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TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 22, 2025

Hybrid Meeting held in Champlain Conference Room, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Members Present In-Person: Wil O'Neal (MEMS Director), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Rick Petrie (At Large)

Members Present Remotely: Pete Tilney (CMMC), Joanne Lebrun (Tri-County), Tom Judge (LFOM), Jonnathan Busko (St. Joseph), Gary Ringling (EMMC), Chris Turner (MMC)

Guests: Tim Counihan – In Person (CMMC), David Ireland, Sarah Robinson (EMMC), Chris Moretto (Winthrop)

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 – Tim Counihan provided an update – CMMC is up for verification this year. Drafting a letter requesting a delay due to a variety of concerns, including the trauma manager currently out and the trauma medical director who has left, a recent cyber-attack, data issue extraction, and the hospital was recently purchased by Prime Healthcare.

EMMC – ATLS class will be offered in October. Current Trauma Registrar position is open, and reverification is scheduled for June, 2026.

MMC – Offering lots of education including:

MH MMC Division of EMS - Obstetric Emergencies Webinar - **07/30/2025**

MH MMC Division of EMS - Spinal Motion Restriction Webinar - **08/19/2025**

MH MMC Trauma Service - Trauma Webinar - Hemorrhagic Shock, TXA, and Extremity Trauma in the Field - **07/31/2025**

NAEMSE Instructor I Course

Maine Health EMS Conference 11/07 - 11/09

ATLS – 10/23 and 10/24

Statewide Trauma Plan Update:

Tom Judge is spearheading this work and had a slight setback with the newest edition of the Gray Book. Rick Pietie provided that he received a request from the 3 trauma centers asking to delay final approval of the plan until the plan can come back to the TAC at the October Meeting.

Tom Judge currently has the most recent version.

Other Discussion Elements:

Bryan Morse was elected as the TAC Chair in April, and the Maine EMS Board approved his appointment in August.

Rick proposed that there not be a TAC meeting in August and September to allow the Trauma Plan Sub Committee to continue to work on the trauma plans.

Questionnaire – Reviewed with the group, followed by discussion, and amendments. The survey will be sent to all hospitals.

Notes submitted by ANM