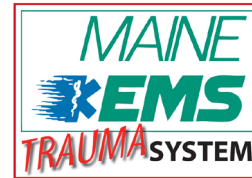




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**TRAUMA ADVISORY
 COMMITTEE
 January 24, 2023
 Meeting conducted via zoom
 MINUTES**

J. SAM HURLEY
 DIRECTOR

Members Present: Rick Petrie (Chair), Anna Moses (NL-EMMC), Dr. Cynthia Richards (CMMC), Thomas Judge (LFOM), Christopher Paré (Kennebunk EMS), Ben Zetterman (Van Buren Ambulance), Leslie Anderson (Cary Medical Center), Chris Costello (MH-Biddeford), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Dr. Guy Nuki (BlueWater), Dr. Chris Turner (MH-MMC), Sam Hurley (MEMS), Dr. Amy Fenwick (NL-EMMC), Dr. Bryan Morse (MH-MMC), Joanne Lebrun (Tri-County), Mindy Gammon (NL-Mercy Hospital), Tammy Lachance (CMMC), Pret Bjorn (NL-EMMC)
Guests: Gail Ross (NL-EMMC), Dwight Corning (CMMC), Jeanne Clark (NL-EMMC), Bill Cyr (LFOM), Chip Getchell (Delta), Dr. Bruce Chung (MH-MMC), Sarah Robinson (NL-EMMC), Dr. Norm Dinerman (LFOM), Lindsey Bradley (NL-EMMC)

Staff Present: Dr. Kate Zimmerman (Trauma Systems Manager), Ashley Moody (MEMS), Emily Burgess (MEMS), Marc Minkler (MEMS).

This meeting was conducted virtually on Zoom.
 Meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrie at 12:40
 Dr. Zimmerman read a roll call for TAC member attendance.

Mr. Petrie read the Maine EMS mission statement and the Confidentiality statement.

The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.

The Trauma Advisory Committee meeting you are attending today is intended to promote trauma-related education and quality improvement among health care providers and other capital TAC members and to use these discussions to plan trauma system improvement. By signing this document [or participating in this meeting virtually without verbalizing disagreement of this statement to the Chair], you agree that you shall regard as confidential any information provided in this program which may serve to identify individuals, institutions, or health professionals. You further agree that you will not disclose such information without the written consent of: 1.) the individual or the authorized agent of the individual, 2.) the institution (s), and 3.) the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services.

Motion # 1 by Pret Bjorn to approve the July 26, 2022, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Dr. Guy Nuki.

Discussion - none

Motion Passed

Trauma Plan Sub Committee Notes from 8.4.22 and TAC Notes from 11.25.22 (no quorum) were provided to members for review. No discussion or action was needed.

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Membership and Chair Update

Maine EMS Board position is currently open. Chair Brent Libby is currently working on this.
Emergency RN Board position is currently open. Dr. Zimmerman has reached out to Emergency Nurses Association.
Trauma System User is currently open.
Maine Hospital Association position is also currently open, and Dr. Zimmerman has reached out.

Currently all chair nominations have withdrawn from the process. The plan moving forward is to accept nominations now and vote at the April meeting with the elected taking over at the July meeting. This allows for continued work but also, allowing the chair position to be back in line with the bylaws.

Bylaws changes

As the statewide trauma plan work continues need to be sure that there is a review of the bylaw to ensure consistency.

Trauma Center Check In

CMMC - Trauma ACS Level III survey occurred in Nov. Have not heard on the results but overall feel things went well. Adding pediatric-specific trauma room in their ED. Discussion about the virtual visit and the difference that occurred from the previous known in person system.

EMMC - Added a new trauma registrar and trauma coordinator. Preparing for the virtual re-verification process scheduled in June.

MMC – Will be going through the virtual verification process Feb 2024. ATLS Class is going to be offered 3/9-3/10.

Mindy Gammon joined at 1313.

Pediatric Readiness

Marc Minkler provided a brief presentation about the role of pediatric readiness and how Maine EMS-C and hospitals can work collaboratively to improve pediatric care and readiness across the State.
Could consider adding a pediatric element to the TACTAT.

MBPB

Incorporated National Guideline for Field Triage into the protocols that will be released in December 2023.
There is a new strangulation protocol and MBPB is currently working on the traumatic cardiac arrest protocol.
Rick asked about warm IV fluids regarding trauma patients – Dr. Fenwick encouraged the continued use of warm IV fluids especially in the winter months if services can accomplish that.

Subcommittee Updates

Trauma Plan had a subcommittee focused on the rural component. 3 asks: develop and include a rural strategic approach, funding to rural hospitals (specifically for education and programs in rural areas), need to improve unstable trauma patient's pathway to definitive care and how does that happen? Rick recommended that a note be sent to all of the non-trauma centers in the state and ask them if they had a patient whom they had push back on and reach out to the trauma center manager/coordinators individually. The ask would be that trauma centers keep track of this information and provide data on how often the difficulty is happening. Dr. Morse recommends that trauma centers also keep track of patients that are inappropriately transferred. No motion or further discussion occurred about data collection request from the trauma centers.
Recommendation is to continue the meeting of the rural subcommittee.

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Director Hurley provided an update on LD 1333 enables Maine EMS to obtain patient-level outcomes data for patients who are transferred via any EMS interaction. Rules were created and went into effect on 12.24.23. Maine EMS is currently working with HIN to help automate this process allowing hospitals' information to go directly to the EMS agency. Some of the items that will cross over include ICD 10 codes ED diagnosis, hospital discharge dates and times, and ICD procedure codes. Maine is a state that does not have a statewide trauma registry currently and the TAC will need to look at incorporating a way to start building the foundation to look at developing one.

Meeting adjourned at 1432 --- Next regular meeting: **April 25, 2023**

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved on 4.25.23