

Maine EMS Trauma Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Present: Chris Paré, Anna Moses, Tammy Lachance, James Curtis, Pete Tilney, Norm Dinerman, Yvonne Michaud (Phone), Joanne Lebrun, Kristen Sihler, Harry Grimmritz, Pret Bjorn, Regen Gallagher, Tom Savadove (Phone), Geno Murray, Gail Ross, David Burke,
Staff: Rick Petrie

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Called to order at 12:40; Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Geno Murray. The confidentiality policy was stated by Geno, and the confidentiality statement was circulated for signature.	None
Minutes of January 2016	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.	Motion to approve (Grimmritz/Burke). All in Favor. Approved.
Case Review (EMS) Motor Vehicle Accident	Rick Petrie let the group know that the Trauma Coordinators had decided to add an EMS case to the rotation, beginning with this month. Rick then presented a case from Winthrop involving a MVA where the patient was ejected from the vehicle and had serious head injuries with airway compromise. The accident occurred at night with difficult access because of the wooded area. The EMS crew recognized early on that the patients' jaw was clenched and that the BLS airway wasn't adequate, so they performed a surgical cricothyroidotomy and were able to secure the airway and ventilate the patient adequately. Unfortunately, hospital follow-up data was not available.	None. Presentation available to anyone who may be interested in seeing the information. Contact Rick directly.
Trauma System Gap Analysis	Gap analysis has been sent out; will update the TAC on the feedback at the July meeting	None
Trauma Coordinators	<p>Tammy Lachance reminded everyone that the 2016 MCOT conference will be November 9, 2016. The group discussed potential topics; Neuro/CNS injuries, combined Neuro-Ortho topics, include updates on spine injury management. Dr. Sihler suggested a “grill the experts” roundtable where the audience could ask about any trauma topic.</p> <p>Pret reported that they have been notified that their re-verification meeting will be scheduled for early June, probably around the 13th & 14th.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p>

	<p>Rick updated the group on the status of the Statewide Trauma Data Collection project with Image trend. Maine EMS has been able to secure the funding to purchase and implement the system, and the Trauma Coordinators have met on a couple of occasions to discuss the pros and cons of adopting the new, statewide system. Preliminary review of the image trend system by EMMC and CMMC indicate that it is a good system and very intuitive. There are concerns from the Trauma Centers on the difficulty switching to a new system on the heels of recent changes that have been made to their current systems, as well as the ability to transfer old data to the new system. Jon Powers has been assured that this transfer of information is possible with little or no problem. Each of the Trauma Coordinators agreed to return to their Hospital IT departments and discuss the possibility of switching to a statewide, web-based Trauma Data Collection system.</p> <p>Dr. Sihler also brought up the possibility of a statewide Trauma Quality Improvement (T-Quip) project. T-Quip provides a process for analyzing data benchmarked with other Trauma Centers. There has been some discussion in recent years of doing this as a Region 1 (New England) project, but there appear to be significant hurdles. A Maine Collaborative project would be a more likely scenario. Very specific agreements would have to be established on the use of the data and information generated. Maine EMS has indicated that there would be Rural Health money available to fund the annual fee. Dr. Burke agreed with Dr. Sihler on the value of a statewide T-Quip collaborative.</p> <p>After the TAC discussion last fall about MCI's, the decision was made to pursue the possibility of developing a statewide guideline for Hospitals and EMS services to use when preparing for, and managing, a MCI. Kara Walker from CM Regional</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational. The Trauma Directors will continue to discuss the collaborative and report back to the TAC</p> <p>Informational</p>
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	<p>Resource Center and Joanne Lebrun from TCEMS have taken a lead role in the preliminary development of this resource, and others will be brought in as the resource is developed.</p> <p>Anna Moses updated the group on her project to expand the elderly falls outreach program. She spoke about the packets that they developed to pass out to groups involved with the elderly, and she has a couple of EMS services that have expressed interest in participating. Dr. Sihler spoke about the value of utilizing the Community Paramedicine program for this project, as well as developing an “early notification” type of program geared towards a younger audience as a way to develop good practices before problems arise.</p> <p>Pret spoke about a perceived increase in self-inflicted non-accidental deaths (SINAD) and would like to involve all 3 trauma centers in a review to see if this is actual or anecdotal. Further discussion in future meeting once the data is reviewed</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p>
Trauma Directors	No meeting since last TAC	Informational
TAT/RTTD Update	Our Bridgton RTTD was very well received, and we have a TAT/RTTD scheduled for Calais in June. We are also talking with TAMC and Redington Fairview to get programs scheduled there.	Informational
Other	<p>Topics for future meetings: MCOT, SINAD updates with education, Expanded falls programming, gap analysis.</p> <p>The Trauma Coordinators nominated MDI Hospital as the recipient of the 2016 Trauma System Hospital award. Discussion about creating formal criteria; sent to the Trauma Coordinators for development of a draft.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Motion to approve MDI Hospital as the recipient of the 2016 Trauma System Hospital (Lachance/Burke) AIF.</p>
Adjourn	Next Meeting: July 26, 2016. 12:15 – 2:30 at Maine EMS.	Meeting was adjourned at 2:32. (Curtis/Moses) All In Favor