

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TMRC) MEETING MINUTES – (APPROVED)

February 17, 2021

Via Teleconference

Quorum: 10 members required (currently 18 positions on the TMRC)

Members Present:

Eric Martin (Chair), Jonathan Snow (Vice Chair), James Beaudoin, Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, Joel Coelho, Kaveer Chatoorgoon, Mark Kromer, Tony Maggio, Neil Moore, Lisa Patterson (late), Stacey Savage, Scott Schuler and Thomas Trimarco **(13)**

Members Absent:

Alan Flanigan, Peter Hedberg, Brett Sweeney, and Jennifer Weymouth **(4)**

Bureau Staff:

Director Deborah Pendergast, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, EMS Medical Director – Joey Scollan, Captain Vicki Blanchard and Walter Trachim **(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 Chief Romanello did a rollcall attendance to determine attendance.

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

Item 3: Approval of minutes

A motion was made (Maggio/Snow) – to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting, with the correction of the protocols becoming mandated on November 1st, not released, as they were released August 2nd; passed unanimously via rollcall vote.

Bizarro-Thunberg	Yes
Coelho	Abstain
Chatoorgoon	Yes
Kromer	Yes
Maggio	Yes
Martin	Yes
Moore	Yes

Savage	Yes
Schuler	Yes
Snow	Yes
Trimarco	Yes

Item 4: Membership

Welcome Joel Coelho – representing PFFNH!

II. Bureau Report

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

- Purchase of aerial ladder truck is moving forward. The heat and hot water project in the dormitory classroom building is complete, this did go slightly over budget due to an engineering piece.
- Still hosting FROST testing twice a week on campus for our Division, FMO, EFO and E911.
- Licensing season is amongst us. Please be patient with our staff while they manage and filter through hundreds of emails regarding EMS licenses.
- Actively transitioning to Respond NH. With future plans that individuals holding an EMS license will be able to go online and relicense themselves.
- Governor Sununu is still holding his press conferences at the Division. The 211 call center is back down in the cafeteria to filter vaccination calls.
- In the works of establishing a policy to allow close contact classes (EMR, Swiftwater, etc) to run if the students have received both doses of the vaccine and 14 days has passed since receiving that last dose. The Division is always looking at the data from DHHS and the Commissioner to determine which classes are able to run safely in person versus electronically.
- The FROST program is scheduled to end 3/31/2021 based on the kits expiring.
- New rules awaiting adoption is the number of providers required to transport and licensing as non-affiliated.
- Battery recall underway for the electrostatic sprayers. Appears to only be with the first delivery of devices, approximately 92 unit.
- FSTEMS personnel is continuing to assist with vaccinations at fixed sites.
- Emergency Protocols – Covid-19 Vaccinations Version 2 was released February 3, 2021.
- Emergency waiver regarding provisional certification is set to expire April 1, 2021.
- The Trauma Program site visits will be up and running as of April 1, 2021.
- Provider renewals are being processed through Respond NH, will be pushed out to providers within the next couple of months.
- 2 full time vacancies for Records Management Coordinators have gone through the interview process and conditional offers were accepted.

Item 2: TEMSIS Data Report - Reported by Walter Trachim

- Discussion regarding the data dictionary and NEMSIS UUIIN number as it pertained to EMS PCR data and that it was no longer mandatory. There was some confusion with the collection of the EMS data and was decided to bring this up at the subcommittee level

and bring it back in April.

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

- A Rural Trauma Team Development (RTTD) course planned for January but with the COVID surge it had to be cancelled. The goal is to reschedule for this spring and to also do 3 other courses over 2021. Interested new instructors, please reach out to Katie Hartford if interested.

Item 8: Medical Examiner Report - Reported by Jon Snow

- Jon reported that by the April meeting he will have 2020 numbers, if there is anything specific the Board members want to see please reach out to him.
- Currently in the recruiting of hiring a 3rd pathologist.

Item 3: Pre-Hospital sub-committee - Reported by Craig Clough as Co-Chair of the Committee

- The morning of the meeting, the committee thanked Ryan for his 6 years as chair of this committee. Joel Coelho will be taking over as chair while Clough as vice chair will assist him in this transition.
- Hoping to work with Chip to assist leadership on how to obtain data.

Item 4: Coordinating Board report – Reported by Scott Schuler

Was not able to attend the last CB meeting, but minutes are posted.

- The meeting mentioned establishing a subcommittee for data requests pertaining to research. Just Culture legislation changes were discussed as well.
- 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 January 21, 2021 at 9:00AM.

- Normal reports out.
- The protocol subcommittee has begun a new cycle, if there are trauma protocol changes to be made please let Dr. Trimarco know.
- There was suggested language for the Just Culture that was put forward. Chief Romanello stated that SB133 Omnibill was introduced last week and the wording “shall” being changed to “may” and the addition of “a letter of concern.”
- There was discussion of violence against healthcare providers and 911 having an improved AED registry.
- 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 Jim Esdon

- Last year, unbelted driver fatalities in the state were extremely high. To help address this, they are working on pushing out an all year round social media messaging.
- HB251 – best practice to increase the age of rear facing car seats from age 1 to age 2. Very hopeful this will make its way to the Governor’s desk.
- Working at Dartmouth on a gun lock project. They’ve been invited to present at the system-wide Community Health Committee meeting in March.
- Safe Kids 301 has been scheduled for Friday, August 13th, Covid restrictions allowing.
- Safe Kids NH meeting March 9th.
- Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference planning has begun. Please let Jim know any suggestions for topics and/or speakers.
- Teen driver program has three high schools scheduled for safety presentations with a goal of having 10 during the spring.
- Safe and Active grant RFP is out for the helmet portion of the program. This will be followed up with a lifejacket program later in the spring.
- NH has the highest re-certification rate of car seat technicians in the country.
- Look for a focused media campaign and billboards during the month of May for Buckle Up month.

Item 7: Rehabilitation Report – Reported by Matthew Petrin

- There has been studies released that show the value of early mobilization in ICUs. Matt will send out the studies.
- Dr. Kromer and Dr. Patterson both stated they have been doing this however, with COVID and the fact that it is labor intensive, it is harder to do at this time.

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

- Portsmouth’s ACS review is coming up in May. It will be virtual. The subcommittee will meet to determine how the pediatric review will be performed.
- Parkland III/IV will be reviewed on April 20th and SNHMC III/IV will be reviewed June 1st. Other hospitals to be reviewed this year are being consulted.
- As always they are looking for more reviewers, especially physician reviewers. If interested please reach out to either Dr. Martin or Vicki.

- Item 1. Public Report – None
- Item 2. Non-Public Session – None

IV. Old Business

Nothing on the agenda to discuss.

V. Public Comment

- Christina Swanberry announced that Dr. Hedberg will be moving on.

- A letter was sent to the Division referencing Wentworth Douglass Hospital's diversion last year due to surgical sterilization equipment.

VI. New Business

Item 1. Thank you Director!

Director Pendergast will be retiring March 31, 2021.

VII. Topics ad Libitum and Adjournment

A motion was made (Maggio/Schuler) – to adjourn the TMRC meeting at 10:42AM; passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Reminder – April 21, 2021 | 9:30 – 11:00AM

(Notes prepared by Hayley O'Brien & Vicki Blanchard)