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TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2024

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Members Present: Christopher Whytock (Rockland Fire), Bryan Morse (MMC), Wil O'Neil (MEMS), Matthew Sholl (MEMS), Tonya Brown (St. Joseph), Joanne Lebrun (Tri-County), Thomas Judge (LFOM), Chris Pare (NorthStar), Ben Zetterman (Van Buren EMS), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Tammy Lachance (CMMC), Rick Petrie (At Large), Christopher Turner (At Large – MMC)

Guests: Lindsey Bradley (NL-EMMC), Mary Powell (CDC), Erica Dyer (CDC), Sarah Robinson (EMMC), Jeanne Clark (EMMC), Sean Barnett (EMMC), Tim Jurick (Mercy), David Lewis (CMMC), Norm Dinerman (LFOM)

Staff Present: Ashley Moody (Trauma Systems Manager), Marc Minkler (MEMS).

This meeting was conducted virtually on Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrie at 12:35

Ashley Moody read a roll call for TAC member attendance.

Mr. Rick 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.

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Motion # 1 by Joanne Lebrun to approve January 24, 2023, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Bryan Morse.

Motion Passed with two abstentions.

Membership Update: A vacancy remains for a critical care nurse, small hospital administrator (need a recommendation from MHA), surgeon, and trauma system user. EMMC still needs to update who will take over as the trauma program manager.

Chris Costello (Maine Hospital Association Representative) has gone back to MDI, Cynthia Richards (Trauma Rehabilitation Specialist) has emailed Rick Petrie stating she has resigned, and Tonya Brown (Emergency Room RN) is leaving St. Joseph's Hospital.

Trauma Center Check-Ins

CMMC – Dr. Lewis joined CMMC about 3 months ago and works as a general and trauma surgeon. CMMC continues to work on the Pedi-ready assessment survey and hopes to have that ready to submit very soon.

EMMC – Hired a new trauma manager who will be starting in the next few weeks.

MMC – ACS Verification was completed in February 2024, and have received their final report with no deficiencies, even with the new Gray Book! ATLS classes with a few spots left in October.

Subcommittee Updates

Trauma Plan Rural Committee – discussed the concern around communication. The committee had the idea of inquiring with the Maine Hospital Association about creating a position like a trauma coordinator to improve communications between the trauma centers and the rural trauma hospitals around items such as movement of patients, assistance, and guidance. Dr. Nuki and Rick Petrie had a meeting with the MHA to discuss if the MHA would be willing to fund this type of position. While the conversation led to MHA denying the request MHA did highlight their ability to facilitate information sharing. The recommendation was to have the MHA involved in TAC to put together webinars and information sessions for the hospitals in the State of Maine on any topics that the Maine Committee on Trauma felt were important. Dr. Nuki and Rick Petrie are working on some ideas to take back to the Rural Trauma Plan committee with their next meeting that is scheduled in September with the plan to have an update for the next meeting in October.

Trauma Plan Subcommittee – Rick will be sending out communication to those who were interested on participating with the trauma plan in the near future to start the review process and put together an updated plan to take to the Maine EMS Board. A draft will be sent out to the TAC for questions, concerns, and comments as the plan progresses.

Data – Director O'Neil stated that the TAC needs to fulfill the legislative obligation, or the best as possible, and get Maine to align with a national trauma registry.

TACTAT – Need to get Mid Coast Hospital scheduled.

Autopsy Subcommittee – The goal is to problem-solve how to help increase the State’s capacity to assist trauma centers in having a mechanism for Medical Examiner Review to allow for compliance with the ACS requirements.

Titer-Reduced whole-blood discussion – Dr. Morse questioned what other centers do around whole-blood infusion and the goal is to continue to monitor evidence and cost/benefit analysis.

Trauma Motion by the Ocean – No update.

Maine EMS Board Request – Discussed as a group what the report would include for the board.

MDPB Update – Starting the review of the EMS protocols started with medicine and the respiratory sections. The Green (Trauma Section) will be Dr. Seth Ritter and Dr. Pete Tilney.

Meeting Schedule Discussed – Discussion around increasing the frequency of meetings. The consensus was to have monthly meetings with quarterly meetings in person. In-person meetings will only have the view option online only as hybrid meetings are not an option for TAC at this time due to staffing and IT capabilities.

Meeting adjourned at 1357 --- Next regular meeting: October 22, 2024 (in person)

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved 2.25.2025