

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

August 16, 2023

9:30 AM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy

Classroom 2

Members Present: Reto Baertschiger, Eileen Duggan, Mark Kromer, Caroline Lavoie, Kyle Levesque, Antonio Maggio, Eric Martin, Neil Moore, Lisa Patterson, Jonathan Snow, Brett Sweeney, Thomas Trimarco

Members Absent: Joel Coelho, Stacey Savage

NH FST&EMS Staff: Vicki Blanchard, Jeffrey Phillips, Walt Trachim, Crystal Tuttle

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Chair Martin.

1) Welcome/Membership

Item 1. Chair Martin welcomed new TMRC members Eileen Duggan, representing pediatric surgery from Dartmouth and Reto Baertschiger, also representing pediatric surgery from Dartmouth.

Item 2. Reappointment letters needed for Mark Kromer and Neil Moore.

2) Approval of the minutes

Vote: A motion was made (Snow/ Maggio) to approve the June 21, 2023 minutes. All in favor. None opposed.

3) BUREAU REPORTS- Reported by Jeffrey Phillips

- Protocols moving forward, the Division is developing an online protocol rollout and interested parties will be notified when this is ready.
- Operational canine protocol is still in progress, some conflicts with State veterinary laws must be resolved before rollout.
- Continue work with legal council for ETA rules, hoping to have public comment in the next 60 days. Submitted draft trauma rules and are waiting on legal comments to memorialize trauma plan.
- Open positions in the Division: PT ambulance inspector, PT compliance, FT EMS position available in October.
- Working towards a Statewide EMS conference for the fall of 2024.
- The Division is trying to implement some open enrollment EMS simulation programs, the AFG grant that the Division received included five different EMS training simulation aids.
- EMS in the Warm Zone is ongoing, and Shawn Croteau was recently hired PT as the coordinator for this program.

- SB 204 that requires trauma kits (including stop the bleed kits) in State owned buildings passed and the Division is working on deployment strategies. This has been moved to the Department of Administration. Funding is being worked on.
- HB 2 eliminated the need for a license to administer naloxone.
- Funding from ARPA to fully fund EMS education (including registration) for EMTs and AEMTs, with a stipend of \$1,000 after 6 months of affiliation. The Division would like to extend the wages to include 160 hours, currently it is 50% of wages lost up to four weeks. Volunteer departments are facing challenges for funding, despite the reimbursement.
- An EMS roundtable was held in June about EMS transportation issues statewide. A discussion was held about IFT issues and alternative solutions.
- DHHS has excess funds that may be available for more EMS training programs, and to fund the addition of Continuum, a real time data software for the EMS service.

4) SUBCOMMITTEE & TOPIC REPORTS

Item 1: Trauma Registry report-Walter Trachim

- The trauma registry data records are at 23,049 records, which is a significant increase over the last three years, with 60% of the hospitals participating.

Item 2. Education Report- Vacant

- Nothing to report.

Item 3. Pre-Hospital Report- Craig Clough and Tom Trimarco

- Members of this asked what the TMRC would like the group to focus on to benefit the trauma system. A discussion was held about the origin of the work group, and the focus on educational modules. The question was posed if the work group should be ad hoc and utilized as needed.

Item 4. Coordinating Board Report- Craig Clough

- Met on July 20th and reviewed protocols and the new 911 protocol for prone CPR. A presentation was made by Anna Sessa for Children in EMS, and a presentation by Matt Stinson regarding pediatric transport devices.

Item 5. Medical Control Board Report- Tom Trimarco

- Met on July 20th and reviewed protocols. Hemorrhage control protocol and dosing of TXA was a key discussion at this meeting, and the TMRC members agreed with the MCB decision. The dosing remains unchanged.

Item 6. Injury Prevention Report- Eric Martin

- Chair Martin and other members of the TMRC attended the ATV festival and received an overwhelming response from the public about stop the bleed, gun locks, and bicycle safety.
- Craig Clough announced that on October 19th a Stop the Bleed event will be held in Concord at the Federal courthouse. Instructors are needed, so volunteers would be welcome for this event.
- Neil Moore stated that Portsmouth will be holding an air show September 8th-10th and wanted Concord and surrounding hospitals to be aware in case of an MCI event.

Item 7. Rehabilitation Report- Matthew Petrin

- Ongoing staffing shortages, and applications for physical therapy positions have dropped 4% since 2022. Web PT reported burnout from physical therapists as a key

reason for leaving the profession. Telehealth visits are showing positive results with patients, with 76% of low back pain patients being satisfied.

Item 8. Medical Examiner Report- Jonathan Snow

- The ME office has an opening for a third pathologist.
- EMS records are difficult to obtain from a service or hospital, these requests are from the Department of Justice to determine causes of death etc. A discussion was held about access to hospital hub and other state agency data.
- 486 overdose deaths last year, Xylazine was only a contributing factor to 2 deaths last year. Fentanyl is the biggest concern.
- Drownings are a concern in the summer, with four drownings in one day. Motor vehicle accidents and suicides are still high in the State.
- MBI log is being utilized by the ME office if data is needed.

Item 9. Hospital Designation Subcommittee- Eric Martin

- Reviewing standards for what a Level 4 hospital should look like. PI requirements are a focus.

5.) OLD BUSINESS

- Data dictionary- Chair Martin recommended having non-voting members give some feedback, specifically the groups that work often with the data dictionary (registrars etc.), give feedback and then present to the TMRC. It was suggested to skip 2023 and work on the 2024 version, since the NTDS is already published.

6.) NEW BUSINESS

7.) GOOD OF THE ORDER

8.) ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made (Snow/ Maggio) to adjourn.

Next meeting is October 18, 2023

Respectfully Submitted by Crystal Tuttle