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### TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – (Approved)

#### APRIL 19, 2017

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

**Members Absent:** Peter Hedberg, MD and Jennifer Weymouth, DO (2)

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

**Guests:** Scott Bjerke, Lynn Chabot, Craig Clough, Nathan Denio, James Esdon, Kayleigh Farrell, Katie Hartford, Hilary Hawkins, Shelly Mackay, Kyle Madigan, Amy Matthews, Brian Nicholson, Matthew Petrin, Mary Reidy, Adam Rembisz, Gail Thomas, Grant Turpin, and Patricia Tilley (18)

**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, April 19, 2017 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 9 voting members; other members came later, increasing the group of voting members to 15. There were no call-in members.

### Item 2. Minutes

**Motion made (Call/Maggio)** – *to accept the minutes, as written, from the February 15, 2017 meeting; passed unanimously.*

## II. Sub-Committee and Member Reports

### Item 1. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee

Mary Reidy reported on the 3 hospitals that underwent site reviews:

#### Cheshire Medical Center:

**Motion (Martin/Call)** – *to recommend that Cheshire Medical Center receive a provisional Level III adult Trauma Center and Level IV Pediatric Trauma Center designation for one year, pending a successful chart review focusing primarily on the PIPS process; if passed, the hospital will be granted the full 3 year designation; passed unanimously.*

#### Cottage Hospital:

**Motion (Martin/Bizarro-Thunberg)** – *to recommend that Cottage Hospital maintain its designation as a Level IV Adult Trauma center and a Level IV Pediatric Trauma Center for a 3 year period; passed unanimously.*

#### Elliot Hospital: (just had ACS Level III Adult review)

**Motion (Martin/Bizarro-Thunberg)** – *to recommend that Elliot Hospital be granted a provisional New Hampshire State Adult Level III and a Pediatric Level III Trauma designation, pending their final ACS report; passed unanimously.*

### Item 2. Education Sub-Committee

Kate Hartford reported on what will be discussed at today’s meeting:

- The November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Trauma Conference, hopefully at the North Conway Grand, pending the process that the State requires now that it has taken over the funding of the conference.



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- Speakers will also be discussed.
- BCon Program (Stop the Bleed Program) – from the National Committee on Trauma. This program started as a result of the Sandy Hook Incident. It involves educating community members on the use of tourniquets, etc.
- Mentor/Mentee program – trying to get this up and running.

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

Ryan Ridley gave the report:

- The sub-committee met before today’s TMRC meeting.
- Work is underway to include a 5-minute training program on [NHOODLE](#) along with the protocol roll-out. It will touch upon the meaning of trauma and why it is important.
- The group will meet next month to turn the Trauma Triage protocol into another online program.
- Hospital Capabilities list – This document will “live” on the [NH Hospital Association](#) website and also be posted on the [Bureau of EMS](#) website. **BEMS will help to push it out to EMS agencies across the state.** It will be updated regularly.

### Item 4. Coordinating Board Report

Scott Schuler reported on the March 16, 2017 CB meeting.

- Highlights of the meeting:
  - \* Sue Prentiss was on hand to give a presentation on [REPLICA](#) (Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact)
  - \* Jeffrey Kellett, from the Criminal History Unit of the State Police, was on hand to explain about Federal fingerprint background checks.
  - \* Very few people have taken the strategic planning survey.
  - \* The CB voted in favor of supporting the MCB’s opinion to “just say no” to the idea of allowing EMTs to draw blood at the request of those who get arrested for DUIs.
  - \* The CB came to a consensus to approve, as amended, the Saf-C 6200 rules having to do with fees.



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- \* The CB came to a consensus to fully support the re-appointment of Deborah Pendergast as the Director of the Division of Fire Standards and Training & EMS.
- 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 May 18, 2017, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

### Item 5. Medical Control Board Report

Kenneth Call reported on the March 16, 2017 MCB meeting.

- Highlights of the meeting:
  - \* The MCB voted to approve 11 protocols, as discussed.
  - \* The MCB voted in favor of recognizing, approving, and supporting the position statement for New Hampshire that is stated in the National Scope of Practice Model that defines the roles of medical directors and their interactions with EMS providers.
  - \* Kevin Cox, from the Dartmouth Institute, is the new [CARES](#) coordinator. Plans are underway for the first resuscitation academy in New England, possibly part of the 25<sup>th</sup> EMS conference in the fall in northern NH.
  - \* The MCB does not support EMS providers being able to perform drug alcohol blood draw tests on people who have been charged with a DUI.
- 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 May 18, 2017, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

### Item 6. Injury Prevention Report (See attachments)

Jim Esdon presented the following report:

- \* There are now 64 Child Passenger Safety fitting stations in NH with CPS events happening throughout the year. For more info call 1-877-783-0432.
- \* CHaD's Injury Prevention Center has partnered with the CPSC and the Kohl's Cares program to promote the "Anchor It!" Campaign.



