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TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 24th, 2026

Virtual Meeting via Zoom with an in-person option offered at

Champlain Conference Room, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Members Present: Bryan Morse (MH-MMC), Wil O'Neal (MEMS), Matthew Sholl (MH-MMC), Tonya Brown (MDI), Tom Judge (LFOM), Chris Pare (MH-EMS), Jonnathan Busko (St. Joseph), Mindy Gammon (NL-Mercy), Chris Costello (York), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Gary Ringling (NL-EMMC), and Amy Fenwick (NL-EMMC)

Guests: Nicole Prescott (MH – MMC), Lindsey Bradley (NL-EMMC), Leah Mitchell (MH – MMC), Tim Counihan (CMMC), Sarah Robinson (NL-EMMC)

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Morse at 12:50

Ashley Moody read a roll call for TAC member attendance.

Dr. Bryan Morse 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

MMC – ATLS will be offered 3/22 and 3/23. Hosting another in June and September. Advanced Burn Life Support will be offered 3/23, and ACS re-verification will be on February 11th, 2027.

EMMC – ATLS classes will be offered on 3/4 and 3/5. ACS re-validation is scheduled for June 9th, 2026.

Other Hospital Check-Ins

CMMC – Update from Dr. Counihan – Prime merger has officially occurred. The CEO from CMMC was relieved 24 hours after the merger. Part of the sale requires CMMC to seek and obtain a level 3 trauma status and participate in the TAC. There will be a posting of both a trauma program manager and a trauma medical director in the very near future.

Membership Plan

Received one application – Surgeon. That application process will move forward at the next TAC meeting.

Tom Judge will reach out to someone he had in mind for a trauma hospital system user.

LD2132 - An Act to Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to Require Compliance with the Statewide Trauma-incidence Registry and Make Certain Technical and Other Changes

Democracy in action – The amendment will require the TAC, hospitals, and the state office to work together to determine the best way to obtain and use trauma data.

Pediatric Readiness

ACS Grey Book 5.1.0 compliance – Pediatric assessment opens March 3rd and runs through May. Marc Minkler, EMS-C program manager, will send out information to pediatric emergency care coordinators at each hospital.

Rib Fx Protocol

Dr. Morse would like to provide a potential Rib Fx Protocol for the TAC to review and provide feedback on.

Motion # 1 by Julie Ontengco to **adjourn the meeting**, with Chris Pare seconding at 1326.

Next regular meeting: March 24, 2026 (virtual)

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved 05.26.26