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TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – (Approved)

DECEMBER 20, 2016

Members Present: Reto Baertschiger, MD; Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, FACHE; Kenneth Call, MD; Mark Hastings, RN; Peter Hedberg, MD; Ryan Hickey; Lukas Kolm, MD; Tony Maggio; Eric Martin, MD; Rick Murphy, MD; Lisa Patterson, MD; Ryan Pouliot, MD; Scott Schuler, NRP; Joey Scollan, DO; and Jennifer Weymouth, DO (15)

Members Absent: Alf Rylander, RN (1)

Bureau Staff: Director Deborah Pendergast; EMS Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard; Captain Vicki Blanchard; June Connor (Admin. Assistant) (4)

Guests: Lynn Chabot, Jennifer Dekoschak, James Esdon, Kayleigh Farrell, Katie Hartford, Hilary Hawkins, Sharon Hillger, Lu Mulla, Andrew Seefeld, Deborah Mallett, Shelly Mackay, Kyle Madigan, Brian Nicholson, Chris O’Connell, Matthew Petrin, Mary Reidy, Adam Rembisz, Gail Thomas, Jennifer Roach, and Kevin Drew

NOTE: “Action items” are in bold red.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Murphy at 9:35AM on Wednesday, December 21, 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 14 voting members; another member arrived late, increasing the number of voting members to 15.

Item 2. Minutes

Motion made (Martin/Call) – to accept the minutes, as written, from the October 19, 2016 meeting; passed unanimously.

Item 3. Non-Public Session Minutes

Motion made (Bizarro/Hastings) – to officially adopt the decision made in non-public session on October 19, 2016 regarding Elliot Hospital; passed unanimously.

II. Sub-Committee and Member Reports

Item 1. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee

Mary Reidy gave the report:

- New members and reviewers were added to the sub-committee; **those interested in being reviewers should contact Mary Reidy.**
- Reviewer workshop tentatively set for February 1, 2017. (4 hours)
- 5 hospitals due to be reviewed:
 1. Cottage Hospital – March 8, 2017
 2. Elliot Hospital – ACS review with State team – April 3 & 4, 2017
 3. Cheshire – probably towards the end of February, 2017
 4. Southern New Hampshire – June, 2017
 5. Parkland – date to be determined

Item 2. Education Sub-Committee

- The purpose of this committee is to plan the annual Trauma Conference as well as reach out to the smaller hospitals to become engaged in the trauma system.
- A new chair has to be appointed. Lynn Chabot and Katie Hartford volunteered to be co-chairs unless someone else wants the privilege.
- Karen Louis will be the dedicated staff member from the Bureau of EMS on the sub-committee; Karen specializes in educational delivery.



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- Non-voting guests of the TMRC are welcome to join TMRC sub-committees!
- Director Pendergast congratulated the TMRC on the success of this year's Trauma Conference, attended by approximately 130 people.

Item 3. Pre-Hospital Sub-Committee

Ryan Hickey gave the report.

- The sub-committee will be shifting their focus from trauma triage (being reviewed by the MCB protocol sub-committee in January, then sent to the TMRC for review, then back to the MCB for approval) to provider education:
 - * What is a trauma system?
 - * What is the role of EMS in the trauma system?
 - * What are the different hospital designation levels?
 - * Educational topics can also include stroke and STEMI.
- The sub-committee will work on state and regional educational needs.
- Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg offered the help of the NH Hospital Association.
- The hospital designation list formulated by the sub-committee will be kept up-to-date using the "Knowledge Center"; a software program originally deployed to all hospitals for incident management but which also lends itself to other uses; it can be shared by hospitals and other entities.

Item 4. Coordinating Board Report

- Scott Schuler reported on the November 17, 2016 Strategy and Planning session attended by members of all three EMS boards and invited stakeholders. Minutes from the session can be found online (see link below).
- Here is the link to the minutes from the CB meetings:
<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>
- The next CB meeting will be held on January 19, 2017, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.



