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TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 22, 2025

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

Members Present In-Person: Bryan Morse (MMC), Joanne Lebrun (Tri-County), Tom Judge (LFOM), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Rick Petrie (At Large)

Members Present Remotely: Pete Tilney (CMMC), Matt Sholl (MEMS Medical Director), Chris Pare (Maine Health EMS), Ben Zetterman (Fort Fairfield Fire/Rescue), Jonnathan Busko (St. Joseph), Gary Ringling (EMMC)

Guests: Tim Jurick – In Person (Mercy), David Ireland, Casey Woods (EMMC), Central Maine Highland Fire Department

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrie at 12:40

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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Trauma Center Check-Ins

CMMC – No update at this time (Tammy was not present).

EMMC – Completed Stop the Bleed UMaine for RN students. Currently reaching out to “industries” offering teach Stop the Bleed.

MMC – ATLS classes will be offered in the fall (Sept). Supporting Stop the Bleed kit in all Maine public buildings.

Statewide Trauma Plan Update:

Tom Judge provided that there have been many iterations and formatting issues but started with why this is important. Tom provided that this plan is designed to help people who don't understand trauma and those who are paying for it and understand why it is important.

Major changes: Move the executive summary (why) back to the front and the trauma advisory committee had been moved to the appendix, back into an element of the trauma system. ACS Trauma centers are working on updating Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C and incorporating the ACS Grey book.

Extensive discussion about specific elements among those present for the meeting. All changes and updates will be presented at the next TAC meeting.

The goal is for the July meeting to have a final document.

Other Discussion Elements:

Work on getting Community on Trauma more engaged.

Physician response vehicles – should not affect the statewide trauma plan.

Consider Polling all hospitals about important elements such as:

PA/NP – sole coverage

Blood Products

Do you require ATLS? If not, do they have access? If no access, would there be interest?

Imaging

Motion # 1 by Joanne Leburn to approve the February 25, 2025, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Bryan Morse.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion # 2 by Tom Judge to move forward with closing nomination and recommend Dr. Brian Morse to the Maine EMS Board Chair. Seconded by Joanne Lebrun.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1357 --- Next regular meeting: May 27, 2025 (virtual)

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved November 25, 2025