

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TMRC)

MEETING MINUTES – (NOT APPROVED)

August 19, 2020

Via Teleconference

Quorum: 9 members required (currently 16 positions on the TMRC)

Members Present:

Eric Martin (Chair), Jonathan Snow (Vice Chair), Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, Alan Flanigan, Peter Hedberg, Ryan Hickey, Neil Moore, Lisa Patterson, Stacey Savage, Brett Sweeney and Thomas Trimarco **(11)**

Members Absent:

James Beaudoin, Kaveer Chatoorgoon, Tony Maggio, Scott Schuler and Jennifer Weymouth **(5)**

Bureau Staff:

Director Deborah Pendergast, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, Captain Vicki Blanchard, Walter Trachim and Hayley O'Brien **(5)**

Public Members were in attendance.

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 9:35AM by Chair Martin.

Chair Martin read the “Checklist to Ensure Meetings are Compliant with the Right-To-Know Law during the State of Emergency” and then Hayley did a rollcall attendance for board members.

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

Item 3: Membership

- Welcome Dr. Brett Sweeney! Dr. Sweeney is representing the American College of Emergency Physicians.
- Welcome Chief James Beaudoin! Chief Beaudoin is representing the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs.

Item 4: Approval of minutes

A motion was made (Snow/Hickey) – to approve the minutes as written from the June 17, 2020 meeting, passed unanimously via rollcall vote.

Flanigan	Yes
Hedberg	Yes
Hickey	Yes

Martin	Yes
Moore	Yes
Patterson	Yes
Savage	Yes
Snow	Yes
Sweeney	Yes
Trimarco	Yes

Workgroup and Topic reports: Medical Examiner Report - Reported by Jon Snow

- Two cases in the State that wounds were mischaracterized, both in a hospital and/or EMS reports during homicide investigations. They identified gunshot wounds, but they were mischaracterized and they were actually stab wounds. If unknown/unsure or any level of question to the type of wounds, the Medical Examiner’s Office asks that they are characterized as penetrating wounds.

II. Bureau Report

Item 1: Division Items of Interest - Reported by Director Pendergast & Chief Romanello

- Awaiting a couple FEMA grant awards for funding the new ladder truck and for a stockpile of PPE.
- Almost every class that was postponed in the spring has been brought back, in a staggered start. Including, ARFF recertification, FFI & FFII, EMR & CPAT. Keeping proper use of PPE and social distancing in mind.
- All Directors participate in a weekly call with the Commissioner to discuss success and challenges.
- The Division is currently still the host site for the Governor, but all call centers have been discontinued and are no longer in the building.
- So far, everything at the Division for reopening is going very well. The Division is keeping a very close watch on the numbers and if an increase in numbers is noticed, the Division will take necessary means to keep all staff, instructors and student’s safe as this is the Division’s number one priority.
- HB1234 regarding the inner state EMS compact was vetoed. The replica did not get repealed.
- Most recently pushed out a new protocol regarding a mandatory minimum level of PPE to be worn on all calls, not just COVID calls. This requires the wearing of simple face masks, eye protection and gloves.
- Approaching expirations of some emergency rules. Regarding, the number of providers required to transport a patient and the extension of EMS provider licenses to reflect with National Registry’s recertification process.
- A significant amount of providers were deactivated during this relicensing period due to not relicensing and a few relapsed.
- Pushing a rule forward to allow licensed providers to get licensed without affiliation. But in order to practice, providers will need to be affiliated.
- The Bureau released 8.0 Protocols for beta testing. Hopefully expecting the rollout to be returned this Friday, adjustments will be made if needed and then the Protocol Roll Out

will hopefully be released Wednesday of next week, the latest Friday. Chief Romanello will notify the group.

Item 2: TEMSIS Data report - Reported by Walter Trachim

- Nothing to report.
- Trauma Registry Data:
 - Met with 6 hospitals on Wednesday, August 5th.
 - Image Trend released version 3.55 of the patient registry. Scheduled to release version 3.56 in September. Once the update was put in place, some things need to be activated. Some users reported issues with performance, but no other issues reported since then.
 - Discussion about data sharing and business agreements arose. Walter noted that we will need to discuss this further. Questions about transport modes & documentation. Currently trying to determine if the information is required or not.
 - Next meeting is 1 week prior to the next TMRC meeting in October.

III. Work Group and Topic Reports

Item 1: Trauma Registry Sub-Committee - Reported by Vicki Blanchard

- Nothing more to report.

