TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES  **(Approved**)

**August 17, 2022**

9:34AM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy

Classroom 2

**Members Present:** Eric Martin (Chair); Joel Coelho; Tony Maggio; Stacey Savage; Tom Trimarco; Kaveer Chatoorgoon; Neil Moore; Lisa Patterson; Caroline Lavoie;

**Members Absent:**

Mark Kromer; Jonathan Snow; Brett Sweeney; Tom Trimarco

**NH FST&EMS Staff**:

Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Walter Trachim; Matthew Robblee; Vicki Blanchard; Crystal Tuttle;

**Guests:** Stacia Ghafoori; Kyle Madigan; Jen Marcotte; James Esdon; Donna Kousaie; John Hall; Matthew Petrin; Gary Ringling; Gina Wuertzer; Katie Hartford

Meeting called to order at 9:34 AM by Chair Martin.

1. **Welcome/Membership**

**Item 1.** Kathy Bizarro Thunberg is leaving the TMRC as representative for the NH Hospital Association, and is being replaced by Caroline Lavoie. Kathy has been a member of TMRC for 25 years, and the committee extends their thanks to her.

**Item 2.** Dr. Trimarco has a letter from MCB, and Lisa Patterson can write her own letter of interest in renewing as a general physician.

**Item 3.** Dr. Chatoorgoon is leaving the TMRC, as he accepted a position out of state.

1. **Approval of the minutes**

**Vote:** Motion made (Maggio/Moore) to approve the June 15, 2022 minutes with an amendment to include the trauma conference at Concord Hospital to be held November 1, 2022. All in favor.

1. **BUREAU REPORTS**

* Bureau of EMS is at 10% vacancy, with several part time positions available. Kimberly McCulloch has been hired for recruitment and retention.
* Chief Romanello stated that rules are still at legal, as is the MOU.
* The State is still under a public health incident until September 30, 2022, allowing the continuance of COVID protocols, and the reduction of required licensed personnel to transport to a hospital. If the incident is not extended, the Bureau will recommend minimum levels of PPE.
* Michael Mulhern has been hired part time for IFT
* The Bureau is still working with current rotary wing providers on completing the licensing process and subsequently receiving approval to operate as a licensed New Hampshire unit under prerequisite protocols. Discussion ensued about data and reporting requirements.
* EMR classes are ongoing and successful. Con. Ed has become more accessible due to the work of Maria Varanka.
* 15 active investigations are taking place right now in compliance.
* Paramedic to RN course is being worked on, the Bureau would like to mirror the Arkansas program. Graduates would receive an ADN.

1. **SUBCOMMITTEE & TOPIC REPORTS**

**Item 1: Trauma Registry Sub-committee-Walter Trachim**

* Walter provided new trauma registry data, including number of incidents etc. The number was much higher than expected. Also tracking types of injuries. Gina would like to see the percentage of injuries that are transferred out of hospitals. Neil asked to see seatbelt data as well.
* Walter is looking for recommended changes to the 2022 Data Dictionary so he can update it for 2023.

**Item 2. Education Subcommittee- Katie Hartford**

* No meetings have been held. The PI conference was successful, and hoping to do it again. The rural trauma team development course is still available. Stacey asked Walter to share the education opportunities with her, as she has access to all the critical care hospitals. Chief Romanello has been working with Maria Varanka about a 2023 State EMS Conference, if one of the conferences in Sunapee does not move forward.

**Item 3. Pre-Hospital Subcommittee- Joel Coelho**

* Subcommittee met informally to discuss developing the history of the trauma system for EMS. Would like to gather requests, comments and recommendations from providers across the State. This information would be used to create a training module for EMS about the different levels of care in hospitals. Joel will keep the TMRC posted about this progress.

**Item 4. Coordinating Board Report- VACANT**

* No meeting held, nothing to report.

**Item 5. Medical Control Board Report- Vicki Blanchard**

* Most of the meeting was spent going through protocols for approval, and a presentation for handtevy was given.

**Item 6. Injury Prevention Report**

* A group was present at the ATV festival and attempted to give a stop the bleed presentation.

**Item 7. Rehabilitation Report- Matthew Petrin**

* Rehab is having difficulties with staff, which means patients are rehabbing in place at the hospitals. Dartmouth was the first to implement a mobility technician position, which helps the RN’s and therapists with mobility tasks.

**Item 8. Medical Examiner Report**

* Nothing to report.

**Item 9. Hospital Designation Subcommittee**

* Discussion was about moving level 3 hospitals to the ACS, how to entice lower level hospitals, and went over the ACS new pediatric guidelines.

**5.) OLD BUSINESS**

* Chair Martin and the TMRC voted to appoint Joel Coelho as representative to the Coordinating Board. All in favor.
* Chair Martin moved to appoint Neil Moore as the Vice Chair of the TMRC, as Jonathan Snow conceded the position upon his expiration. All in favor.
* A representative is needed for the MCB, and Brett Sweeney expressed interest at the last meeting. Dr. Martin moved to appoint Dr. Sweeney as the representative to the MCB. All in favor.

**6.) NEW BUSINESS**

* Walter recommended using the DH Webinar series for the State trauma conference for education.
* **7.) GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**8.) ADJOURNMENT**

* Motion made (Maggio/ Coelho) to adjourn.

**Next meeting is October 19, 2022**

Respectfully Submitted by Crystal Tuttle