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October 22, 2019
MINUTES

J. SAM HURLEY
DIRECTOR

Members Present: Richard Petrie (chair), Dr. Sholl, Dr. King, Tammy Lachance, Pret Bjorn, Anna Moses (phone), Gail Ross (phone), Dr. Chung, Julie Ontengco, Dr. Dinerman, Dr. Tilney, Dr. Neilson, Dr. Pieh, Lyndsy Bragg, Sheila Nelson, Christopher Paré, Joanne Lebrun, Nathan Morse (phone), Erika Roy (phone)
Staff Present: Dr. Zimmerman (Trauma Systems Manager), Jay Bradshaw, J. Sam Hurley, Marc Minkler

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Petrie at 1235h

Approval of July 23, 2019 minutes as written; Motion Bjorn, Second Lebrun (unanimous)

Mr. Bradshaw updated the committee re: new staff:

- Mr. Hurley was introduced as the new Maine EMS Director.
- Melissa Adams will be starting on November 12th as a licensing agent
- The office is currently working to fill the vacancy for the Data Coordinator. There is a second Data position as part of the Opioid Data to Action grant that has been awarded to the State.

Trauma Directors Update

- Dr. Chung discussed the TQIP Collaborative. The directors/coordinators suggest that we utilize TQIP as a surrogate for a Registry and combine that data so that we can get benchmarking. Last meeting, presented 2 tiers – we should really keep it as a TAC initiative (a 3rd party administrative thing) – CMMC, EMMC had expressed interest. Data Use Agreement between TAC and all 3 centers to agree to do it. TQIP would be able to benchmark and do semiannual reports. 3rd party would be able to access; the second option would be more informal and would be a collaboration between the trauma groups (\$500/hospital) vs. \$5K for the 3rd party. TAC would not have access to the data, but from the group initiative, they could supply the benchmarking to the group. Mr. Bradshaw recommends further discussion re: other ways to do this. Julie Ontengco notes that there is a toolkit on the ACS website for forming collaboratives.
- **Action:** Conference call to discuss this moving forward. Petrie/Hurley/Bradshaw and the Trauma Coordinators to discuss further how to proceed.

Trauma Case Review – CMMC

- Dr. King did a presentation on Blast Injuries given the recent incident in Farmington. From this presentation and ensuing discussion, there grew interest re: further education re: ICS and coordinating hospital and regional resources.
- **Action:** Petrie and Lebrun will invite Mike Senecal (the preparedness coordinator for Franklin Memorial Hospital) to share his lessons learned. Mr. Petrie and Joanne Lebrun will contact Mr. Senecal.
- **Action:** Minkler to contact with All Clear/EMA and invite to the table as well.

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Trauma Coordinator Team Meeting Update (Bjorn, Lachance, Ontengco)

Trauma Center Updates

- MMC: Verification: Feb 3-4, 2020; New Trauma and burn surgeons being onboarded.
- CMMC: 11 trauma surgeons
- EMMC: 5 trauma surgeons
- MCOT is coming up on November 6th at the APEMS EMS Conference

Technical Assistance Program/RTTD

- The Rumford RTTD on September 26, 2019 was well received. They did not do the TAT the night before.
- The Memorial Hospital, N. Conway NH has requested a visit. Dr. Zimmerman is working with them to secure a date.
- **Action:** Dr. Zimmerman to have date secured by next meeting for the Memorial Hospital visit.

Mild TBI project roll-out discussion

- MMC: has reached out, not enforcing with the critical access hospitals being very limited with resources. A lot of the patients are elderly who require a two-night stay. MMC has a formal project of their own where the trauma surgeons.
- EMMC: is an outreach agenda item. Value service guideline, agrees is not prescriptive
- CMMC: no comment

Pediatric initiatives:

- The group discussed possible next steps re: the dog bites & burns education/outreach. Dr. Sholl recommended that the Portland Fire Department be lopped in as they are connected with the Burn Foundation. Mr. Hurley will assist with the Fire Marshall and Ms. Nelson can help with community health worker outreach. Dr. Dinerman recommended public service announcements i.e. News stations to cover seasonal hazards & interview Dr. Neilson.
- **Action:** Dr. Neilson can reach out to those that were named above as needed.

New Business

- Discussion re: next project(s) for the TAC to undertake. Pedestrian trauma had been previously suggested. Dr. Zimmerman presented data from MMC (911 transports to MMC for pedestrian trauma). The group would be interested to see if there is a correlation re: distracted driving and pedestrians struck. MMC is working with the crash data reporting system to see but have not fully worked through this. Sheila Nelson notes that she has worked on a regional project over the last year and could share her data.
 - **Action:** Dr. Zimmerman to reach out to Sheila Nelson at the end of November to remind her to share her data.
- GCS 40 was briefly discussed. ATLS is teaching GCS-P. Should we standardize?
 - **Action:** Dr. Zimmerman to place this on the January agenda for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1426h; Motion by Dr.Dinerman

Next Meeting January 28, 2020

Minutes approved January 28, 2020

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