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### TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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#### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – (Approved)

#### OCTOBER 19, 2016

- Members Present:** Reto Baertschiger, MD; Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, FACHE; Kenneth Call, MD; Doreen Gilligan, RN; Mark Hastings, RN; Ryan Hickey, Lukas Kolm, MD; NRP; Eric Martin, MD; Rick Murphy, MD; Ryan Pouliot, MD; Alf Rylander, RN, NRP; and Scott Schuler, NRP (12)
- Members Absent:** Tony Maggio, EMT; Jennifer Weymouth, DO (2)
- Members by Phone:** Peter Hedberg, MD (1)
- Bureau Staff:** Director Deborah Pendergast; Captain Vicki Blanchard; June Connor (Admin. Assistant) (3)
- Guests:** Sheldon Barr, RN; Lynn Chabot, RN; Sean Ellbeg, EMS/EM Coord.; James Esdon, IPC/DHMC; Kayleigh Farrell, RN; Don Johnson, DMD; Katie Hartford, RNTNC; Hilary Hawkins, RN; Janet Houston, EMSC; Kyle Madigan, RN; Mary Reidy, RN; Adam Rembisz, RN; Joey Scollan, DO; Gail Thomas, RN; John Cody, RP/RN; and Jennifer Roach, RN (16)

**NOTE: “Action items” are in bold red.**

- I. Call to Order**  
 The meeting was called to order by Dr. Murphy at 9:30AM on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy in Concord, NH.



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### Item 1. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves, and it was determined that there was a quorum present with 10 voting members; another member arrived late, increasing the number of voting members to 11.

### Item 2. Minutes

**Motion made (Gilligan/Schuler) – to accept the minutes, as written, from the August 17, 2016 meeting; passed unanimously.**

### Item 3. Election of Co-Chairperson

Gary Curcio resigned from his Co-Chair position on the TMRC. Eric Martin and Peter Hedberg stated their interest in the position, and a roll call vote was taken:

Baertschiger:	Martin
Call:	Martin
Gilligan:	Martin
Hastings:	Hedberg
Hickey:	Martin
Kolm:	Hedberg
Martin:	Martin
Murphy:	Martin
Pouliot:	Martin
Rylander:	Martin
Schuler:	Martin

Dr. Eric Martin received the majority of votes (9) and is the new TMRC Co-Chair.

## II. Sub-Committee and Member Reports

### Item 1. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee

- Mary Reidy gave the report.
- Cottage (Adult and Pediatric Level IV) and Parkland (Adult Level III and Pediatric Level IV) – applications received; reviews scheduled for February, 2017.
- Cheshire Medical Center – December. An application is needed.



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- Portsmouth – Reviewed as State Level II in February, 2015; given a provisional Level II with the stipulation that either the State return in a year to re-review or the ACS do a consultation visit. The hospital opted for the ACS review, and the report was received recently. The ACS and the State listed different deficiencies based on different criteria; the hospital has surpassed the State criteria and is still working on a couple of the ACS criteria.
  - \* **A motion was made (Call/Hickey) to grant Portsmouth Regional Hospital a full 4-year extension to meet their 5-year State designation Level II;** passed unanimously.
- CMC Review (Adult Level III/Pediatric Level IV) – August 30, 2016.
  - \* Review team: Hedberg, Kolm, Gilligan, Baertschiger, and Blanchard
  - \* The review showed 1 weakness and 2 deficiencies:
    - data needs to be submitted to NTDB (weakness)
    - Trauma Registry on paper and not electronic (deficiency)
    - problem resolution outcome improvements and assurance of safety (loop closure) must be readily identifiable.
  - \* The committee recommended that CMC be given a Provisional one year as an Adult Level III and Pediatric Level IV and that by August 30, 2017, they will need to have a focused review to check on the status of the 2 deficiencies.
  - \* **A motion was made (Gilligan/Martin) to grant CMC a Provisional Level III Adult and Level IV Pediatric for one year with a focused site review;** passed unanimously.
  - \* Mary Reidy noted that with the new 3 year limit, if by August 30, 2107 the committee finds everything satisfactory, it will be brought before the TMRC for an extension of 2 years.
- Side note from CMC review regarding the review process: After an exit interview and after the review team has written up a report, the Hospital Designation Sub-Committee will have a phone conference meeting to review the report before the preliminary findings are sent out to a hospital.
- Elliot Hospital – One year extension request discussed in non-public session (V. New Business, Item 1)



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### **Item 2. Education Sub-Committee**

Doreen Gilligan reported that registration is low for the Trauma Conference in November, and she appealed to the members and guests of the TMRC to help “get out the word”. With one exception, all of the speakers for this year’s conference are from New Hampshire. 7.75 CME!

