

**TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TMRC)  
MEETING MINUTES – (APPROVED)****April 18, 2018**

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

**Members Present:**

Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, FACHE; Kenneth Call, MD; Mark Hastings, BS,RN; Peter Hedberg, MD, FACS; Ryan Hickey, NRP; Eric Martin, MD, FACS; Rick Murphy, MD; Ryan Pouliot, MD; Stacey Savage, RN; Scott Schuler, NRP; Jonathan Snow, MS, NRP; and Jennifer Weymouth, DO **(12)**

**Members Absent:**

Reto Baertschger, MD; Tony Maggio, EMT; Lisa Patterson, MD, FACS; Chief Ryan Ridley; Joey Scollan, DO; ; and Richard Tomolonis, MD **(6)**

**Bureau Staff:**

Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips; Chief of Strategy and Planning Nick Mercuri; EMS Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Captain Vicki Blanchard; Gerard Christian, Joanne Lahaie, and June Connor (notes) **(7)**

**Guests:**

Craig Clough, Theresa Epp, James E. Esdon, Katie Hartford, Hilary Hawkins, Alia Hayes, Michael Kelley, Mary Kerr, Lukas Kolm, Kyle Madigan, Neil Moore, Brian Nicholson, Chris O'Connell, Adam Rembisz, Jennifer Roach, and Anna Sessa **(16)**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35AM when a quorum was met with 10 members present; 2 more members arrived late.

Item 2. **Motion made (Call/Martin) – to approve the minutes from the TMRC meeting on February 21, 2018, passed unanimously.**

(POST MEETING NOTE: A vote to approve the non-public minutes from the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was inadvertently left off the agenda for this meeting. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting on June 20, 2018.)

Item 3. Membership update:

- All member terms are up-to-date; Scott Schuler will be renewing in June and has already started the process.
- The TMRC now has 18 voting members; 10 must be physically present to make a quorum.

**II. Bureau Report**

Item 1. Division Items of Interest

- Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips reported that new teleconferencing equipment will be installed shortly at the Academy. Having this equipment will enhance all locations; Gorham, Bethlehem, and

Concord. New audio equipment will allow the speaker to be better heard and PowerPoint presentations will be able to be shown on a shared desktop rather than a video.

- AC Phillips also introduced Justin Romanello, the new EMS Bureau Chief.

Item 2. TEMSIS Data Report – Presented by Joanne Lahaie **(See attachment)**

- A hand-out was distributed showing data requested at the February meeting **(See attachment)**
- Todd Donovan is now going out to different agencies and working with them on CQI, so data issues should begin to lessen over time.
- A suggestion was made to include percentages in future reports.
- A lot of progress has been made with agencies that use 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors to enter data.

Item 3. Trauma Registry Data Report – Presented by Gerard Christian **(See attachment, “Peeling Back the Layers”)**

- The business agreement is still being looked at by legal counsel.
- Discussion and questions centered about clarifying TEMSIS data as it compares to hospital data.
- Blank, null set, and N/A entries generated some questions.

Item 4. Trauma plan edits – Gerard Christian

Some edits have been received and **an edited copy of the 2010 Trauma Plan will be ready by the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

### **III. Sub-committee and Member Reports**

Item 1. Process Improvement SC

- Eric Martin thanked Gerard and Joanne for all of their hard work and emphasized that this is a learning process. Joanne Lahaie added that as issues are realized, as in whether or not someone was wearing a seatbelt, more validations can be put in place to get more accurate outcomes. She also emphasized that different databases have different purposes. In this database, for example, the seatbelt data that is gleaned would not be appropriate to present to the governor.
- Rick Murphy would like to see a PI initiative for the pre-hospital community come out of this process.
- Gerard Christian commented that there is a mechanism for getting feedback in the registry.
- Currently, 18 additional fields are being looked at, and all are based on direct linkage to other data sources, now that we have finished the first phase of trying to mirror the NTDB.
- **Gerard Christian will announce the date for the next round of revisions by the next meeting.**

Item 2. Education SC

- Katie Hartford reported that the SC will meet after today’s meeting (April 18, 2018) to talk about the State Trauma Conference.
- Final numbers on the number of people trained during the Stop-the-Bleed campaign are in the 1,500 to 2,000 range.
- Gerard Christian spoke about the expense issues associated with locating the conference in Portsmouth. The Fire Academy has been reserved for the time slot in case the conference will be located there. Gerard apologized to the Education sub-committee members for not eliciting more input from them before deciding against the Seacoast location.

