

TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TMRC)

MEETING MINUTES – (APPROVED)

April 17, 2019

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

Members Present:

Reto Baertshiger, Tony Maggio, Lisa Patterson, Neil Moore, Rick Murphy, Stacey Savage, Jennifer Weymouth **(7)**

Members on Phone:

Peter Hedberg, (unable to be physically present due to being on call for trauma service) **(1)**

Members Absent:

Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, Ryan Hickey, Eric Martin, Ryan Pouliot, Ryan Ridley, Scott Schuler, Joey Scollan, Mark Shapiro, Jonathan Snow, Richard Tomolonis, **(10)**

Bureau Staff:

Director Deborah Pendergast, Asst. Director Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, Captain Vicki Blanchard, Gerard Christian (minutes), Joanne Lahaie **(6)**

Guests:

Lynn Chabot, Theresa Epp, Alan Flanigan John Hall, Katie Hartford, Hilary Hawkins, Alia Hayes, Lauren Kimball, Joseph Leahy, Brian Leary, Shelly Mackay, Kyle Madigan, Brian Nicholson, Clay Odell, Matthew Petrin, Mary Reidy, Adam Rembisz, Jennifer Roach, Anna Sessa, Sherie Webber, Jess Wyman **(21)**

NOTE: "Action items" are in bold red.

Pre Meeting Notes:

Kenneth Call has resigned as the representative of EMS Medical Control Board. This position represents a true vacancy at this time. The MCB has nominated Tom Trimarco as a replacement. His nomination has yet to be approved by the Commissioner of Safety. This vacancy along with the resignation of Richard Tomolonis brings the number of TMRC members to 16 bringing the quorum to 9.

Immediately prior to the meeting the chair and board staff were informed that, due to circumstances out of member's control, several members who had previously committed to attending the meeting could no longer attend. Chair invoked an emergency meeting to allow for the meeting to take place due to the need for several hospitals to have their trauma designations voted on.

With Peter Hedberg participating by phone, all votes taken were conducted by roll call.

I. Call to Order

Item 1: Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 0941 hours by Chair Murphy

Item 2: Approval of Non-public Minutes: (not needed at this meeting)

Item 3: Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made (Weymouth/Savage) –to approve the minutes as written from the February 20, 2019 public meeting;**

Murphy	Yes
Moore	Yes
Weymouth	Yes
Baertschiger	Yes
Patterson	Yes
Savage	Yes
Maggio	Yes
Hedberg	Yes

Item 4: Membership:

- The following individuals have letters of intent to join TMRC at the Commissioner of Safety's office:
 - Mark Shapiro, MD (Portsmouth)
 - Alan Flanigan, MD (Catholic Med. Ctr.)
- Tom Trimarco, MD has been nominated by MCB to replace Kenneth Call as the MCB represented to the TMRC
 - Nomination has been sent to Commissioner of Safety
- Reto Baertschiger announced that this will be his last meeting as he has taken a job in Toronto. He is working to have his replacement become involved with the TMRC. Good luck in your future endeavors and thank you for all your hard work, Reto!

II. Bureau Report

Item 1: Division Items of Interest (Director Pendergast Reporting):

- Budget continuing through legislative process to the Senate finance committee
- Spring CPAT ongoing now in Laconia
- Commissioner Barthelmes retired, asst. commissioner Quinn is nominated as the next Commissioner of Safety, HSEM Director Plumber nominated as the next Assistant Commissioner of Safety
 - *POST MEETING NOTE:* The Governor and Counsel have confirmed the nominations of both Commissioner Quinn and Assistant Commissioner Plumber.
- EMS Operations Section:
 - 400 individuals in relicense process, 250 have no affiliations