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

- Chair Martin stated that no conference will be occurring this year due to the limited ability of resources available to make this happen.
- If a hospital is interested in Rural Trauma Team Development Courses, hospitals would need to reach out to Katie Hartford and she will organize the set up. They would come to the interested facility and bring instructors with the necessary items. EMS providers would participate in bringing patients, surgeons, ER staff, etc. Social distancing measures would need to be provided by the facility in the designated space being used. The hospital would be responsible for providing lunch to the instructors. Currently waiting for hospitals to reach out.
- Alia stated flyers for hospitals would be helpful to address requirements.
- Stop the Bleed is still on hold. Neil Moore stated he has reached out ACS about how to sterilize equipment and will let the group know once he hears back from them.
- Peter Hedberg stated Wentworth Douglass Hospital has continued with their monthly trauma conference through zoom with Mass General stating it works well. Peter will send this information to Hayley to distribute to the committee members.

Item 3: Pre-Hospital sub-committee - Reported by Ryan Hickey

- A meeting was held this morning, prior to the TMRC meeting.
- Question about the way the stroke capabilities listed, regarding the way AHA would like the center differentiated. The group decided the information was not pertinent to the providers and was to keep the list simple.

- Integrating with the TEMSIS user group. The first project will look at field triage with trauma patients. Discussion with Chip Cooper will occur to determine the ability to do this or not.

Item 4: Coordinating Board report - Scott Schuler absent, Chief Romanello reported

- The meeting was held telephonically on July 16, 2020 at 1:00PM.
- Vote occurred for both rules listed in the Bureau Chief's report.
- Here is the link for the minutes:
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>

Item 5: Medical Control Board report - Reported by Tom Trimarco

- The meeting was held telephonically on July 16, 2020 at 9:00AM.
- Normal reports out.
- A letter was drafted in support of the use of BioSpatial. The AG's Office denied the agreement for the State to use BioSpatial. The letter was a way to show their support in BioSpatial.
- Here is the link for the minutes:
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>

Item 6: Injury Prevention Report – Reported by Deb Samaha

- Concerned about the multiple drownings that have occurred. NH Dept. of Safety released a public service announcement about this. A number discrepancy was noticed, showing that NH DOS reported only open drownings with 7, but according to their Medical Examiner there have been 12.
- Child passenger safety classes scheduled to resume in September.
- September is Falls Awareness Month.
- The free Suicide Prevention Conference is still scheduled to run in November. This will be virtual for 2 scheduled half days.

Item 7: Rehabilitation Report – Reported by Matthew Petrin

- Article information:
American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
May 18, 2020
Joel Stein, MD; Christopher J Visco, MD; Scott Barbuto, MD, PhD
DOI: 10.1097/PHM.0000000000001470
- Regulatory changes and restrictions eased for acute care for inpatient rehab facilities. Waiver granted for 60% rule. Free standing inpatient facilities are able to work with acute hospitals to provide surge capacity for any community. Extended cost recordings and due dates for many facilities.
- In NH, a lot of ambulatory units reduced their already reduced capacity. Prioritizing patients for acute needs. Inpatient therapists were trained to help with other needs.

IV. Old Business –

Item 1. TMRC Strategic Plan – Reported by Chair Martin

- The decision was made to utilize the use the Hospital Designation Sub-Committee. Dr. Martin will get with Walter to set up a sub-committee meeting. This will be public knowledge and posted once the dates have been decided on. Need to look at a plan to move forward.

V. New Business

- Nothing to report.

VI. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee - Reported by Chair Martin

- Ongoing process.

Item 1. Public Report – None

Item 2. Non-Public Session – None

VII. Public Comment

- Katie asked about the TMRC’s Mission Statement/Vision. She expressed concerns about the TMRC discussions not always supporting the Mission. Dr. Martin acknowledged this comment and will consider the recommendations when establishing the Strategic Plan. Chief Romanello mentioned the Division website has an overview of the TMRC and can be found here; <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/index.html>
- Alia made a comment about certain factors of the patients in the database and where they end up being transported too. Adding in the rural perspective, such as weather conditions are being looked at and recognizing the differences in how a person is transported because of this. Understanding the data is taken in context.
- Gina made a comment to keep in mind that some of the ImageTrend problems were related to end users.

VIII. Topics ad Libitum and Adjournment

A motion was made (Martin/Trimarco) – to adjourn the TMRC meeting at 10:47 AM; passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Reminder – October 21, 2020 | 9:30 – 11:30AM

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