

Maine EMS Trauma Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Present: Pret Bjorn – Chair, Gail Ross, Chris Paré, David Burke, Joanne Lebrun, Anna Moses, Harry Grimnitz, Tim Pieh, Pete Tilney, Jay Bradshaw, Tammy Lachance, Julie Ontengco, Ian Reight, Don Sheets, James O’Reilly, Mark McAllister, Sheldon Gregoire, Joseph Taddeo, Dave Ciraulo, Heather McKenney, Jennifer Granata, Nancy Jackson
Staff: Rick Petrie

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Called to order at 12:35; Introductions	The meeting was chaired Pret Bjorn. Members and others in attendance were introduced. The confidentiality policy was stated by the chair, and the confidentiality statement was circulated for signature.	
Minutes of April 2014	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.	Motion by Dr. Burke; second by Dr. Reight. All in Favor. Approved.
Dr. Winchell	Pret took this opportunity to let the group know that Dr. Rob Winchell has left MMC to work in Houston. He wanted to express his and the TAC’s appreciation for Dr. Winchell’s contributions to Trauma Care in Maine during his tenure. Dr. Ciraulo announced that he would remain the MCOT Chair, Kristen Sihler, MD would become the MMC Trauma Director, and Gene Grindlinger, MD would remain the Critical Care Director.	None
Case Review (EMMC)	Dr. Burke presented a case involving a young male involved in a high-speed MVA. EMS reported complaints of severe back pain and paraplegia. LOM not available due to weather, transported to local hospital, transferred to EMMC for Aortic repair. Dr. Reilly asked about LOM ground transport, and a discussion was held about ground, PIFT, and CC transport.	None

<p>Trauma Coordinators</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MCOT</p> <p>Trauma Center Designation Subcommittee</p>	<p>Tammy discussed the MCOT seminar scheduled for November 12, 2014 at the Samoset Resort, held in conjunction with APEMS annual seminar.</p> <p>Rick reported on the Trauma Center Designation subcommittee. The Sub-committee made the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC) should support all efforts by Maine hospitals to improve the delivery of Trauma Care 2. All Hospitals would be supported in their efforts to obtain ACS trauma center verification at any level, but: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Only Level I and II centers would be designated as “Maine Trauma Centers”. b. Level III and IV centers would not be considered “Trauma Centers” and would continue to be designated as “Trauma System Hospitals” c. While the new capability of a level III or IV center might alter the decision process regarding keeping or transferring a trauma patient who was transported directly to that facility, it could not be used to alter the established referral patterns between Maine Trauma System Hospitals and Trauma Centers. (e.g, Level III and IV centers would not be considered receiving hospitals for interfacility transfers) 3. The State Trauma Plan should be re-opened for review, and the Trauma Directors from 	<p>Informational Only</p> <p>Motion to incorporate the recommended language into the state trauma plan (Lachance, Ontengco) AIF</p> <p>Motion to send out the most recent version of the trauma plan for review by the group, with a deadline of September 30, 2014 for comments. (Lachance, Reight) AIF</p>
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	<p>the Trauma Centers were encouraged to actively participate in the process with the committee.</p> <p>4. The Trauma Directors would re-establish a regular meeting schedule that would also be attended by the Trauma Manager as administrative support.</p> <p>Jay gave a brief history of the state trauma plan. Dr. Ciraulo spoke about the process and value of ACS verification.</p> <p>Rick and Jay reported that, in response to a specific question about a required CON process for ACS verification, they had contacted DHHS. The reply they received from DHHS was that a CON would not be required for a hospital seeking ACS verification</p>	
Trauma Director Meeting	There was no Trauma Director Meeting	
Spine Injury Management	Topic deferred until the October meeting	
TAT/RTTD Update	Rick reported that we have an RTTD program scheduled for September 8 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, and a TAT review/RTTD program scheduled for Cary Medical Center for November 6 & 7, 2014.	Informational only
Adjourn	Next Meeting: October 28, 2014. 12:15 – 2:30 at Maine EMS.	Meeting was adjourned at 2:20. (Burke/Reight) AIF