

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

**February 15, 2023**

9:36 AM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy

Classroom 2

**Members Present:** Eric Martin (Chair); Neil Moore; James Beaudoin; Mark Kromer; Caroline Lavoie; Kyle Levesque; Lisa Patterson; Jonathan Snow; Brett Sweeney

**Members Absent:**

Joel Coelho; Tony Maggio; Stacey Savage; Tom Trimarco

**NH FST&EMS Staff:**

Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Walter Trachim; Vicki Blanchard; Crystal Tuttle; Michael Mulhern

**Guests:** Gina Wuertzer; Hillary Hawkins

Meeting called to order at 9:36 AM by Chair Martin.

**1) Welcome/Membership**

**Item 1.** Lisa Patterson has been reappointed by the Commissioner for another term.

**2) Approval of the minutes**

**Vote:** Motion made (Snow/Patterson) to approve the December 21, 2022 minutes. All in favor. None opposed.

**3) BUREAU REPORTS**

- March 31, 2023 the Public health incident for COVID-19 is set to expire. This would mean 2 providers would be required for transport. The Division is working with DHHS and will notify all licensed providers if the public health incident is expired.
- Specialty services- IFT is looking at addressing challenges for longer ride times. IFT and MIH trainings will be available in both Concord and Bethlehem.
- NEMSIS 3.5 has been rolled out and will be implemented at the Division in the second or third quarter of 2023. Notification will be pushed out to everyone.
- Image Trend Continuum will be added to data systems at the Division.

**4) SUBCOMMITTEE & TOPIC REPORTS**

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

- Walter met with the data working group the previous week. Discussions focused on reworking the data dictionary.
- Existing validation rules in the state trauma registry were discussed as well. Concerns with manual entry will be addressed.
- A discussion was had about falls data task force presentations and information gathering and sharing.

- Chief Romanello shared The discussion related to the requirement of hospitals who are actively participating in the NH Trauma System to submit data to the state trauma registry, has been an ongoing conversation. Based on requests from members of the TMRC and various stakeholders, the Division consulted with the DOS legal team for their review of an MOU that had been previously used between the hospitals and NH DHHS. Upon review of this document, legal stated that based on NH RSA 126:28, all hospitals that are actively participating in the voluntary trauma system should be already submitting data. This was also the opinion of the NHHHA. The Division is drafting a letter that will be sent to all participating hospitals.
- Discussion was had about personally identifiable information being distributed from hospitals, and the rules they are required to follow for confidentiality. A general letter was requested to go out to all participating hospitals explaining the RSA and PII.

**Item 2. Education Subcommittee- Vacant**

- 2024 EMS Conference still being discussed.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

**Item 5. Medical Control Board Report- Brett Sweeney**

- IFT medications and permissions was discussed specific to stroke care. Doctors could hang meds and give orders to EMT's if it is outside of their formulary.
- Presentation by Dr. Seefeld for an ultrasound training program for prehospital providers to be used as a tool, but not to be used as a diagnostic.

**Item 6. Injury Prevention Report- Jim Esdon**

- Stated three bills in either the House or Senate that people should be aware of:
  - SB 118- Requiring Children under the age of two to be restrained in a motor vehicle (rear facing).
  - HB 386- Relative to child passenger restraints. Reducing age for car seats from age 6 to 4 years old.
  - HB 222- To require the use of seat belts during the operation of motor vehicles.

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

- Neil Moore announced that Frisbee Hospital will open their rehab unit on March 1, 2023 with 19 beds.

**Item 8. Medical Examiner Report- Jonathan Snow**

- In 2022 there were two cases of xylazine contributing to an overdose. Fentanyl is the focus of overdose cases being tracked, but xylazine is becoming more prevalent as a contributing factor. The state lab cannot test for xylazine in house, this must be sent out.
- Is trying to pull seatbelt fatalities and motorcycle fatality data for the group. Discussion was had about data gathering for the medical examiner.

**Item 9. Hospital Designation Subcommittee- Chair Martin**

- Discussion of New Hampshire doing its own pediatric designation was had.

**5.) OLD BUSINESS**

**6.) NEW BUSINESS**

- State trauma plan is being revised. Each member will receive a portion to review. A discussion was had about who can view the plan and when.

**7.) GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**8.) ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion made (Snow/Beaudoin) to adjourn.

**Next meeting is April 19, 2023**

Respectfully Submitted by Crystal Tuttle