Item 3. Pre-Hospital SC (Chair: Ryan Hickey and Co-Chair: Craig Clough)

- Ryan Hickey reported that the SC met this morning, before the regular TMRC meeting.
- The hospital capabilities spreadsheet was released with the most recent set of protocols. The updated version is slated to be ready in June. Needed information changes will be made, and a couple of

columns (radiology, for example) will be eliminated. Efforts will be made to increase its presence within the protocols. EMS Coordinators do the updates, but their input needs to be cross-referenced with what the Bureau of EMS has on file. This spreadsheet is intended to be a reference document only.

- A suggestion was made to organize the spreadsheet by regions. The sub-committee will consider this in more detail at their next meeting.
- The Stroke Collaborative will be asked to weigh in on stroke information on the spreadsheet.
- Gerard Christian suggested that addresses could be made into hyperlinks that could connect directly to GPS devices.
- Peter Hedberg told everyone about "Apps" that are used in Oklahoma where everything related to an incident is tracked. (A person who calls 911, for example, can actually see where an ambulance is.)
- Finally, June Connor will be sure that the meetings of the Pre-Hospital Sub-Committee get posted both on the NH FST&EMS website as well as in the lobby of the Fire Academy. These meetings are held 1 hour prior to each regular TMRC meeting.

#### Item 4. Coordinating Board Report

- Scott Schuler gave the report for the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Highlights of the meeting include the following:
  - \* Discussion about SB 374 (exempting protocols from the entire rule-making process) led to a discussion about whether or not the equipment list could also be exempted.
  - \* Attorneys were present to advise the members on approving a draft of the EMS rules that will expire in September. The members voted in favor of moving forward a draft of the Rules to the next phase of the rule making process after an extended discussion about criminal background checks.
  - \* The members voted in favor of crossing out the word "commercial" on the equipment list as it refers to a pelvic splinting device.

**A motion was made (Schuler/Weymouth) – for the TMRC to recommend that the word "commercial" be deleted on the equipment list as it refers to a pelvic splinting device, passed unanimously.**

- The next CB meeting will be held on May 17, 2018.
- 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 March 15, 2018.
- Highlights of the meeting:
  - \* Dr. Joey Scollan began her term as the new Chair of the MCB.
  - \* The Drug Diversion committee will present their findings at the EMS Conference.
  - \* Protocols discussed: Trauma Cardiac Arrest and Crush Injury
  - \* Shelter Care and EMS involvement was a topic of discussion. Chief Nick Mercuri will be working on this; within the state, there are differences between medical shelters and regular shelters. During an extreme cold snap, medical shelters can take in people that regular shelters would not normally take, and this can be problematic for EMS providers. Health and Human Services will be brought into the discussion.
  - \* A webinar presentation was made about "Handtevy", a company providing an alternative to the Braslow method for pediatric drug dosing.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018.

- Link to MCB minutes:  
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>

Item 6. Injury Prevention report

James Esdon gave the report.

1. Seat belt legislation update- HB 1259 was brought before the house and was immediately tabled. The prime sponsor has not given up and will continue to support seatbelt legislation.
2. Safe and Active Community Program: The Injury Prevention Center at CHaD with the support of Kohl's Cares program has distributed over 2300 multi-sports helmets since the middle of March to more than 50 communities that received a Safe and Active Grant. Additional supplies are in the process of being delivered and include reflective zipper pulls and vests. Look for local transportation ads in Manchester with the theme of "**SEE! BE SEEN!**". There will also be radio ads in May and June promoting safe biking and walking.
3. Safe Kids NH will be meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Concord Hospital from 1:30-3:30. We will be providing "Stop the Bleed!" training and offering 5 stop the bleed kits in a drawing for attendees who sign up. All are welcome.
4. A trial gun lock distribution project is being implemented on outpatient Pedi at DHMC this spring.
5. A Child Passenger Safety Technician Course is being held on May 16-19<sup>th</sup> in Claremont. For more information contact [IPC@hitchcock.org](mailto:IPC@hitchcock.org).
6. The annual Dale Jr. Foundation Safe Kids 301 Bike Ride will once again be held at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7:30pm. This is a free event for children and their parents/caregivers. We are looking for volunteer help for both parking and registration. We also provide space for any group that would like to promote their health and safety activities. Anyone who would like to set up a display or volunteer is welcome to contact Jim Esdon at 308-2254.
7. Registration for the NH Traffic Safety Conference is live and will stay open until end of day on Friday, April 27. Individuals wanting to register need to go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), search on the NH Traffic Safety Conference (May 7), click on Register, and then click on Check Out. This will take them to the actual registration page.

