displayed by navigating through individual areas of graphs and tables. Eight dashboards are being tested and five more will be designed.

Alabama Trauma System Trauma Registry Usage

	Trauma Facilities	Reporting	Pending
North Region	11	8	3
East Region	8	5	3
BREMSS Region	9	8	1
West Region	1	1	0
Gulf Region	14	10	4
75% Statewide Compliance			

**Table does not include the ten hospitals in the Southeast Region*

Alabama Trauma System Operation Report

Joe Acker gave a brief Trauma System Operation Report for the period July 19, 2010, through September 6, 2010, as attached.

RTAC Membership Revisions

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

The Council recommended approval of the Hospital CEO’s automatic appointment to the RTAC, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Trauma Center Designation Revision

The Council recommended approval to establish a review subcommittee to review the Trauma Center Designation Criteria, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Campbell will organize a workgroup to review the Trauma Center Designation Criteria and suggest any changes needed. If changes are made in the criteria, all hospitals that are currently in the trauma system will be notified of the new criteria. Hospitals would then be given a grace period to meet the new criteria before being re-surveyed.

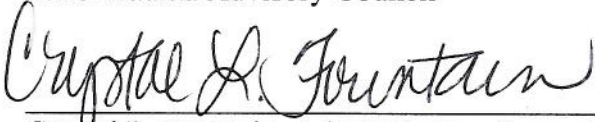
Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting was scheduled for November 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at The RSA Tower, Suite 1586, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.



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



Crystal L. Fountain, Administrative Support Assistant II
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