

**Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems
Advisory Council (STHSAC) Meeting**

March 15, 2018, 10 a.m.
Alabama Department of Public Health
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present: William Crawford, M.D., Jeffrey Kerby, M.D., Sidney Brevard, M.D.,
Ricky Howell

Members by Phone: Bryan Kindred, Teresa Grimes, Alzo Preyear, M.D. Rony Najjar, M.D.

Members Absent: Vernon Johnson, Sam Dean, Scott Harris, M.D.

Staff Present: Stephen Wilson, Alice Floyd, Stephanie Payne, Verla Thomas,
Gary Varner, Augustine Amenyah, Katherine Hert, Karen Bishop

Guests Present: John E. Blue, II, Michael Minor, Denise Louthain, Jon Simmons, M.D.,
Dion Schultz, Leigh Gattina

Guests by Phone: Allan Pace, David Garmon, Lianne Brown, Ann Klasner, M.D.,
Stephen Suggs, M.D., Priscilla Bode, Jim Fox, Kayla Whitaker,
Mollie Triplet

Welcome

Dr. Harris was unable to attend and asked Dr. Crawford to Chair the meeting. Dr. Crawford welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order.

Adoption of October 20, 2017, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Unfinished Business/Trauma System Update

Dr. Kerby was asked to provide an update about a visit to the State House on March 14, 2018, to discuss the Stop the Bleed Campaign. Dr. Kerby reported that a brief presentation was made to the Republican Caucus during their luncheon and afterwards conversations about Stop the Bleed program were initiated with individual legislators.

Dr. Kerby, Dr. Brevard, and Mr. Blue met with Senator Del Marsh where Stop the Bleed discussions led to the Alabama Trauma System. Conversation included deficiencies and areas for opportunity. A future trauma system consultation was discussed and Senator Marsh had interest in meeting following the consultation to review a plan to move forward.

Dr. Kerby and Dr. Brevard thanked Mr. Blue for his efforts and work in coordinating the day's activities.

Dr. Brevard commented that Representative Davis who is on the Resolutions Committee mentioned developing and sending a Stop the Bleed Resolution to him in the next day or two because the session ends in nine days. It was suggested to include language in the resolution to have a specific Trauma Awareness Day for Alabama. The physicians agreed to work together to draft a resolution.

Pediatric Air Transport – North Region RAC Decision

Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Najjar to update the group on the North Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) decision regarding Pediatric Air Transport.

Dr. Najjar reported that an ongoing issue in their region in the pediatric trauma arena is the expertise in sub-specialties. Data was reviewed and presented to the RAC as it was found the majority of Level I pediatric trauma patients received by air were being transported back out to University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Children's due to sub-specialty availability in neurosurgery and orthopedics.

A recommendation was made to the North Region RAC that any pediatric trauma patient less than 16 years old, who meets Level I criteria and is being received by air, should be directed to Children's Hospital automatically instead of landing and being transported back out. Dr. Najjar reported that the recommendation was voted on and unanimously accepted and he asked STHSAC to approve it.

Follow up discussion included transfer volume, ages which neurosurgeons and orthopedic surgeons would treat, transport time, and delay times. A clarification was made that if the patient became unstable, diversion to the facility to stabilize would occur.

It was suggested that the recommendation be amended to state, "closest pediatric facility," instead of naming Children's as the specific hospital. Children's at Erlanger has shown interest in joining the Alabama Trauma System as a Level I trauma center. The Alabama Trauma Communications Center would route the patient based on availability.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the North RAC recommendation regarding Pediatric Air Transport with the amended language from Children's to closest pediatric facility. The motion carried with no opposition.

Stroke System Update

Dr. Crawford reported that all emergency medical services regions other than the West Region are up and running. In the West Region, Bryan W. Whitfield Memorial Hospital was approved to join the stroke system but UAB personnel working with the facility asked that they not go live in the system until their telemedicine capabilities are in place, which is anticipated to be in the June 2018 timeframe.

Trauma Registry and Health Systems Report

Mr. Varner presented the Trauma Registry and Health Systems Report, as distributed.

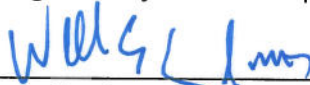
There was an omission in data for Sacred Heart regarding trauma information. The issue would be reviewed and the data updated.

Next Meeting


The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2018, in Montgomery at The RSA Tower, Room 1586. Additional information will be announced in the upcoming year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.



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