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Messages promote the proper and safe placement of items that might tip over on a toddler or young child and crush or suffocate them. This initiative is funded in part by Kohl's Cares. Contact the Injury Prevention Center at 653-8360 for more information.

- \* The annual NH traffic safety conference will be held at the Grappone Center in Concord on Tuesday, May 9. Key speakers for this event will include David Kelley, Deputy Director for the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and two researchers from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. On-line registration is now open at
- \* <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nh-traffic-safety-conference-registration-32612979299>
- \* May is bike safety month. To celebrate, the Safe Kids 500 event will be held at the NH Motor Speedway in Loudon on May 3, 2017. This free event is open to all children and their families with the requirement that children are accompanied by a parent/guardian and that everyone must wear a bike helmet on the track. Bike safety checks and 150 helmets are available for families in need. Go to [www.safekidsnh.org](http://www.safekidsnh.org) for event information.
- \* The NH Timberland Owners Association is providing injury prevention education through the month of April. They will have first aid, adult CPR, AED training and special focuses on logging injury prevention.
- \* The Brain Injury Association is having its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual conference titled Brain Injury and Stroke on May 17, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott in Concord. Registration is open on its website. The BIANH has an amazing list of services and resources tailored to injury prevention and brain injury available on its website
- \* St Joseph Hospital has begun their "Stop the Bleed" education in Nashua by giving education to all the school nurses in the Nashua public school district. "Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide campaign to empower individuals to act quickly and save lives. This education teaches bystanders simple steps to keep injured people alive until medical care arrives. The key components are applying pressure with hands, applying dressings and pressure, and applying tourniquets.



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- \* April is Prevent Child Abuse Month. NH Children’s Trust has a toolkit with media messaging that can promote awareness. Go to [www.nhchildrenstrust.org](http://www.nhchildrenstrust.org) to download their NH Partners toolkit. Also wear blue on April 7<sup>th</sup> and send your picture into NH Children’s Trust to show your support for preventing child abuse in NH. Remember, everyone is a mandated reporter in NH.

Resilient communities  
 Strong families  
 Great childhoods  
 begin with all of us



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 Learn. Act. Donate. | [nhchildrenstrust.org](http://nhchildrenstrust.org)

### Item 7. Rehabilitation Report

Matthew Petrin reported that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has proposed a new rule that could affect the ability of physical therapists to make custom orthoses. (Proposed rule: [CMS-6012-P](#)) The rule lays out strict guidelines on who can and who cannot fabricate a custom orthosis, from a foot bag up to a fracture splint and stipulates that everyone be either specially licensed or a certified orthotist. The rule is very ambiguous and sets up guidelines for making orthoses that match what a prosthetist would use, including using specific equipment. The American Occupational Association and the American Physical Therapy Association do not support this proposed rule. CMS has 3 years to make a final ruling.

### Item 8. Medical Examiner

The TMRC awaits a new representative from the ME’s office. (See also: IV. Old Business, Item 1)

### Item 9. Process Improvement

Eric Martin gave the report:

- There needs to be a way to bring data together from many arenas – TEMSIS, hospitals, Medical Examiner’s Office, etc.
- Response to the EMS Strategic Planning Survey has been low.  
**EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE THE SURVEY!!** Here is the link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SB8LRBF>



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- The group is encouraged that the new data analyst person (Astha Joshi) will be starting at the BEMS on April 28<sup>th</sup>. She has an extensive background and is knowledgeable about epidemiology.

### III. Bureau Report

#### Item 1. Trauma Registry

Vicki Blanchard gave the report:

- Just under 2,000 patients in the Trauma Registry.
- There was a meeting of TR users about a month ago, during which updates were made to the form and questions for ImageTrend were addressed.
- The next step is to go through the Trauma Dictionary to decide what data should be collected, followed by mapping. (Later on in the meeting, Hilary Hawkins urged that NTBD data be mapped.)

Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard gave this report:

- The contract for the Trauma Registry, with ImageTrend, expires in June, and other contracts expire at different times. The decision was made to do a full Request for Proposal (RFP) to include the following:
  1. TEMSIS
  2. User Management Modules (replacing the Division's licensing and transcript database)
  3. Trauma Registry
  4. Possible fire-based incident reporting system in cooperation with the Fire Marshal's Office.

