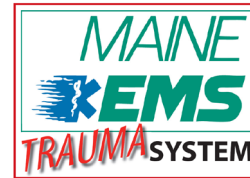




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**TRAUMA ADVISORY  
 COMMITTEE  
 July 25, 2023  
 Meeting conducted via zoom  
 MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** Rick Petrie (Chair), Leslie Anderson (Cary Medical Center), Chris Costello (MH-Biddeford), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Sam Hurley (MEMS), Bryan Morse (MH-MMC), Joanne Lebrun (Tri-County), Tammy Lachance (CMMC), Pret Bjorn (NL-EMMC), Dr. Jonnathan Busko (St. Joesph), Dr. Matthew Sholl (MEMS), Chris Pare (Kennebunk EMS), Ben Zetterman (Van Buren EMS), Dr. Chris Turner (MMC/Pediatric Trauma)  
**Guests:** Sarah Robinson (NL-EMMC), Dr. Norm Dinerman (LFOM), Lindsey Bradley (NL-EMMC), Nicole Breton (CDC), Mary Powell (CDC)  
**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  
 Rick Petrie 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 April 25, 2023, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Pete Tilney.  
 Motion Passed – 12 yes, 1 abstention.**

Membership and Chair Update

Tonya Brown submitted an application to fill the Emergency Nurse position on the TAC.  
 Dr. Zimmerman provided a brief overview of Tonya’s CV and Resume.

**Motion #2 by Pret Bjorn to nominate Tonya Brown to fill the Emergency Room Nurse position on the Trauma Advisory Committee. Seconded by Jonnathan Busko.  
 Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

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Leslie Anderson is stepping down as her family is relocating which will create a Small Hospital Rep position open. Still have a Trauma System User position available – Pret offered to reach out to a potential candidate.

### Trauma Center Check-In

CMMC – Always Ready for Children survey is currently underway with the goal of submitting in September.

EMMC – ACS re-verification completed in June. Currently have a trauma registrar position open if anyone knows of anyone interested.

MMC –ATLS Class is going to be offered in September. Instructor ATLS course in the Spring. ACS Verification is scheduled for February 2024.

### 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.**

### EMS – C

Maine EMS-C participates in the Always Ready for Children program which recognizes hospital emergency departments for pediatric readiness for both medical and traumatic injuries/illnesses. It is based on the standard from HRSA through the collaboration of the ENA, ASP, and American Academy of Pediatrics along with others. Congratulations to Maine Medical Center as they scored the highest level possible and were recognized in June.

This is open to all hospitals in the state and is a free, voluntary process. Reach out to Marc Minkler at MEMS for more information. [Marc.A.Minkler@maine.gov](mailto:Marc.A.Minkler@maine.gov)

### Sub-committee Updates

The rural sub-committee met recently and has determined that their first priority is to develop some tangible goals and work on the content for the Statewide Trauma Plan.

Guy Nuki was nominated as the chair.

The data sub-committee update currently working with Image Trend regarding resources that can be offered and shared with the hospitals in addition to the Bureau of Highway Safety.

The Trauma Registry has no current update as working to meet with trauma leaders.

### EMS Conference

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November 8<sup>th</sup> – November 11 at the Samoset Resort. November 8<sup>th</sup> will be an all-day Trauma event and Rick is working to get this to be a Maine Committee on Trauma event. Rick will provide an update at the next TAC meeting.

#### MDPB Update

Protocol Update is nearing the end. The goal is to have it to end users by September.

#### Goals:

1. Trauma Plan
2. Trauma Registry
3. Pediatrics

#### Education Based Series

Pret Bjorn would like to present at October's Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1356 --- Next regular meeting: **October 24, 2023 (In-Person)**

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved on 10.24.2023