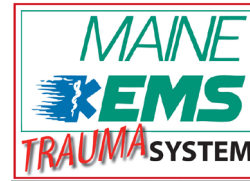




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**TRAUMA ADVISORY  
 COMMITTEE  
 April 25, 2023  
 Meeting conducted via Zoom**

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**Members Present:** Rick Petrie (Chair), Anna Moses (NL-EMMC), Thomas Judge (LFOM), Leslie Anderson (Cary Medical Center), Chris Costello (MH-Biddeford), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Dr. Guy Nuki (BlueWater), Sam Hurley (MEMS), Bryan Morse (MH-MMC), Joanne Lebrun (Tri-County), Mindy Gammon (NL-Mercy Hospital), Tammy Lachance (CMMC), Pret Bjorn (NL-EMMC), Chris Whytock (Rockland Fire), Dr. Richard King (CMMC), Dr. Jonnathan Busko (St. Joesph)

**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), Marc Minkler (MEMS).

This meeting was conducted virtually on Zoom.  
 Meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrie at 12:40  
 Ashley Moody 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 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 January 24, 2023, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Joanne Lebrun.**

Discussion – accepted two minor grammatical changes. Discussed confidentiality statement and within that discussion agreed on the importance of protecting patient information.

**Motion Passed – 14 yes, 1 abstention.**

Membership and Chair Update

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Chris Whytock (Rockland Fire) was appointed to this committee by the Maine EMS board chair and is representing the Maine EMS Board position.

Dr. Jonnathan Busko (St. Joseph) was appointed to this committee by the Maine Hospital Association representing the medium hospital administrator position.

ENA has been contacted about helping find an Emergency Room RN to join this committee, but no response has occurred. There is currently 1 interested RN that Kate and Ashley will be following up with.

No nominations were received for TAC chair. Rick Petrie did offer that if no one else is interested he is willing to accept nominations for another 2-year term.

**Motion #2 by Dr. Guy Nuki to nominate Rick Petrie to be the ongoing chair for the Trauma Advisory Committee.**

**Seconded by Joanne Lebrun.**

Discussion – roll call vote completed.

**Motion Passed – 13 yes, 1 abstention, and 2 unavailable for the vote.**

#### Review of the EMS Notification Form

The Maine Stroke Alliance has been working on a time-sensitive notification call-in sheet. This form could be used by the person who is taking the EMS call as well as the EMS clinician caring for the patient. The goal is to be sure that the “high” points are being communicated. Presentation of the form was given by Dr. Zimmerman as the MSA is looking for feedback from the perspective of the TAC. Members from TAC provided productive feedback for consideration as this form moves forward.

#### Trauma Center Check In

CMMC – Educational opportunity coming up for abdominal GSW with Mass Gen.

EMMC – Staffing is stable. Upcoming ACS re-verification. Recently ratified a relationship ATS relationship and is now a member of the trauma survival network.

MMC – Will be going through the virtual verification process Feb 2024. ATLS Class is going to be offered in September.

#### Subcommittee Updates

Trauma Plan Rural Committee – Would like to add a Rural subcommittee to the Trauma Advisory Committee and to Statewide Trauma Plan. Rick Petrie supported developing a group that specifically discusses the issues faced by the rural hospitals in the state of Maine and makes sure they have a voice here with the Trauma Advisory Committee. Tom Judge notes the same disease is a very different one when outside of the interstate corridor. Currently, there is a bill for a rural healthcare task force.

**Motion # 3 by Tom Judge to create a rural trauma subcommittee. Seconded by Pret Bjorn.**

Discussion – roll call vote completed.

**Motion Passed – 12 yes, 1 abstention, and 3 unavailable for the vote.**

Interested in this Subcommittee – Dr. Nuki, Tom Judge, Leslie Anderson, Dr. King, Julie Ontengco, Pret Bjorn, Chris Costello, Joanne Lebrun, Tammy Lachance. Kate also recommended Ben Zetterman to be part of this committee as he represents a rural community (Rick Petrie will reach out to see if Ben has an interest in being a part of this committee).

#### Trauma Registry

Maine EMS is working on the foundational build in how to build a trauma registry in Maine. It has been in law for 30 years and it has yet to be started. It is a real need. There will be collaboration and input. Currently, Maine EMS is fact-gathering to ensure that the foundational build is solid.

Julie provided that it will be very important to include trauma programs early in the discussion as it could impact staffing support and workload. ACS is very in tune with this, thus developing collaboration is imperative.

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Rick provided that he would recommend that community hospitals be involved at the beginning of this planning as well.

#### Maine EMS Board Request

Information was provided in the email packet about the board's request to have each committee provide a summary of the work that each committee has been doing.

Tom Judge recommended creating a draft and having members take a look at it. Rick would like to create a first draft.

Bryan Morse requested to participate as he is one of the newer members on this committee. Dr. Zimmerman will provide some of the necessary data to Rick. Rick will reach out to set up a meeting.

#### MDPB Update

No new updates

Goals for the next 6 months:

Tom Judge - Where are we now? Where are we going and how are we going to get there? Trauma Plan needs work and would be a great first step. Look at the plan and identify gaps that help allow directing resources. The rural group will add some pieces. Currently, we do not have trauma outcome reports, which is going to make it difficult to compare.

How do we identify the gaps? How do we close them? What resources are needed?

Dr. Morse – Trauma Registry

Dr. Zimmerman – Pediatrics

Tammy Lachance – EMS-C pediatric readiness

Dr. Nuki – Care Coordination across the state- a single transfer center for trauma patients. Improved coordination on a real-time basis across the state.

Julie Ontengco – Stronger (more robust) telehealth platform in trauma.

Joanne Lebrun – TAC input into MEMS strategic plan and OB.

Dr. Dinerman – alliance with MSA, peds, etc. create momentum for a centralized hub.

#### In-Person Meeting

Discussion around the in-person meeting options. The consensus is to aim for a yearly in-person meeting.

Rick offered for summer may be difficult and that October's meeting may be a good time. Rick also recommended that case reviews occur at that in-person meeting.

#### MCOT

Need to make a decision about hosting an MCOT this year. There is an opportunity as the annual conference in the fall at the Samoset will be happening.

Trauma Registry conference link provided by Julie Ontengco

<https://umassmed.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/register.aspx?OrgCode=10&EvtID=6174&AppCode=REG&CC=123030803651>

Meeting adjourned at 1402 --- Next regular meeting: **July 25, 2023**

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved on 07.25.23