

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

April 19, 2023

9:30 AM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Classroom 2

Members Present: Neil Moore; James Beaudoin; Mark Kromer; Caroline Lavoie; Kyle Levesque; Jonathan Snow; Brett Sweeney; Tony Maggio; Stacey Savage; Tom Trimarco

Members Absent:

Joel Coelho; Eric Martin; Lisa Patterson

NH FST&EMS Staff:

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

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 9:36 AM by Vice Chair Neil Moore.

1) Welcome/Membership

Item 1. Jon Snow has been reappointed by the Commissioner for another term.

Item 2. Kathy Bizarro Thunberg was presented with a plaque in honor of her 25 years of service with the TMRC.

2) Approval of the minutes

Vote: Motion made (Beaudoin/ Snow) to approve the February 15, 2023 minutes. All in favor. None opposed.

3) BUREAU REPORTS

- The public health incident has been extended until May 11, 2023. The Division will notify all parties if this is extended past this date. The required PPE for providers was dropped at this time. Immunizations and vaccinations will need to fill out an application to do so when public health incident is dissolved.
- The Division will not be filling the Gorham vacant position but will make Matt Robblee from specialty services a permanent employee. MIH will hold a leadership class in May.
- 650 EMS licenses are due to expire soon.
- There are 38 active investigations with compliance, PT investigator moving to EMS in the Warm Zone.
- May 6th is EMS Provider Recognition Day, declared by the Governor in 2008. National EMS Week is May 21-27th.
- Language for SB 204 concerning trauma kits in all State Buildings has been amended to State owned and occupied buildings. A fund has been established within this bill

to provide the kits and a committee will be established for rolling this out. Interest in a similar AED program is being considered.

- SB 268- Allowing for pre- hospital treatment and transportation for operational canines will be a pre-requisite protocol- applicable only to search & rescue, in line of duty or comfort canines. More will be announced on training etc.
- Discussion of EMS Provider data from 2020 to now.
- Bill Wood will be celebrating 50 consecutive years as a NREMT member, the first in the nation.
- ARPA Funds – Estimated program launch of 13 February 2023 – EMAIL Sent on 13 February
 - Fully Fund EMS Education (EMT and AEMT) for next two (2) Years
 - New EMT Stipend of \$1,000 after six (6) months of affiliation
 - Up to four (4) weeks of 50% wages – Max \$2,000

4) SUBCOMMITTEE & TOPIC REPORTS

Item 1: Trauma Registry Sub-committee-Walter Trachim

- No meeting was held, discussed data dictionary. Data working group met on April 11,2023. Next meeting is on June 21, 2023. Designations will be given soon to hospitals who qualified.

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- Justin Romanello

- Craig Clough is the new Chair of the CB. Discussion regarding number of providers was held, advisory to the Commissioner is a conversation ongoing.

Item 5. Medical Control Board Report- Tom Trimarco

- Protocols- surgical cricothyrotomy was approved to be modified with lower age limit, percutaneous cricothyrotomy was modified to include midline incision to aid device. Surgical cricothyrotomy is no longer a prerequisite protocol, just a normal protocol. RSI-Fentanyl was removed as a premedication. Appropriate resuscitation reviewed, along with reporting.

Item 6. Injury Prevention Report- Jim Esdon

- SB 118- Requiring Children under the age of two to be restrained in a motor vehicle (rear facing), did face opposition at the last hearing.
- Stop the Bleed continues Statewide.
- Drowning Prevention ongoing with various hospitals.
- May 25th- Safe kids. Looking for volunteers.
- June 6th- Injury prevention will be at Storyland, also seeking volunteers.
- August 4-5th- ATV festival in Jericho, Stop the Bleed and more. Concord Hospital Trauma program is helping.
- October- Carbon Monoxide Conference to be hosted at the NH Fire Academy, more details to follow.
- Matrix Save a Life tour finished 10 High Schools recently.

Item 7. Rehabilitation Report- Matthew Petrin

- Patients staying at rehab longer unnecessarily due to lack of beds. VNA services tapped out at this point.

Item 8. Medical Examiner Report- Jonathan Snow

- 480 overdose deaths.
- Xylazine was a contributing factor in 2 cases last year, not the main cause of overdose.
- ME office is requesting hospitals to describe wounds and location of wounds (gunshot/stab), and to refrain from claiming entrance/exit wounds.
- Also requesting that clothing directly on wounds not be cut by EMS if the medical examiner has jurisdiction, as this helps court cases for trace evidence etc.
- Proper documentation is important for DOJ. Keep all medical equipment in place.

Item 9. Hospital Designation Subcommittee- Walter Trachim

- No meeting was held.

5.) OLD BUSINESS

- Caroline Lavoie stated that a meeting will be held with CEOs of hospitals about single designation hospitals etc. Chair Martin will be attending as well.

6.) NEW BUSINESS

- Privacy Committee- Four members of the CB, two members appointed by the Commissioner and one from the Division. Meeting on May 10, 10am to 12 pm. This will be to field requests not related to 91-A or shared information via State agencies.
- Trauma Triage Protocol- Vicki Blanchard- Coming up soon, guidelines have changed for this protocol. Please review new guidelines before next meeting to vote on adoption.

7.) GOOD OF THE ORDER

8.) ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made (Snow/Maggio) to adjourn.

Next meeting is June 21, 2023

Respectfully Submitted by Crystal Tuttle