### **Item 3. Pre-Hospital Sub-Committee**

The committee’s focus is on the draft of the Trauma Triage Protocol with concern about moving patients away from Level III hospitals and concern with the wording of “priority one” patients. The committee will meet again on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 to continue discussing the protocol.

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

- Scott Schuler summarized the CB meeting held on September 15, 2016.
- Highlights of the meeting:
  - \* Criminal background checks were discussed at length regarding PART Saf-C 5922. The CB voted in favor of recommending that the Bureau of EMS forward the proposal with the amended changes and suggestions on to David Hilts and the Commissioner for their input and final revision.
  - \* I/C renewals were discussed, and the CB voted against supporting the concept of a pre-test for an EMT and AEMT course.
  - \* The CB voted against having written documentation with respect to Administrative Rules being changed or proposals of rule changes being disseminated no less than 2 weeks prior to a voting meeting. They did, however, agree to adhere to the 2 week prior notification as a matter of courtesy whenever possible.
  - \* An “Operational Medical Director Licensing” sub-committee was formed.
- Here is the link to the minutes from the CB meetings:  
<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>
- The regularly scheduled November 17, 2016 CB meeting is cancelled in lieu of an all-day strategic planning session involving all 3 of the EMS boards.



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- The next regular CB meeting will be held on January 19, 2017, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

### Item 5. Medical Control Board Report

- Kenneth Call summarized the MCB meeting held on September 15, 2016.
- Votes taken:
  - \* Vote in favor of supporting the development of a process for EMTs to draw up epinephrine for anaphylaxis.
  - \* Vote in favor of recommending to the CB that PEEP valves be used on BVMs but that they should not be mandatory.
  - \* Vote to approve the changes made to the protocols discussed at the meeting and table Refusal of Care, CPAP and Orotracheal Intubation.
- Other matters for discussion: Operational Medical Director (Physicians in the Field) and credentialing.
- Director Pendergast explained the new Division re-organization.
- Here is the link to the minutes from the MCB meetings:  
<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>
- The regularly scheduled November 17, 2016 MCB meeting is cancelled in lieu of an all-day strategic planning session involving all 3 of the EMS boards.
- The next regular MCB meeting will be held on January 19, 2017, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

### Item 6. Injury Prevention Report (see attachment)

Jim Esdon presented the following report:

1. Child Passenger Safety Update- Technician training coming up beginning October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Training to be held in Nelson, NH. We have hired Julie Dietrich to fill the position of Child Passenger Program Coordinator. Julie will be beginning on October 24<sup>th</sup> and will be responsible for all aspects of the NH statewide Child Passenger Safety program. Recent activity also includes instructor meetings, attendance at a Regional CPS Conference in Burlington, VT and outreach efforts at different venues.



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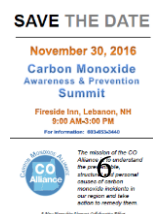
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2. Safe Kids NH continues to meet quarterly in Concord at DH-Concord site. All are welcome. Next meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Granite Room. Presentation will be on ???
3. Older Adult Falls Prevention Conference was held in September. The next meeting of the NH Falls Task Force will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9-11 a.m. at the Foundation for Healthy Communities on Airport Road in Concord. This will also be offered via webex at 9:00 am To pre-register for webex and CME credit contact Timothy M. Hesselton, Research Assistant/Program Coordinator, Northern New England Geriatric Education Center, Dartmouth Centers for Health and Aging at 603-653-3443 or email [Timothy.M.Hesselton@Hitchcock.org](mailto:Timothy.M.Hesselton@Hitchcock.org). Presentation by Diane L. Sherman, PhD, Coordinator, Neurology Resource Center/Parkinson's Center.  
 Title: *"Interventions that reduce falls risk in people with Parkinson's disease"*
  - Those living with Parkinson's disease (PD) have twice the falls risk of age-matched peers. In this talk, you will learn about Parkinson's symptoms that contribute to increased falls risk. Assessing falls risk in Parkinson's patients. Useful interventions to reduce PD-related falls. Programs in NH for the Parkinson's community. Go to [www.nhfallstaskforce.org](http://www.nhfallstaskforce.org) for more information.
4. Teen driving. Chelsie Hubicsak-Muldowney has been hired to fill the position of Teen Driving Specialist. Chelsie has already been active with programs as an intern and as a part time employee. The Buckle Up NH and Teen Driver committees have been combined and will now meet on the second Monday of every month. The Annual Traffic Safety Conference has been expanded and will be at the Grappone Center in Concord on May 9, 2017.
5. The annual NH suicide conference date has been set for Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date.
6. There will be a bi-state (NH and Vermont) conference called the Carbon Monoxide Summit to be held on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fireside Inn in Lebanon. The proposed project of this group may be





