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TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 26th, 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), Tom Judge (LFOM), Jonnathan Busko (St. Joseph), Mindy Gammon (NL-Mercy), Julie Ontengco (MH-MMC), Gary Ringling (NL-EMMC), Benjamin Zetterman (Fort Fairfield Fire/Rescue), Rick Petrie (NEMH), Christopher Turner (MH-MMC) and Amy Fenwick (NL-EMMC)

Guests: Bill Cyr (LFOM), Kelley Bowden (Office of Maine Care Services), Sarah Robinson (NL-EMMC)

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Morse at 12:36

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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Motion # 1 by Jonnathan Busko to approve the February 24, 2026, Trauma Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Gary Ringling.

Motion Passed unanimously.

March Notes – No Discussion

Trauma Center Check-Ins

MMC – ACS re-verification will be on February 11th, 2027.

EMMC - ACS re-validation is scheduled for June 9th, 2026.

Perinatal Rural / OB Systems of Care / Trauma Infrastructure by Kelly Bowden (Office Maine Care Services)

Discussion around the funding around Rural Health Transformation Program and integration into the maternity environment.

Consideration of a gap within Maine EMS Trauma protocols as the only mention is > 20 weeks and EMS judgement. Should the TAC consider partnering with educational opportunities?

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

Creation of a subcommittee to allow for the deep dive.

Motion # 2 by Rick Pietie to create a subcommittee to evaluate opportunities to enhance Maine's Trauma System and evaluate opportunities to share uniform quality related data as it related to injury-related incidents which is to include any recommendation(s) on potential necessary rulemaking, proposed legislation and funding considerations. Seconded by Tom Judge.

Montion Passed unanimously.

Members at a minimum – Trauma Medical Directors and Program Managers from ACS Verified Hospitals.

Bryan – Chair
Julie
Gary
Tom
Mindy

All work must be completed by June 30th, 2027.

Rib Fx Protocol

Dr. Morse will make the final changes to the adult IFT rib fx protocol guidance and will plan to vote at the July meeting.

FOAA

Must be completed by members ASAP.

Trauma Plan

Not only inclusive but also comprehensive and addresses some of the changes we have in the future.

Discussion about Dr. Morse providing an executive summary about aspirational type things. In addition, he requested that others have ideas to provide them with to allow for a comprehensive plan.

Next Meeting

Discussion of having June meeting to be subcommittee meeting only as many members are unable to attend in June. Next scheduled meeting will be July 28th

Membership Plan

Board Rep to the TAC – Chris Whytock has resigned from the board yielding an open position. A request has been made to the Maine EMS board for a new rep to be assigned.

Maine EMS Staffing Update

Maine EMS Director Wil O’Neal provided the group with an update of Maine EMS staff changes and openings. Currently open is the education coordinator, Office Assistant 2, in addition to two other vacancies which include CCT/Wellness coordinator for the community paramedicine division and a additional licensing agent.

Two new hires – Maine EMD licensing agent – Richard Powell, Region 4 Manager – Ryan Hall

Dr. Sholl has resigned as the State of Maine EMS Medical Director.

Motion # 3 by Benjamin Zetterman to **enter executive session for the review of EM Physician application**, Tom Judge seconding.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion # 4 by Bryan Morse to **adjourn the meeting**, with Ben Zetterman seconding.

Next regular meeting: July 28, 2026 (in person)

Minutes submitted by ANM

Minutes approved 07.28.2026