- Performed spot ambulance inspection recently, intend to increase random spot inspection of ambulances
- On 1-April-2019 new NREMT-LCCR State required subjects will go into effect.
 - These are four separate subject specific, 1-hour education modules
 - Modules will be available through the Bureau of EMS, but providers can obtain the required hours through other programs outside of the Bureau
 - Topics include: EMS in the Warm Zone (Rescue Task Force), Documentation, Provider Mental Health, Sleep Deprivation and Provider Fatigue
- Data Systems Section:
 - Division is 3-6 months away from implementing new user management system, will streamline processes and free up division staff who are manually entering data in the office
- Clinical Systems Section:
- Requested by governor to create a strategic plan for the trauma system. Included a tactical plan and positions.
 - Funding for a FT trauma coordinator position passed house and is now in senate, still in process at this time.
- Education Section:
 - The Division has increased cont. education delivery by 400% year to date.
 - There are more sessions being offered physically as well as via teleconference at multiple sites around the state.
 - One recent event that traditionally had 20 participants had 60 attend
 - Rembisz: How Much is Trauma education?
 - Romanello: Division is following NCCP Guidelines, upon request can increase content specific offerings; can also have specialists teleconference in.
 - Quarterly weekend NCCP training will start on 8-June-19
 - 4 hours of education and breakfast cost: \$5
 - Medical Professional Challenge program has been released to I/C's. Once the cadre of instructors are fully employed and on-boarded, the program will also be offered here at the Fire & EMS Academy
- Situational awareness: Hepatitis-A outbreak noted in New Hampshire. Not considered pandemic yet, EMS units are advised to take appropriate precautions, and consider protocol 7.1 in community response.
 - At time of meeting 79 patients had been diagnosed.

Item 2: TEMSIS Data Report: (No report at this meeting)

III. Sub-committee and Topic Reports

Item 1: Process Improvement Subcommittee (Christian Reporting)

- No meeting as there was not a project assigned after the hospital survey was completed

- *POST MEETING NOTE:* PI committee & EMS committee tasked by the full board to examine Air Medical Transport Utilization. **Staff will facilitate joint meeting of the two subcommittees and industry Subject Matter Experts**

Item 2: Education Subcommittee (Hartford Reporting)

- Will meet this afternoon, re: conference tentative agenda ready
- Will work on building a plan for reviewer education
- Stop the bleed implementation – Instructors for classes are an issue: Commitment
 - **Division will blast out to the STB contact list, and try to confirm contact info on instructors**
- AD Phillips: The Division has installed a multi-person Stop the Bleed kit near the AED in the administration building and at the dorms, working to get another for the drill yard.
- Romanello: Statewide STB Kit Pricing now available. Trying to get consumable (tourniquets and training supplies) items as well

Item 3: PreHospital Subcommittee (Maggio Reporting)

- Met before today's meeting
 - 5/4 is EMS Provider Recognition day in NH
 - 5/17 Muddy Angels ride from Boston to DC
 - Pendergast: Working w/ Governor to get date for the EMS Week proclamation signing.

Item 4: Coordinating Board Report (BC Romanello Reporting)

- See Minutes: https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/documents/cb_20190321.pdf
- Romanello reporting: Rules went to JLCAR, were rejected, rebuttal filed; Rules will be re-presented at the May meeting.
- Working w/ rural health to develop a recruitment and retention survey plan. Will try to survey where and how our EMS providers work. Will also gauge workforce dynamics and experience.

Item 5: Medical Control Board Report (Scollan Reporting)

- See Minutes: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/documents/mcb20190321.pdf>
- Multiple protocols discussed and approved for the next version of the protocols, many had no changes
- Discussed contradicting language within the protocols, language will be cleaned up
- Standing old business re; shelter care, Mercuri- working w/ red cross and division staff

Item 6: Injury Prevention Report (Moore Reporting)

- 5-March: a Falls Taskforce meeting was held at New Hampshire Hospital Association

- The taskforce wishes to thank the Division for its presentation of falls data from trauma registry
- 22 April – Seatbelts for all commission meeting @1330
- 6 May – NH traffic safety conference
- 23 May – National STB day
- 5 June – Bike safety checks
- 3 August – North Country Safety Summit
- Car seat inspection training is available 29 May – 1 June in the north country and 4 September – 7 September in Derry

Item 7: Rehabilitation Report (Petrin Reporting)

- Petrin and Christian continue to work together to mine the data and correlate/extract what's available in the trauma registry
 - At request of Baertschiger, will look at pediatrics to determine where these patients are headed due to a lack of pediatric rehabilitation center in NH.

