

**TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TMRC)**

**MEETING MINUTES – Approved**

**June 21, 2017**

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

**Members Present:**

Reto Baertschiger, MD; H. Scott Bjerke, MD; Kenneth Call, MD; Mark Hastings, RN; Ryan Hickey; Lukas Kolm, MD; Tony Maggio; Eric Martin, MD; Rick Murphy, MD; Lisa Patterson, MD; Ryan Ridley; Scott Schuler; Jonathan Snow, MS; Richard Tomolonis, MD; and Jennifer Weymouth, DO **(15)**

**Members Absent:**

Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, FACHE; Sharon Breidt, RN; Peter Hedberg, MD; Ryan Pouliot, MD; and Joey Scollan, DO **(5)**

**Bureau Staff:**

Director Deborah A. Pendergast; Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips; Captain Vicki Blanchard, and June Connor (notes) **(4)**

**On Phone:**

Captain Vicki Blanchard at first; arrived in person later on during meeting

**Guests:**

Lynn Chabot, Craig Clough, Jennifer Dekoschak, Nathan Denio, James Esdon, Kayleigh Farrell, Katie Hartford, Hilary Hawkins, John Leary, Kyle Madigan, Neil Moore, Brian Nicholson, Mary Reidy, Adam Rembisz, Jennifer Roach, Justin Romanello, Gail Thomas, Patricia Tilley, Grant Turpin, and Maria Wizboski **(20)**

**NOTE: "Action items" are in bold red.**

**I. Call to Order**

Introductions were made, and a quorum was present.

**Motion made (Call/Bjerke) – to approve the minutes from the TMRC meeting on April 19, 2017; passed unanimously.**

**II. Sub-Committee and Member Reports**

**Item 1. Hospital Designation sub-committee**

Mary Reidy gave the report.

The review cycle has changed from 5 years to 3 years, and more provisional-type reviews are being done because of this. The goal is to be consistent with hospital reviews. In the next review cycle, hospitals will be held more accountable to the items on the review check list.

Elliot Hospital Review:

Review Team: Rick Murphy, Hilary Hawkins, and Vicki Blanchard

**Motion made (Martin/Maggio) – for Elliot Hospital to be granted a Pediatric Level III Trauma Center designation for 3 years from the time of their last review; passed unanimously.**

**Motion made (Martin/Weymouth)** - for Elliot Hospital to be granted a 1-year provisional Level III adult trauma center designation; when the ACS acknowledges the Type II deficiency correction, then the TMRC will grant the full 3-year Level III adult designation, **passed unanimously.**

Parkland Hospital Review – initial review 5 years ago

Review Team: Lukas Kolm, Eric Martin, Katie Hartford, Vicki Blanchard, and Adam Rembisz (shadow, nurse reviewer)

**Motion made (Kolm/Martin)** – for Parkland Hospital to be granted a provisional Level III adult trauma center and Level IV pediatric trauma center designation through December of 2017. Parkland Hospital will need to have a successful focused chart review by December, 2017, focusing primarily on the PIPS process. All other deficiencies will have up to 12 months (by April, 2018) to correct in order to be granted the full 3-year designation for Level III adult trauma center and Level IV pediatric trauma center; **passed unanimously.**

## **Item 2. Education sub-committee**

Lynn Chabot and Katie Hartford gave the report.

- **New Hampshire State Trauma Conference – November 3, 2017 in North Conway; still looking for speakers, so recommendations are welcome.**
  - \* Pre-Conference: Topic will be PI class for nurse managers
  - \* **A “Save the Date” will be sent out.**
- Mentoring Program: Katie Hartford spoke about doing effective PI and offered assistance to anyone who needs it. A survey will also be sent out to hospitals that are not involved in the trauma system, asking them what it would take to get them involved and what kind of help is needed.

## **Item 3. Pre-Hospital sub-committee**

Ryan Hickey gave the report.

- Ryan explained the NHOODLE trauma system training program for the new attendees. The E-Learning Department at the Division is working to put what was a vision into reality. This online program will be made available for all EMS providers.
- Capabilities spreadsheet update: Some hospitals still have to provide some informational input, but it should be completed by the beginning of July.
- Someone from the Pre-Hospital sub-committee will speak at the Trauma Conference in November.
- The group is ready with its recommendations for the 2010 State Trauma Plan revision.
- First Net (an independent authority within NTIA to provide emergency responders with the first nationwide, high-speed, broadband network dedicated to public safety): The state interoperability coordinator is John Stevens, and the BEMS representative is Bill Wood. AT&T got the contract; the state can either go with them or go with another vendor. The state is very involved in this...more news to come.