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Item 5. Medical Control Board Report

- Dr. Call had nothing to report due to the fact that the last meeting for the MCB was the November 17th Strategy and Planning Session; same as above.
- Here is the link to the minutes from the MCB meetings:
<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>
- 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- Five new Child Passenger Safety Technicians trained in the Monadnock Region. Plans underway to have all NH instructors attend Lifesavers Conference in Charlotte. Julie Dietrich is the new CPS Program Manager for NH. Julie recently applied for a grant and was awarded convertible and booster car seats that she will work to distribute to fitting stations. There is a four day CPS Technician training scheduled for April 19th at Frisbee Hospital. A CPS for EMS class is being proposed for June. Julie is also looking for volunteers for the CHaD Battle of the Badges slated for March 19th at SNHU Arena in Manchester.
2. Safe Kids NH met recently in Concord. Speaker Major John Wimsatt, NH Fish and Game Department, presented NH OHRV Data. Major Wimsatt distributed the new NH OHRV&SNOWMOBILE Digest of Regulations. Page 8 is helpful for parents and providers to locate quick facts about license and age restrictions. More information can be found at www.RIDE.NH.GOV. Major Wimsatt discussed many concerns about increasing utilization of roadways by OHRV's. OHRV's were never intended to be driven on public roads. Concerns about transporting small children and infants in relation to passenger restraints and helmets were discussed. To our knowledge at this time there is no safe way to do this. Safe Kids NH will contact Safe Kids Buckle Up to ask for guidance. Additionally, we will bring this to the NH Trauma Medical Review Board to request a data report from the NH trauma registry. House Bill 1396 was instituted last December and created a commission to study OHRV use in Grafton County and usage and allocation of law



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enforcement and emergency response resources and responsibilities. They will be issuing a report in the near future.

3. This year's (2017) safe Kids 500 will be held on May 3rd at the NH Motor Speedway track in Loudon. All are encouraged to attend and/or volunteer.
4. Vision 20/20 Home Safety App- Mary MacCaffrie, Public Education Coordinator for the NH Fire Marshal's office wants everyone to know about a new mobile app that can be used on an I-pad and tablet device to enhance home safety visits. Topics include cooking, heating, smoke alarms and speed of fire. Seven languages are available. In the Apple App Store search for "home safety visits" or Safety Visits" for the free download or go to Google Play and do similar search.
5. The Annual Traffic Safety Conference has been expanded and will be at the Grappone Center in Concord on May 9, 2017.
6. Annual Suicide Prevention Conference was held on November 4th with 270 in attendance. The committee is researching larger venues to increase capacity for next year.
7. There was a bi-state (NH and Vermont) conference called the Carbon Monoxide Summit held on Nov. 30th at the Fireside Inn in Lebanon. There were 80 people in attendance including the Fire Marshall's from both NH and VT. Representative A. Kuster gave a video presentation on carbon Monoxide legislation she is working on in Washington. The proposed project of this group may be successful in funding \$50,000 worth of CO detectors for NH and VT. These would be distributed through a partnership with the American Red Cross which is already doing a smoke detector distribution and installation. For more information contact debra.a.samaha@hitchcock.org.
8. The Injury Prevention Center has sent out a winter safety packet to all schools in NH that includes low cost helmet order forms. Anyone interested in a packet can contact April Simonds at 653-8360.


- Jim also reported that **Janet Houston has retired as the EMSC; Jim passed around copies of the job description. Please help get the word out about this job opening.**
- Regarding a seatbelt law: There will be a newly revamped highway traffic safety advisory board. (NOTE: There was a huge increase in pedestrian

SAVE THE DATE

November 30, 2016
 Carbon Monoxide
 Awareness & Prevention
 Summit

Fireside Inn, Lebanon, NH
 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

For information: 603-441-8444



The mission of the CO Alert is to encourage the community, educational and commercial institutions to install carbon monoxide detectors in our homes and take action to prevent them.

