

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

September 13, 2016, 10 a.m.

Alabama Department of Public Health

The RSA Tower, Suite 1586

Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present: Thomas Miller, M.D., William Crawford, M.D

Members by Phone: Ricky Howell, Bryan Kindred, M.D., Rony Najjar, M.D.
Beth Anderson

Members Absent: Sidney Brevard, M.D., Douglas Tanner, Jeffrey Kerby, M.D.
Alzo Preyear, M.D., Vernon Johnson

Staff Present: Choona Lang, Augustine Amenyah, Verla Thomas, Jamie Gray,
Valeta Jones, Karen Bishop, Lori McInerney, Stephen Wilson,
Beverly Edwards, Walter Geary, M.D.

Guests Present: Michael Minor, Travis Parker, Darwina Johnson, Glenn Davis,
Dion Schultz, Denise Louthain

Guests by Phone: Joe Acker, David Garmon, Allan Pace, John Blue II, Mike Kradis,
Ann Klasner, M.D., Sarah Nafziger, M.D.

Welcome

Dr. Miller welcomed participants. Dr. Miller reported that he would need to depart early to attend a ground breaking ceremony scheduled for Bullock County Health Department which is the last building in a 20-year span building initiative that the agency had undertaken.

Dr. Miller introduced Dr. Walter Geary to the Council and informed them that Dr. Geary had been with the Health Department for several years. Dr. Geary primarily worked with the Health Provider Standards Unit, but had recently taken on additional responsibilities in managing the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and the Office of Radiation Control from a regulatory licensing standpoint.

Adoption of June 13, 2016, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2016, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

Trauma System Update

Dr. Crawford reported that the trauma surgeons would meet periodically to discuss data and trauma system issues that are monitored by the OEMS staff. A trauma system data snapshot from 2011-2015 was pulled for review and analysis to determine system success and the need for modifications. The current trauma registry data, which was integrated into the Alabama Head and Spinal Cord data entry compliance percentage for pre-hospitals and hospitals, had not reached the optimal level needed to state conclusive system status.

Trauma Registry Report

Mr. Augustine Amenyah presented an overview of the Trauma Registry Report, as distributed.

Stroke System Update

Dr. Sarah Nafziger provided an update on the stroke system. She stated that the stroke system had progressed tremendously. The site visit team had completed scheduled visits for September. Any unscheduled hospital site visits would be done by the end of October to complete the process. Upon completion, the Regional Advisory Council would review and vote on the recommendations from the site visit team.

In addition, the Stroke Executive Committee had been working on finalizing the revised stroke plans that would be discussed during the next Stroke Executive Committee Meeting. The educational process, which would include education of emergency medical service providers and hospitals, would be coordinated before the stroke system is activated statewide. The computer work stations had already been installed for most hospitals and would require an electronic update before the stroke system is activated. The Southeast Region had been operating under the pilot stroke system. The Regional Advisory Council elected to approve Midtown Hospital of Columbus, Georgia, into the stroke system.

Health Systems Report

Mr. Michael Minor presented a review of the Health Systems Report, as distributed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for December 13, 2016, at 10 a.m., in Montgomery at The RSA Tower, Room 1586.

Adjournment

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

Thomas M. Miller, M.D., Chairman
Statewide Trauma and Health Systems Advisory Council

Choona Lang, Trauma Administrator
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