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TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 25, 2025

Meeting held Fallen Hero's Room 45 Commerce Drive Augusta, Maine

Members Present: Christopher Whytock (Rockland Fire), Amy Fenwick (EMMC), Bryan Morse (MMC), Pete Tilney (CMMC), Joanne Lebrun (Tri-County), Jonnathan Busko (St. Joseph), Mindy Gammon (Mercy), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Tammy Lachance (CMMC), Gary Ringling (EMMC), Rick Petrie (At Large), Christopher Turner (At Large – MMC)

Guests: Tim Jurick (Mercy)

Staff Present: Ashley Moody (Trauma Systems Manager), John DeArmond (MEMS), Samantha Andrews (AAG).

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrie at 12:38

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.

Motion # 1 by Julie Ontengco to approve April 23, 2024, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Fenwick.

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Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion # 2 by Julie Ontengco to approve July 23, 2024, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Fenwick.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Membership Update: A vacancy remains for a small hospital administrator (need a recommendation from MHA), surgeon (2), EM Physician, Critical Care RN, Trauma Rehabilitation Specialist, and trauma system user.

Reviewed which members for eligible for chair nomination based on the TAC bylaws. Nominations need to be submitted prior to the next meeting which is 3.25.25.

Meeting Schedule Discussion: Lengthy discussion on meeting schedule, attendance, and expectations. Reviewed the bylaw attendance requirements. The expectation is that all voting members attend the in-person quarterly meetings as the group feels that personal connection, the ability to discuss and collaborate, and overall production is better with in-person meetings.

During this discussion, there were 3 motions made

Motion # 3 by Jonnathan Busko to continue in-person quarterly meetings (Jan/Apr/July/Oct) with monthly virtual meetings every other month that are not in person (Feb/Mar/May/June/Aug/Sept/Nov/Dec).

Seconded by Chris Whytock.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion # 4 by Pete Tilney to modify April's in-person meeting to 4.29.25.

Seconded by Jonnathan Busko.

Discussion: Some organizations have already scheduled events/classes for 4.29.25 as the TAC schedule has remained the same for many years.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion # 5 by Joanne Lebrun to move the April's in-person meeting to 5.27.25 due to that being school vacation week. Seconded by Jonnathan Busko.

Discussion: TAC schedule has remained consistent with quarterly meetings and others have conflicts with moving the in-person to May.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion # 6 by Julie Ontengco to enter executive session for a presentation from CMMC about the tragic Lewiston shooting presentation that contains patient identifiable information.

Seconded by Mindy Gammon.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Presentation provided by Tammy Lachance (CMMC).

Members exited executive session at 1416.

Committee Member Remote Participation Policy: Reviewed the policy of the State Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee (“Committee”) to allow Committee members to participate remotely using synchronous telephonic or video technology allowing simultaneous reception and exchange of information.

Motion # 7 by Amy Fenwick to adopt the Committee Members Remote Participation Policy for the TAC. Seconded by Pete Tilney.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Trauma Center Check-Ins

CMMC – Trauma surgeon has resigned. Prime Health Care has purchased the organization. Transitioning the EMR to EPIC. Trauma verification is scheduled for Nov 2025.

EMMC – Gary Ringling is the new trauma program manager.

MMC – ATLS classes offered this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 1440 --- Next regular meeting: March 25, 2025 (virtual)

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved 04.22.2025