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successful in funding \$50,000 worth of CO detectors for NH and VT. For more information contact [debra.a.samaha@hitchcock.org](mailto:debra.a.samaha@hitchcock.org).

### Item 7. Rehabilitation Report

Matthew Petrin spoke about how rehabilitation departments are valuable resources in dealing with injury prevention for hospital staff. Though many hospitals are adopting “Safe Patient Handling” models, this never seems to make its way to emergency personnel. In a ten year old article from *The Journal of Prehospital Emergency Care*, 35/100 EMS personnel were injured per year on the job. Mr. Petrin hopes that rehab will become more involved in helping emergency personnel avoid injuries while on the job and that the idea will get support from the top down.

### Item 8. Medical Examiner

Alf Rylander gave the report.

- Statistics: (August-September totals)
  - \* 127 accidental non-natural
    - Of the 127 accidental deaths, 22 autopsies were performed.
    - Of the 127 accidental deaths, there were 41 suicides comprised of 30 gunshot wounds, 10 hangings, and 1 asphyxia.
    - Of the 127 accidental deaths, 4 were homicides (1-undetermined cause)
  - \* Regarding the 82 other accidental deaths:
    - 25 were from a blunt injury to the head (12 of those were on anti-coagulants), 17 pelvis/hip fractures, 7 drownings, 18 other causes, and 15 were multiple blunt impact injuries (MBII) (4 of these 15 were diagnosed by autopsy).
- No statistics were available for in-hospital versus out-of-hospital.

## III. Bureau Report

### Item 1. Trauma Registry

Vicki Blanchard gave the report.

- There are just over 800 reports in the registry, basically coming from 3 hospitals.





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- Chip Cooper and Vicki Blanchard went up to DHMC to help with transferring their data; they came up with a 25% validity score. Vicki posed the question as to what data the TMRC wanted to examine. Hilary Hawkins explained that there were mapping issues.
- Vicki explained that the validity scores in the state system need to be adjusted which should help.
- A part time data person will be hired to help with these types of data issues.
- Rick Murphy emphasized the importance of the data sub-committee.

### **Item 2. Items of Interest**

- Doreen Gilligan will be moving to Florida in November. She will resign her position on the TMRC after 11 years of service. A new Emergency Nurses Association representative will be needed as well as a new head of the Education Sub-Committee.
- Eric Martin attending the Committee on Trauma meeting in Washington, DC. He reported that at the meeting, Dr. Winchell, from the ACS, stated that NH was the least funded, leanest system that the ACS has ever evaluated. Secondly, bleeding control education is being promoted by the COT as a result of the Sandy Hook incident. It is hoped that bleeding control kits will be placed in public buildings next to AEDs.
- Scott Schuler – videoing of fatal reality event with Wentworth Douglass last spring. The goal is to do public service announcements for the local networks, social media for students and parents, and to see if New Hampshire Chronicle will do a story.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **Item 1. Membership of the TMRC**

Vacancy: Shawn Riley from the NH AFC.

A letter is needed from ACEP for Joey Scollan.

### **Item 2. Comprehensive Trauma System Evaluation**

The report has been sent out. A “work group” is needed to go through the report.





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**V. New Business**

**Item 1. Elliot Hospital**

The voting members of the TMRC entered a non-public session to discuss Elliot Hospital’s extension request.

**VI. Public Comment**

None

**VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – December 21, 2016 (9:30-11:00AM)**

**Motion made by Eric Martin; seconded by Alf Rylander – to adjourn the meeting at 11:30AM; passed unanimously.**

- The TMRC meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the even months.
- Remaining TMRC schedule: December 21, 2016.
- Proposed 2017 Schedule:
  - February 15, 2017
  - April 19, 2017
  - June 21, 2017
  - August 16, 2017
  - October 18, 2016
  - December 20, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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