

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TMRC)

MEETING MINUTES – (APPROVED)

February 16, 2022

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

Members Present:

Eric Martin (Chair); Jonathan Snow (Vice Chair); James Beaudoin; Joel Coelho; Kaveer Chatorgoon; Mark Kromer; Neil Moore; Lisa Patterson; Stacey Savage; Brett Sweeney;

Members Absent:

Thomas Trimarco; Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg; Tony Maggio

Bureau Staff:

Director Justin Cutting; Assistant Director Jeff Phillips; Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; State EMS Medical Director Joey Scollan; Vicki Blanchard; Walter Trachim, Joanne Lahaie; Joseph Cartier; Crystal Tuttle

Guests:

Craig Clough; Stacia Ghafoori; Katie Hartford; Kyle Madigan; Matthew Petrin; Mary Adam

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 (Snow/Moore) – to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting; passed unanimously.

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

II. Bureau Report

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

- Director Cutting reviewed legislation the Division is tracking; SB 337, SB 339, SB 357, and SB 227. Chair martin requested that the TMRC be updated on the status of SB 339 as it is relative to holding meetings without a physical quorum.
- Chief Romanello stated that there are 3 open specialty services positions open that have been funded by a CDC grant. The Bureau currently has a 20% reduction in staff but is working to fill positions.
- A discussion ensued related to the 8.1 protocol rollout and the creation of the Critical Care

prerequisite Protocol. Through this protocol providers affiliated with licensed rotary wing units will be granted an expanded scope of practice. This expanded scope can only be used within the protocols/standards approved by the State of NH EMS Medical Director and be in line with current EMS law and requirements.

- Licensing renewal season is coming up and Chief Romanello reported that renewals can now be done online using NH Respond, and renewed licenses will be available same day.
- Chief Romanello stated that an EMR program has started in January. This will enable 500 EMRs in the next 4 years. The next class will start in May, and this program is fully grant funded.
- The Division is looking to launch a program to work with the Board of Nursing to establish a paramedic to nurse program. This would include 3 weeks of clinical outside the State.

Item 2: TEMSIS Data Report - Reported by Walter Trachim

- Captain Trachim has been working on the 2022 Data Dictionary and the draft is ready to be voted on. This will be shared with the TMRC for review.
- Work on false data reporting continues with Neil Moore and a brief presentation will be made at the next TMRC meeting with these numbers. A full presentation to the task force will take place in March.

III. Work Group and Topic Reports

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

- A phone call was held to review the challenges in getting hospitals that have their own Level 1 and level 2 trauma registries to share this data. This is an ongoing project.

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

- A PI workshop has been established that will be meeting on March 18, 2022 at Concord Hospital for free. The agenda is available to the TMRC.
- An annual conference has not been held in a few years, but a webinar series is available. Captain Trachim sent this to the TMRC.

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

- Nothing to report at this time.
- Will work with Neil and Walter Trachim about topic of Level 2s working with DART and mutual aid issues.

Item 4: Coordinating Board report – Scott Schuler absent

- Nothing to report.

Item 5: Medical Control Board report – Tom Trimarco absent

- Nothing to report.

Item 6: Injury Prevention Report – Jim Esdon absent

- Nothing to report.

Item 7: Rehabilitation Report – Reported by Matthew Petrin

- Challenges with recruitment and retention.
- Same day hip, knee surgery discharge due to lack of beds.
- Inpatient rehab numbers will be skewed due to patients staying in hospitals longer.

Item 8: Medical Examiner Report – Reported by Jon Snow

- Still looking for a 3rd pathologist.
- 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.

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

- ACS certification for hospitals still in progress.
- 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.
- Anybody is welcome to come to the hospital designation sub-committee.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business – None

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – April 20, 2022 (9:30 -11:00 am)

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

(Minutes prepared by Crystal Tuttle, Administrative Assistant I)