

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

Present: Chris Paré, Anna Moses, Tammy Lachance, James Curtis, Pete Tilney, Joanne Lebrun, Kristen Sihler, Harry Grinnitz, Regen Gallagher, Geno Murray, Gail Ross, Brad Boehringer, Julie Ontengco, James Reilly, Thomas Judge, Nicole Breton, Ben Zetterman (Phone).
Staff: Rick Petrie

| Topic | Discussion | Action/Follow up |
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| Called to order at 12:35; 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 April 2016 | The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. | Motion to approve (Lachance/Moses). All in Favor. Approved. |
| Case Review (CMMC/EMS) Liberty Accident | <p>Rick and Tammy presented a case from Liberty involving a significant mechanism MVA in a rural part of Maine. Volunteer EMS crew that included 1 paramedic, 3 EMT's and a driver managed a multi-system trauma patient involving significant bleeding control, surgical cricothyroidotomy, chest decompression, and seizure management. Patient initially transported by ground to MGMC Augusta (LOM not initially available) where stabilizing care was provided, then transported by LOM to CMMC.</p> <p>Discussion from the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent team/system work resulting in the patient survival. 2. C-collar removed to facilitate Cric and not re-applied until arrival at CMMC (use of other stabilization devices). No negative outcome. 3. Delay and then use of TXA. Discussed pros and cons | None. Presentation available to anyone who may be interested in seeing the information. Contact Rick directly. |
| Intentional Injury Project | Anna Moses spoke briefly about the potential of doing a review of non-accidental self-inflicted injury. Initial anecdotal assumption was that these cases were on the rise. However, so research has shown that it may be cyclical and not showing a general increase. More work to follow. | None |

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| Trauma Coordinators | <p>Rick let the group know that at their June meeting that Maine EMS Board had approved the amendments to the Maine EMS Trauma plan as recommended by the TAC</p> <p>Tammy Lachance reminded everyone that the 2016 MCOT conference will be November 9, 2016. The focus of the program will be orthopedic trauma.</p> <p>Anna reported that their re-verification visit went well, and they anticipate getting the official results in September. Tammy reported that CMMC was re-verified as a level II center, and they had submitted additional info by November in order to be awarded the full 3 years. Kristen Sihler reported that Joe Rappold, MD, FACS would be taking over as the Trauma Director for MMC, and that their re-verification was scheduled for January 2017</p> <p>Jon Powers was unable to attend, so Rick updated the group on the status of the Statewide Trauma Data Collection project with Image trend. The contract and purchase has been completed with Imagetrend, and the site will be www.MEFIRS.org/trauma. Jon will be working to set up the system over the next couple of weeks. Jon also asked Rick to let people know that MEMS is moving ahead with the initial integration discussions with Maine HealthinfoNet to allow transfer of data, EMS reports, and outcomes data back to both the EPCR system as well as the Trauma Registry</p> <p>Joanne spoke about their local RRC work on MCI which will dovetail into the TAC subcommittee work on MCI. Primarily, they are looking at Scene Command/organization, Communications, and implementing triage tag days to increase familiarization with the tags.</p> <p>Rick let the group know that the Trauma Manager contract was sent out for RFP, Deadline for</p> | <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational.</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> |
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| | <p>proposals is August 18, 2016. In response to a question from Geno about who would review the proposals, Rick stated that he had been told it would be Shaun St. Germaine and 2 people from the bureau of purchases. Rick also let the group know that the original contract would end June 30, but he had received an extension through September 30.</p> | |
| TAC Work plan | <p>Geno spoke with the group about the interest in developing a work plan for the next year, and requested input.</p> <p>Harry Grinnitz spoke about the difficulties encountered when trying to move patients to a tertiary care facility, both with finding an accepting facility as well as arranging for transportation. He asked if there could be thought given to a central agency that would take these calls and make the appropriate transportation arrangements. Kristen echoed his concerns and supported the concept. Tom Judge stated that there had been initial discussions between one-call (EMMC), Connect (CMMC), REMIS (MMC) and MEDCOMM to set up just such a system. He will update us on progress as this moves forward.</p> <p>Pete Tilney spoke about the difficulties with establishing real-time bed availability and developing a system to improve that communication.</p> <p>James Reilly spoke about the need to develop criteria for appropriate use of tertiary-care facilities as well as the development of guidelines for the appropriate transfer of patients back to local for facilities for follow-up care. This would help the Trauma Centers open up beds for patients in need of trauma center care.</p> | Informational |

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| | The TAC decided to request the Trauma Coordinators develop some initial study criteria to develop these guidelines. | Rick will work with the Trauma Coordinators on this project. |
| TAT/RTTD Update | The TAT/RTTD scheduled for Calais in June was rescheduled for the fall because of an ED employee death. TAMC is scheduled for November we are waiting for dates from Redington Fairview. | Informational |
| Other | <p>Kristen announced that a representative from T-QUIP, Avery Nathens, would be presenting at the MMC Grand Rounds on August 4 in the Dana Center, 9am. Topic is “Using T-Quip for risk adjustment in trauma”. All were welcome.</p> <p>Tom Announced that EMMC ATLS would be held in the new LOM building at BIA. He also let everyone know that they would be putting a 3rd Helicopter in Sanford around the first of the next year.</p> | Informational Informational |
| Adjourn | Next Meeting: October 25, 2016. 12:15 – 2:30 at Maine EMS. | Meeting was adjourned at 2:25. (Moses/Pare) All In Favor |