

**Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems
Advisory Council (STHSAC) Meeting
June 16, 2026 – 1 p.m.
Via Phone/WebEx/Training Annex**

Members Present by Phone/WebEx: Scott Harris, M.D., Elwin Crawford, M.D., Tracy Doughty, Teresa Grimes, Ben Hansert, Stacy Hines, Jon Howell, Jeffrey Kerby, M.D., Rony Najjar, M.D., Jon Simmons, M.D., Benjamin Von Schweinitz, M.D.

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Alice Floyd, Sara Matthews, Chris Palmer, Melissa Tolar

Staff by Phone/WebEx: none

Guests by Phone/WebEx: Brandie Alldredge, Kimberly Coley, Jim Fox, Sean Gibson, Karen Hoven, Michele Jones, Renee Mills, Michael Minor, Jordan Nesmith, Kevin Paschal, Travis Parker, Josh Snow, Michelle Taylor, Miguel Valdez, Melody Wright

Guests Present: David White

Welcome

Dr. Harris welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order.

Adoption of March 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Harris asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2026, meeting. Dr. Simmons made the motion, and Ms. Grimes seconded. The Minutes were approved without objection.

System Updates

Trauma System

Dr. Kerby presented the trauma system report with three trauma hospitals to be considered as action items. First, he stated that Baptist Medical Center South (BMCS) had recently sought Level I Trauma Center status. A follow-up review was held on March 27, 2026, where the team confirmed BMCS meets criteria to change from their current status as a Level II Trauma Center to a Level I Trauma Center. The Southeast Region Regional Advisory Council (RAC) voted on April 23 to continue the level change process. Second, UAB Hospital has received reverification from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and submitted an application to continue their designation as an ACS-Verified Level I Trauma Center. The Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System RAC voted on May 28 for UAB Hospital to move forward in the reapplication process. Third, an onsite survey was conducted on April 21 at Vaughan Regional Medical Center as part of their application to re-enter the trauma system as a Level III Trauma Center. The West Region RAC voted affirmatively on June 3.

Dr. Harris asked if anyone wished to discuss or vote on any of these hospitals separately. There being no further discussion, Dr. Harris asked for a motion to approve the three aforementioned trauma hospitals in the system at their designated status. Dr. Simmons made the motion, and Mr. Hansert seconded. The vote carried without objection.

Dr. Kerby informed the group that several upcoming trauma center surveys have been scheduled for the fall: HCA Florida Fort Walton-Destin, Erlanger, Atrium Health Floyd, and Grady Memorial Hospital.

Stroke System

Dr. Crawford presented the stroke system report. He informed the group that due to some service line issues, Springhill Medical Center has chosen to withdraw from the stroke system at this time, with the understanding that they may reapply later if they so choose. Dr. Crawford also reported that an onsite survey was conducted at AdventHealth Redmond on April 30 as part of their application to upgrade from their current status as a Level II Stroke Center to a Level IIa Stroke Center. The East Region RAC has voted in favor of continuing this process. Dr. Crawford, with Dr. Harris' approval, then continued to the next information item. He provided an update that Atrium Health Floyd Cherokee Medical Center, which was already approved to enter the system as a Level III Stroke Center, was not yet receiving routed patients due to technical issues with the LifeTrac installation process. The Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and Alabama Trauma Communications Center (ATCC) are working with them to resolve this issue.

Dr. Harris asked for a motion to approve the status change for AdventHealth Redmond from Level II to Level IIa. Dr. Simmons made the motion, and Mr. Hansert seconded. The vote carried without objection.

Cardiac/ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) System

Dr. Crawford reported the statewide STEMI System is still in development. The system plan has been reviewed by external stakeholders and changes made by OEMS. He informed the group that the plan is on track to bring before STHSAC this fall and hopefully launch the pilot program in the spring of next year. Dr. Harris thanked Dr. Crawford for the update and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Acute Health Systems (AHS) Report

Michael Minor presented the AHS Report, which included trauma system and stroke system data for the range of October 1, 2025—March 31, 2026. There were no questions about the report. Dr. Harris then acknowledged Dr. Crawford to share some additional information regarding data points for the report.

Data Points for AHS Report

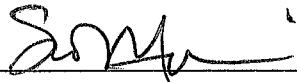
Dr. Crawford stated that the AHS Report did not include hospital patient outcomes due to the fact that there is a lag time between the data being reported to ATCC and being processed on a part-time basis by staff whose primary duty is to help route patients through the system. He said they are exploring options to accurately reflect the totals in the data report. Dr. Harris thanked Dr. Crawford for the updates and asked if there were any further questions.

Dr. Najjar stated that he would like to see data related to patient Injury Severity Score (ISS) and mortality rates in order to identify areas for improvement. Dr. Crawford replied that OEMS would welcome requests for specific data points and can have staff epidemiologists pull and analyze the data. Dr. Kerby stated that there were three or four data points or metrics that they are currently working on with ATCC, but there has been a delay due to a bandwidth issue. Dr. Najjar asked Ms. Floyd if a list of data points discussed at previous meetings could be sent via email for the group to review, and she agreed.

Dr. Harris affirmed that the goal of the report is to provide data that is helpful to STHSAC members, and the desired data points could be discussed by email in order to try to have a preliminary report ready by the next STHSAC meeting. Dr. Najjar thanked the others for the opportunity to participate. There was no further discussion.

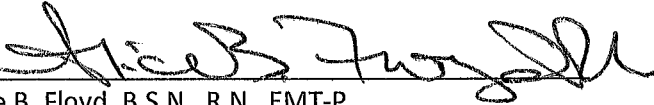
Next Meeting

September 22, 2026, at 1 p.m.



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