

# TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TMRC)

## MEETING MINUTES – (APPROVED)

### August 18, 2021

Richard M. Flynn Fire  
Academy, Classroom 2  
98 Smokey Bear Boulevard  
Concord, NH 03301

#### Members Present:

Eric Martin (Chair), Jonathan Snow (Vice Chair), Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, Joel Coelho, Tony Maggio, Neil Moore, Lisa Patterson, Stacey Savage, Brett Sweeney and Jennifer Weymouth **(10)**

#### Members Absent:

James Beaudoin, Kaveer Chatoorgoon, Alan Flanigan, Mark Kromer, Scott Schuler and Thomas Trimarco **(6)**

#### Bureau Staff:

Director Justin Cutting, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, Walter Trachim, Joanne Lahaie and Hayley O'Brien (minutes) **(5)**

#### Guests:

Leslie Burke, Kristie Carrigan, John Hall, Katie Hartford, Alia Hayes, Darlene Laro, Jennifer Marcotte, Mike Mulhern, Gary Rinngling, Christina Swanberry, Lindsey Whelan and Gina Wuertzer **(12)**

**NOTE: Changes in the order of the agenda are addressed in bold red.**

#### I. Call to Order

Item 1: Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by Chair Martin.

Item 2: Approval of NON-PUBLIC minutes - not needed at this meeting.

Item 3: Approval of minutes

**A motion was made (Moore/Bizarro-Thunberg) – to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting;** passed unanimously.

Item 4: Membership – all members receive a 6 month notification prior to their expiration date.

#### II. Bureau Report

Item 1: Division Items of Interest - Reported by Director Cutting & Bureau Chief Justin Romanello

- Director Cutting was appointed June 2, 2021.
- Many retirements upcoming & staff changes have occurred. Currently, in the process of hiring an EMS training coordinator.
- The Governor signed the biennium budget at the end of June.
- Working on a website rebuild.
- Still operating under a public health incident with DHHS that has declared, allowing continuation of covid protocols.

- Criminal records unit is backlogged for background checks and is being seen within EMS licensing and new hires.
- SB142 was reestablishing the Commission to look at PTSD in First Responders signed by the Governor.
- SB133 was an omnibus bill, including the repeal of EMS interstate compact which passed and language change to allow the Commissioner to write a letter of concern instead of strictly just revoking and suspending a license.
- HB567 was an emergency procedure that DHHS and OPLC allows for EMT providers and above and military groups to be licensed as an LNA without taking an LNA class. This is a permanent rule.
- DHHS and Rural Health has gotten 1.9 million dollars to push to critical access hospitals to focus on chronic disease with high encouragement that those hospitals work with local EMS to establish mobile integrated health programs. The budget cannot include direct patient care. This is a 2 year grant.
- The EMS training coordinator position would have responsibility to the simulation program and initial programs. EMR class starting up in the fall.
- The state is aware of staffing issues in hospitals/fire and EMS and they are looking at it regarding age/retirement. A survey was being developed prior to the pandemic to determine the why behind this. Exploring how the Division can pull this information together and share it.

Item 2: TEMSIS Data Report - Reported by Walter Trachim

- American College of Surgeons released the 2022 data dictionary. After thorough review, and comparison, this group will meet prior to October to finalize this and hopefully submit to the Board in October.

**III. Work Group and Topic Reports**

Item 1: Trauma Registry Sub-Committee - Reported by Walter Trachim

- Update on this sub-committee occurred above in the TEMSIS data report.

Item 2: Education Sub-Committee - Reported by Katie Hartford

- Have not been meeting for the last year.
- The Rural Trauma Team Development (RTTD) course was held in Upper Connecticut Valley and was well received.
- Got more instructors and would like to continue offering courses. Let Katie know if you are interested in RTTDC and a timeframe. These would be based on availability, looking at after the first of next year.
- Started a Stop the Bleed course up.
- Neil Moore & Walt have gone to Windham Fire to do a presentation on the state trauma system, what it is and show patient case scenarios. They are willing to go to other parts of the state.

Item 3: Pre-Hospital sub-committee - Reported by Joel Coelho

- Did not meet prior to this TMRC meeting. Planning to meet in October.

Item 4: Coordinating Board report – Scott Schuler absent

- This meeting was canceled and did not meet.

Item 5: Medical Control Board report – Tom Trimarco absent

- This meeting was canceled and did not meet.

Item 6: Injury Prevention Report – Reported by Jim Esdon

- Continuing to work on the gun law project. Data is starting to be gathered, 500 locks have been given out.
- Working on establishing an injury prevention committee.
- Great turn out for National Night Out.
- Lifejacket loaner program throughout the State. Assistant Commissioner Edwards has supported this program and the State is getting involved in helping out.
- Suicide Conference is November 3<sup>rd</sup> virtually only and November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Grappone Center all day.

Item 7: Rehabilitation Report – Matthew Petrin was absent

- Nothing to report.

Item 8: Medical Examiner Report – Reported by Jon Snow

- Still looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> pathologist. One is in the works.
- Traffic fatalities are about the same as last year.
- Overdoses and suicides are up. Overdoses peaked to 93,000 in the country, which is the highest it has ever been.
- Still experiencing long wait times for toxicology reports to come back. All overdoses are going to an out of state lab. If you have cases you want a follow up on outside of criminal activity, contact the concord office.
- Still finalizing drug data from last year. NH is still in the top 3-5.
- Autopsy's used to be done for all overdoses, but with only 2 pathologists, this is not feasible. The AG's office or the county attorney can only request certain overdoses be autopsied.
- A new system is being used called the MDI log. This will be coming to NH soon. Some individuals using it already.
- Kim Fallon is a great resource if you need data.

Item 9: Hospital Designation Sub-Committee – Reported by Chair Martin

- 6 Level 3's, 1 is already ACS, which leaves 5 left.
- American College of Surgeons will provide a thorough review.
- Reviewers and conflict of interest has made the reviewer pool limited. This would be hard to do for a long term solution while relying on a volunteer system.
- Looking at how to entice hospitals to become a Level 4. A possible proposal to be brought to the next TMRC meeting for a discussion or vote.
- Well received a couple years ago, but the ultimate goal is to have every institution participate at some level to provide better quality, care and data.

- Anybody is welcome to come to the hospital designation sub-committee.
- The downside seen is the financial aspect. Hospitals would need to establish time, resources and have internal support.

**IV. Old Business – None**

**V. New Business – None**

**VI. Public Comment – None**

**VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – October 20, 2021 | 9:30 – 11:00AM**

**A motion was made (Weymouth/Patterson) – to adjourn the TMRC meeting at 10:45AM, passed unanimously.**

(Minutes prepared by Hayley O’Brien, Administrative Assistant I)

**A motion was made (Maggio/Chatoorgoon) – to adjourn the TMRC meeting at 10:34 AM;**  
passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting Reminder – June 16, 2021 | 9:30 – 11:00AM**

(Notes prepared by Hayley O'Brien)