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TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 28, 2020
MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Petrie (chair), Tammy Lachance, Anna Moses, Gail Ross (phone), Norm Dinerman (phone), Timothy Pieh, Lyndsy Bragg, Joanne Lebrun, Amy Fenwick, Merica Tripp, Guy Nuki (phone)

Guests: Michael Senecal

Staff Present: Kate Zimmerman (Trauma Systems Manager), Marc Minkler, Chris Azevedo, J. Sam Hurley (late)

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Petrie at 1235h

Approval of October 22, 2019 minutes with one edit. Motion to approve by Lachance, Second Lebrun (unanimous)

Mr. Minkler updated the committee re: Maine EMS staffing:

- Melissa Adams is a new Licensing Agent
- Jason Oko has moved to the Data Manager position
- The second Data Manager position is still vacant

Membership:

The current membership roster was reviewed; it is required to be submitted to the Board for approval annually. A copy of the current roster was circulated to the group and reviewed. It was noted that Dr. Nuki's designation as the Small Hospital Administrator will be changed to Rural Hospital Provider. The Maine Hospital Association would like to submit Leslie Anderson as the Small Hospital Administrator and they will also be updating their MHA representative as Dr. Anderson can no longer fill this position. Members of the group discussed recommendations for various positions that need to be filled. They will report back at the next meeting with a goal to submit the updated roster to the Board in May.

Action: Bring recommendations/names to the April meeting for new members.

Trauma Director/Coordinator Update –

- MMC – no representatives as they are preparing for their recertification visit.
- Focus of the discussion was around MCOT fall conference re: possible themes/topics. Discussed "The First 30 minutes" or "The Golden Hour". Goal to have a save-the-date card out next month. Mr. Minkler suggested a presentation of safe patient handoff from EMS to trauma centers and from the ED of a sending hospital to the EMS providers when interfacility transfers occur. There are two nurses from the Maine State Board of Nursing who have put together a program re: this topic. Discussion was also had re: possibly moving the day of the conference as well. Saturday would not be an option as that is often the same day as the Harvard symposium. Thursday may be a possibility as well. When the save-

the-date comes out, distribute widely, not just to managers. Tammy also suggests to get the information out to the vendors early.

Technical Assistance Program/RTTD has been set up for March 12-13, 2020 at Memorial Hospital. However, this morning, Dr. Chung noted that this was the same week as the Spring ACS-COT conference.

Action: Dr. Zimmerman will reach out to Memorial to re-schedule.

Trauma Case Review – Mr. Senecal provided the group with a firsthand account of the Farmington explosion and the response that occurred, and key points from their after action debrief and lessons learned. These included discussions around the:

- influence of social media and how it contributed to an influx of providers/helpers as well as family at the scene and hospital and how to prepare for and deal with this.
- utilization of HEMS transport from the scene and lack of HEMS availability for interfacility transport.
- need to involve the “worker bees” in training exercises, those folks that are going to be providing the medical care – not just the administrators during table top exercises.
- involvement of outside resources such as the American Red Cross who can help reunite family members

Dr. Zimmerman updated the committee on the 2021 protocol review process occurring at the MDPB.

Encouraged to look at the current protocols and submit any recommendations to Dr. Pieh or Dr Zimmerman. Mr. Hurley discussed the importance of realizing the impact of protocol changes on financial/educational and operational resources of services. Tammy recommends consideration of Ancef for open fractures.

Action: Dr. Zimmerman will send a current copy of the protocols to the group as well as a link to where they can be located on the MEMS website.

Action: Members should review the protocols and be timely in their recommendations to the MDPB.

Old Business:

Discussion re: GCS scale and which to adopt. We noted that this will require more time for discussion with the remainder of the group. Dr. Chung (via email) is in favor of using the GCS-P rather than GCS40 as it requires less change across the spectrum and it is what is being taught in the latest version of ATLS. Anna discussed that TQIP wants GCS40. Tammy would like to poll the neurosurgeons re: what their preference is.

Action: Trauma Program Managers are to poll their neurosurgeons and report back to the group at the April meeting.

Other Business

ME general has submitted their application for Level 3 Trauma Center Accreditation. Dr. Pieh questioned re: what this means in our state trauma system. Hospitals are welcome to apply for accreditation. Currently MEMS recognizes only Level 1 and 2 centers as being able to *accept* trauma patients in transfer from another facility. We do not see Level 3 as being able to accept interfacility transfers. However, they can accept field traumas and decide who they keep and who they send depending on their capability.

Action: This fall, we need to revisit at the trauma plan and make sure it is where we want it to be.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50

Next Meeting – April 28, 2020 12:30 – 2:30pm

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