This generated many questions from the TMRC!

There is a process that is required by the State. Every RFP that comes in is graded based on a vendor's ability to meet the requirements. The deadline is July 1, 2018.

**Chair Murphy requested that updates be given on this subject in future TMRC meetings.**

- Lou Loutrel was hired as the new part-time simulation coordinator. He will be working on developing a business plan to help maintain the program.
- Protocol roll-out is in full swing.



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- Ebola money - \$225,000 over the next 2 years to hire a program coordinator to work on infection control. One finding is that EMS agencies are not adequately prepared.
  - Data management – Todd’s RODS (revised overdose score). Todd Donovan came up with a way to calculate the number of lives saved. Since 2012, there has been a 41% rate of survivability post Narcan delivery. Todd is also working on a PI report.
    - \* Director Pendergast added that this translates to 460 opioid deaths and 1,300 saves.
  - 550 people remain unlicensed; there is a 30 day extension built into rule. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, a background check will be required.
  - The background check process is improving.
  - EMS in the Warm Zone Operations – in production; ready in 2 weeks.
- Time sensitive program care coordinator – part time position has been posted. This person will be working with Vicki Blanchard on trauma, stroke, stemi, etc.) **Let Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard know if you know of anyone who might be interested in the time-sensitive care position.**

### Item 2. Items of Interest

- Director Pendergast added that the Division, for the 4<sup>th</sup> time, is being awarded Federal Grant funds; this grant money will be spent on the following:
  - \* replacement of all teleconferencing equipment, including another smart board
  - \* cardiac training equipment – rhythm generators, etc.
- Lukas Kolm pointed out the disparity amongst the states in opioid education for EMS providers; NH lags behind for pre-hospital. Director Pendergast agreed and stated that the Bureau of EMS is in discussions on what the role of EMTs should be regarding these types of crises.

## IV. Old Business

### Item 1. Membership of the TMRC

- June Connor will look into what is happening with a representative from the Medical Examiner’s Office. (POST MEETING NOTE: A





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nomination letter for Jonathan Snow was received and forwarded to the Commissioner's Office.)

- Sharon Breidt, representative from the Emergency Nurses Association, brought in a copy of the ENA's nomination letter sent to the Governor's Office back in November. June Connor will forward this letter to the Commissioner's Office.

(POST MEETING NOTE: An email was sent out to voting members explaining the nomination process.)

### Item 2. 2010 State Trauma Plan

FROM THE LAST MEETING:

Sub-Committee related pages in the 2010 plan:

Pages 11 – 17 – Process Improvement

Pages 18 – 26 – Pre-Hospital

Pages 27 – 33 – Hospital Designation

- [Hilary Hawkins](#) volunteered to be the point person to gather up the sub-committee edits of the 2010 plan. Updates will be part of TMRC agenda under "Old Business" for the foreseeable future. **Please email Hilary with your edits!!** Grant Turpin, Chair of the Coordinating Board, was present and told the TMRC members that the CB will need the most updated version of the Trauma Plan in order to complete the strategic plan. When asked about when this was needed, Chair Turpin explained that until more people take the survey (link provided in II. Item 9 Process Improvement), it will be hard to pin down a definite time.
- Jon Bouffard suggested listing a set of goals/objectives after each section of the plan.

## IV. New Business

### Item 1. Trauma Triage and Transport Decision Protocol

This protocol came before the protocol committee back in Nov. 2016 and has gone through several revisions.

**Motion made (Schuler/Maggio)** – *to move the Trauma Triage and Transport Decision Protocol forward, as is, but with the correct spelling of Wentworth-Douglass*; 4 people were opposed (Solan, Kolm, Martin, and



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Baertschiger) and so Chair Murphy broke a tie vote by voting in the affirmative; motion passed.

### V. Public Comment

**Item 1.** Mary Reidy reported that both Speare, Exeter, and Frisbie hospitals expressed interest in learning more about hospital designation.

**Item 2.** Patricia Tilley, Chief of the Bureau of Population Health and Community Services for DHHS, spoke to the group about collaborating with the Division of Fire Standards and Training & EMS, particularly regarding data sharing.

### VI. Next Meeting and Adjournment – **June 21, 2017 (9:30-11:00AM)**

**Motion made (Bizarro-Thunberg/Hastings) – to adjourn the meeting at 11:20AM; passed unanimously.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Murphy, MD  
 (TMRC Chair)

Notes prepared by June Connor