Item 8: Medical Examiner Report (BC Romanello Reporting)

- Per Snow, there continues to be a problem with EMS providers not documenting their number of IV sticks on deceased parties.
 - If not documented, this requires complete dissection of the limb
- Also per Snow, New Hampshire is currently number one in the country in the rise of suicide deaths

IV. Old Business

Item 1: Trauma Plan Edits (Christian Reporting)

- Christian presented the most current draft of the 2019 Trauma Plan. The group edited a small section on page 36 that required clarification.
- Christian noted that the EMS section needs a few more edits, however the group could vote to accept the rest of the document except the EMS section which will be ready for the June meeting.
- **A motion was made (Maggio/Moore) –to approve the 2019 trauma plan as written, with the exception of the EMS section at this time;**

Murphy	Yes
Moore	Yes
Weymouth	Yes
Baertschiger	Yes
Patterson	Yes
Savage	Yes
Maggio	Yes
Hedberg	Yes

V. New Business

Item 1: Air Medical Transport Protocol (Odell Reporting)

- Protocol committee is editing the AMT protocol
- Question re: the criteria to generate an AMT activation
- CDC suggests AMT @ GCS of 13 or less
- Discussed that there were two previous reviews of the utilization of AMT in the early 2000's
- Motor Score less than 5, total GCS less than 9 = AMT
- Request appropriate AMT utilization data from DHART & Other Providers
 - TMRC requests that the PI Subcommittee and the Prehospital Subcommittee come together with industry Subject Matter Experts to examine AMT Utilization
 - **Division will schedule a joint meeting**

Item 2: SNHMC Pediatric MCI Exercise Video: <https://vimeo.com/319976262>

VI. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee

Item 1: Public Report

- Three hospitals underwent reviews recently: Southern New Hampshire Medical Center (provisional) Elliot (Pedi III), Concord (Pedi III)
 - All hospitals were represented at the meeting, and waved their right to a non-public session.

▪ Elliot:

- Reidy and Christian presented the report and recommended designation to the committee
- **A motion was made (Maggio/Moore)** –to recommend, commensurate with RSA 153-A, to the Commissioner of Safety that Elliot Hospital be designated an Adult Level II trauma center and pediatric level III trauma center as a result of successful verification of adult trauma capabilities by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma

Murphy	Yes
Moore	Yes
Weymouth	Abstaining
Baertschiger	Abstaining
Patterson	Yes
Savage	Yes
Maggio	Yes
Hedberg	Yes

▪ Concord:

- Baertschiger and Blanchard presented the report and recommended designation to the committee
- **A motion was made (Baertschiger/Moore)** –to recommend, commensurate with RSA 153-A, to the Commissioner of Safety that Concord Hospital be designated an Adult Level II trauma center and pediatric level III trauma center pending successful verification of adult trauma capabilities by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma

Murphy	Abstaining
Moore	Yes
Weymouth	Yes
Baertshiger	Yes
Patterson	Abstaining
Savage	Yes
Maggio	Yes
Hedberg	Yes

- Southern New Hampshire Medical Center
 - Patterson, Hawkins, and Blanchard presented the report and recommended designation to the Committee
 - **A motion was made (Maggio/Moore) –to recommend, commensurate with RSA 153-A, to the Commissioner of Safety that Southern New Hampshire Medical Center be granted the remainder of their Adult Level III trauma center and pediatric level III trauma center designation through June 15, 2020, three (3) years from the date of the initial review.**

Murphy	Yes
Moore	Yes
Weymouth	Abstaining
Baertshiger	Yes
Patterson	Yes
Savage	Yes
Maggio	Yes
Hedberg	Yes

VII. Public Comment

- Murphy announced that he is stepping down as chair at the conclusion of this meeting. Any member of the TMRC can be chair. Forward a letter of intent and CV to BC Romanello for consideration by the commissioner, Preferably by 1-May-19

VIII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – 19-June-19 0930-1100hrs

- **A motion was made (Maggio/Weymouth) – to adjourn the meeting at 1150hrs;**

Murphy	Yes
Moore	Yes
Weymouth	Yes
Baertshiger	Yes
Patterson	Yes
Savage	Yes
Maggio	Yes
Hedberg	Yes

(Notes prepared by Gerard T. Christian, Clinical Systems Program Coordinator, NH FST & EMS)