## **Item 4. Coordinating Board report**

Scott Schuler gave the report.

- The CB was scheduled to meet on May 18, 2017; a quorum was not present, so there was no official meeting.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2017. If a quorum is present, a Chair and Vice Chair will be chosen by the voting members.
- Link to CB meeting minutes:  
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>

### **Item 5. Medical Control Board report**

Kenneth Call gave the report.

- The MCB met on May 18, 2017 and spent the bulk of the meeting working on protocols.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2017.
- Link to MCB minutes:  
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>

### **Item 6. Injury Prevention report**

Jim Esdon gave the report.

- Safe Kids 500 held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> had over 600 participants. 100 helmets were given out and about the same number of bike safety checks.
- Traffic Safety conference had over 320 attendees, the largest number ever for this event.
- Suicide Prevention Conference will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Grappone Center. Online registration will begin the end of July.
- The Injury Prevention Advisory Council has begun to meet on updating the state injury prevention plan. All are welcome to attend; the next meeting will be in September.

A public service announcement about the importance of wearing seatbelts was shown to the attendees and a discussion ensued about how best to get out the word about important public safety issues and how to do more with trauma in this arena.

### **Item 7. Rehabilitation Report**

Matthew Petrin was not present; no report was submitted.

### **Item 8. Medical Examiner Report**

Jonathan Snow was present for his first TMRC meeting.

- He will be working with the TMRC to determine what type of information should be presented from the Medical Examiner's Office.
- Kim Fallon, the ME's office (271-1235), is the contact person for getting information from all of the data collected by the office.
- **"DJ" will be invited to come to the next TMRC meeting to speak about the National Violent Death Review.**
- Questions to which TMRC members need answers:
  - \* How many trauma deaths were in the last calendar year?
  - \* How do we obtain homicide injury reports?

### **Item 9. Process Improvement sub-committee**

Eric Martin gave the report. **(See attachment.)**

- A PowerPoint presentation was made showing some results from the sub-committee's first foray into using TEMSIS data to formulate conclusions. There are still issues that have to be addressed, like getting AMR data and getting all of the hospitals to dump their data into the system.

## **III. Bureau Report**

Director Pendergast gave the report.

### **Item 1. Trauma Registry**

Data dictionary – Vicki and Chip will be going through this so that Chip will be able to work with the hospitals' registries to facilitate data dumping!

Adam Rembisz pointed out that the state does not hold a business agreement with ImageTrend, and this could be problematic for hospitals. Assistant Director Phillips and Chip are working with ImageTrend to amend the current contract.

**Director Pendergast and Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips will talk to the legal office regarding this issue.**

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

- Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard has stepped down from his position at the Division to take a director's position in Vermont, a lot closer to his home. We wish him well.
- RFP for training needs assessment – This has just been posted. Grant funding and some Division funds will pay for this. A third part vendor will be hired to do an intricate reaching out to fire and EMS rescue organizations across the state so that the needs of these responders can be better met.
- "Town Hall" meetings - Chief Mercuri will be traveling around the state this summer to hold meetings with fire and EMS departments. He will also be having "one on one" meetings with some of the bigger services.
- Two new positions:
  1. Lou Loutrel - EMS mobile training coordinator
  2. Time Sensitive Care Coordinator - working with Vicki Blanchard on stroke, stemi, and trauma
- Warm Zone Active Shooter Operations Level Training – should be ready by August 1, 2017
- Concord Hospital's Trauma Conference – attended by Division staff members. Director Pendergast sat on a PTSD panel.
- Addiction Conference – hosted by the Division ([see attachment](#))
- MOU with Dartmouth College for a CARES Registry - State level data will be put in to this cardiac arrest management data registry. Pre-hospital and hospital data will be linked.

#### **IV. Old Business**

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

POST MEETING NOTE: With Jon Bouffard's departure from the BEMS, the Executive Secretary position on the TMRC is now vacant. Director Pendergast or a designee will act in this role until Jon's position is filled.

##### **Item 2. 2010 State Trauma Plan – Committee Reports**

This item was not taken up by the committee at this meeting.

#### **V. New Business**

**Item 1. PSA** (PSA shown and discussed in II. Item 6 Injury Prevention Support)

**Item 2.** Portsmouth Hospital had their ACS Level II visit and there were no deficiencies for Adult Level II.

#### **VI. Public Comment**

Motorcycle Week – There was an increased number of traumas, but few fatalities.

#### **VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – August 16, 2017 9:30 – 11:00AM**

**Motion made (Weymouth/Maggio) – to adjourn the TMRC meeting at 11:00AM, passed unanimously.**