Item 7. Rehabilitation Report

Matthew Petrin was not present. No report was submitted.

Item 8. Medical Examiner Report

Jonathan Snow gave the report.

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## 2017 Accidental Deaths

| ACCIDENTAL DEATHS    |     | MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS |    | DRUG DEATHS  |     |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------------|----|--------------|-----|
| Drug overdose deaths | 432 | Belknap                 | 6  | Belknap      | 24  |
| MVA                  | 91  | Carroll                 | 5  | Carroll      | 13  |
| Motorcycle           | 18  | Cheshire                | 4  | Cheshire     | 14  |
| Pedestrian struck    | 13  | Coos                    | 4  | Coos         | 10  |
| Falls                | 267 | Grafton                 | 17 | Grafton      | 24  |
| Fire related         | 8   | Hillsborough            | 18 | Hillsborough | 172 |
| Drownings            | 15  | Merrimack               | 12 | Merrimack    | 37  |
|                      |     | Rockingham              | 14 | Rockingham   | 85  |
|                      |     | Strafford               | 9  | Strafford    | 48  |
|                      |     | Sullivan                | 2  | Sullivan     | 4   |
|                      |     | Jan                     | 8  | out of state | 1   |
|                      |     | Feb                     | 8  |              |     |
|                      |     | Mar                     | 8  |              |     |
|                      |     | Apr                     | 8  |              |     |
|                      |     | May                     | 7  |              |     |
|                      |     | Jun                     | 11 |              |     |
|                      |     | Jul                     | 7  |              |     |
|                      |     | Aug                     | 3  |              |     |
|                      |     | Sep                     | 12 |              |     |
|                      |     | Oct                     | 6  |              |     |
|                      |     | Nov                     | 6  |              |     |
|                      |     | Dec                     | 7  |              |     |

This is where it looks like they did the drug, and not necessarily where they lived or died.

### IV. Old Business

Item 1. Strategic input – Nick Mercuri reported that a meeting of the board chairs was held yesterday, and the final 5 goals and objectives are being drafted.

Item 2. Stop the Bleed – Discussed in the Education SC report.

Item 3. Critical Access Hospitals – Alia Hayes

Alia Hayes presented a follow up report from last meeting. Up to 3 hospitals may pursue designation. When it came to the Rural Trauma Team development course, 9 out of 12 hospitals said they would pursue the training with proper funding. Behavioral health management in emergency rooms is much more of a priority for hospitals at this time due to both staff and patient injury concerns.

Item 4. ACS Plan Implementation – not emphasized during this meeting.

- Should there be a deadline?
- **Are there pieces within the plan that have not been assigned to anyone? Hilary Hawkins volunteered to take a look into this.**
- **Gerry Christian will take a look at the plan and present about it at the next meeting.**

### V. New Business – No quorum

### VI. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee (actually done before V. New Business)

- The committee met this morning and will update the PRQ for next time.
- Adam Rembisz, of the Elliot Hospital, waived a non-public session to discuss the hospital's designation.

- Elliot's Adult Level III deficiency has been corrected. The SC made a recommendation to the full TMRC that Elliot get its full State Adult Level III designation through April 4, 2020.

**A motion was made (Martin/Weymouth)** – *to grant Elliot Hospital a full term State Level III designation through April 4, 2020, based on a recent update*, passed unanimously.

**VII. Public Comment – No quorum**

**VIII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – June 20, 2018 9:30 – 11:30AM**

**The meeting was not officially adjourned because a quorum was not present.**

(Notes prepared by June Connor, Administrative Assistant, NH FST&EMS)