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fatalities in 2016; most due to distraction and substance abuse, so a new plan is needed.)

Item 7. Rehabilitation Report

Matthew Petrin gave the report:

The focus of healthcare is shifting toward community wellness and keeping people out of systems of care. Up until 2013, those with chronic or progressive conditions had to show improvement in order to be helped. A ruling in 2013 removed this improvement standard for rehabilitation, but many were not aware of this rule change. A ruling this year said that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) need to do a better job of educating its own so that chronic/progressive patients can get the therapy they need and not overload the healthcare system. Stories about the bigger utilization of therapy have been in the news lately.

Item 8. Medical Examiner

Alf Rylander was not present, and no report was submitted.

III. Bureau Report

Item 1. Trauma Registry

Vicki Blanchard gave the report.

- Over 1,000 patients are in the trauma registry.
- The State needs to figure out what type of data it wants.

Item 2. Items of Interest

- The new ambulance will be delivered next week and will be used at the Academy as well as around the state. It can be used for free twice a year by other departments and can also be used by pre-hospital professionals.
- A final candidate will be interviewed for the simulation coordinator position.
- We have 5 high fidelity mannequins.
- Trauma HAL is coming.
- Infection control memorandum has been signed by DHHS and DOS commissioners; it is now at the Business Office.
- Narcan training – There is more money to continue training in 2017.



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- User Management Module – final contract language is being completed.
- EMS Rules – at legal for review
- Data position – An offer was made to a candidate who declined to accept; interviewing will begin anew in January, 2017.
 - * **The goal is to have 3 full time people in the data group and 3 part time people. Contact Jon Bouffard if you know anyone who might be interested in any of these data positions.**
- EMS Bill – going into effect on January 1, 2017 (background checks, etc.)
- Legislative language is being looked at regarding separating the MCB Chair from the State Medical Director into two separate positions. The State Medical Director will be appointed by the DOS Commissioner.
- Protecting patient access to medications – This Federal legislation was moved out of committee to the floor; passed the House and went to the Senate.
- Director Pendergast sat down with Chip Cooper and asked him to see if there was any data to answer how many lives have been saved, pre-hospital, as a result of fire, EMS, and law enforcement responders administering Narcan for opioid cases; 1,100! (410 lives were lost.) There was no data regarding recidivism. Capturing good data and data sharing will play an ever increasing role in the future of healthcare.

IV. Old Business

Item 1. Membership of the TMRC

- POST MEETING NOTE: There are 2 vacancies on the TMRC:
 1. a representative from the Emergency Nurses' Association
 2. a representative from the NH Association of Fire Chiefs
- The terms for all voting members are now current/updated.
- Dr. Murphy reiterated the importance of TMRC guests.
- The TMRC has a vibrant sub-committee culture and continues to look for volunteers.

Item 2. Comprehensive Trauma System Evaluation

(Blended with V., Item 1)



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V. New Business

Item 1. Process Improvement

- What are the things we should measure? What questions should we be asking? **A process improvement sub-committee needs to be formed rather than a data sub-committee. This should be the next focus of the TMRC. Anyone who is interested and has experience in PI should contact Eric Martin.**
- **The 2010 Trauma Plan was distributed, and Dr. Murphy urged everyone to read it, starting on page 11 and going through page 16. (Disregard the out-of-date checklist at the end of the report.)**
- A discussion ensued about how to go about data, data sharing ability, questions to ask, and the best way for the PI sub-committee to proceed. A monthly report should consist of the answers to the PI sub-committee's questions. Chief Nick Mercuri will be working on issues regarding data.
- Director Pendergast has approved looking at a part time person for a time sensitive care coordinator position.
- Contact Tyler Brandow for involvement with the TMRC.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – **February 15, 2017 (9:30-11:00AM)** **Motion made (Maggio/Schuler) – to adjourn the meeting at 11:30AM; passed unanimously.**

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

Respectfully Submitted, Rick Murphy, MD
 (TMRC Chair)