

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (**Approved**)

**December 21, 2022**

9:34AM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy  
Classroom 2

**Members Present:** Eric Martin (Chair); Joel Coelho; Tony Maggio; Stacey Savage; Tom Trimarco; Neil Moore; Lisa Patterson; Caroline Lavoie; Kyle Levesque, Jonathan Snow

**Members Absent:**

Mark Kromer; Brett Sweeney

**NH FST&EMS Staff:**

Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Assistant Director Jeff Phillips; Walter Trachim; Vicki Blanchard; Crystal Tuttle; Michael Mulhern

**Guests:** Stacia Ghafoori; Mary Adam; Kristie Carrigan; Kyle Madigan; Gary Ringling; Gina Wuertzer; Shawn Brechtel; Sarah Gilbert; Mike Stakevicz; Hilary Hawkins; Joshua Cole

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

**1) Welcome/Membership**

**Item 1.** Lisa Patterson has decided not to move forward with her appointment to the TMRC, leaving three vacancies for physicians on the TMRC. A discussion was had about possibly opening up the physician requirements in the RSA.

**2) Approval of the minutes**

**Vote:** Motion made (Maggio/Moore) to approve the August 17, 2022 minutes. All in favor. None opposed.

**3) BUREAU REPORTS**

- December 31, 2022 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 (inter facility transport) held a stakeholders meeting for PIFT (Paramedic Inter Facility Transport) services to identify challenges they are facing, including long wait times. Four MIH (Mobile Integrated Health) programs that are fully funded through DHHS Covid Grants are active currently. MIH is relevant to trauma because it can provide education and services for trips and falls, leaving more room in ED's. A discussion was had on reimbursement for services.
- 2.5 million dollars has been awarded to the State to fully fund EMR and EMT classes for the next 2 years through GOEFRR funds. Any new EMT that maintains affiliation for 6 months will get \$1000 stipend. A discussion was had about the grant funds.

- Bill Wood, who works for the Division, will be honored in July as the first person in the nation to have 50 consecutive years as a licensed EMT.
- Licensed air services are submitting data that would be integrated into TEMSIS. An Image Trend product called Continuum will be implemented in the Division soon.

#### **4) SUBCOMMITTEE & TOPIC REPORTS**

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

- Walter is looking for recommended changes to the 2022 Data Dictionary so he can update it for 2023. The most recent data dictionary released by the NTBS had some age related changes for pre-existing conditions and if a pediatric team or adult team would be treating a 17 year old.
- Trauma system maps are being revised with more details about designations for hospitals in the State.
- Walter has been drafting a set of Trauma System Administrative Rules that include definitions, all of the application paperwork etc. This is legal documentation based off of existing statutes (RSA 153).

##### **Item 2. Education Subcommittee- Vacant**

- Katie Hartford is no longer participating in the TMRC meetings, but Chair Martin did want to focus on trauma conferences and non-formalized education. Chief Romanello stated that Maria Varanka is working on putting together a potential conference for Fall 2024.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Handtevy made a presentation at the November meeting.

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

- Will be voting on protocols in January. Protocol subcommittee has moved their meetings to after the TMRC meetings.

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

- Walter reported seatbelt laws and child restraint laws are the focus.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Still in search of a pathologist, 133 traffic fatalities, suicides and overdoses are at high numbers still. Fentanyl numbers are still high as well. In February the office will have end of year numbers.

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

- One full site visit is scheduled for 2023. The system in place for designations is not sustainable the way it is currently, so this is being looked at.

#### **5.) OLD BUSINESS**

#### **6.) NEW BUSINESS**

- Chair Martin met with Senior leadership at the Division in regard to meeting quorums. Most of the Boards are having difficulties meeting quorums, so how does TMRC engage people consistently? Chair Martin stated the RSA could potentially be opened up to

include more diverse roles, as the membership was established in 1995. The needs of the State have changed since then. For instance, Trauma Managers could be included as voting members.

- TMRC Schedule- Chair Martin asked if changing the schedule for the TMRC meetings would make quorums easier. A discussion was had about the number of meetings, alternate members etc.
- Motion made (Martin/ Maggio) to accept the 2023 meeting schedule as presented.

**7.) GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**8.) ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion made (Martin/ Trimarco) to adjourn.

**Next meeting is February 15, 2023**

Respectfully Submitted by Crystal Tuttle