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TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2014

Members Present: Shawn Riley; Doreen Gilligan, RN; Kathy Bizarro, FACHE; Laurie Latchaw, MD; Amy Matthews, RN; Lukas Kolm; (Rajan Gupta, Chair; Lukas Kolm; Laurie Latchaw; Tony Maggio; Cherie Holmes -via teleconference).

Guests: Janet Houston; Nicole Keefe; Mary Reidy; Peg Pedone; Aaron McIntire; John Prickett.

Bureau Staff: Vicki Blanchard; Chip Cooper.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gupta at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy in Concord, NH. There was no quorum.

Item 1. Introductions all attendees introduced themselves.

Item 2. Minutes

Minutes from the February 19th meeting could not be approved as there was no quorum. This was tabled until next meeting.

II. Sub-Committee and Member Reports

Item 1. EMS

Bureau Chief Mercuri, who was absent, submitted a written update which Vicki Blanchard read. Mary Reidy asked if the sub-committee could have a list of designated hospitals. It was also requested that information regarding the Trauma Registry vendor presentation for June 3rd be sent out to everyone.

Item 2. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee

Mary Reidy updated everyone. She said the "orange" book is out and is available on the ACS website for download. She will send the link if anyone wants it.....just e-mail her. They have one hospital that will be reviewed (Concord Hospital - for Level 2) in



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May. Doreen said Portsmouth Hospital's application will be ready in June. Mary said there will be another committee meeting in May. She said there was a discussion about educational requirements for mid-level providers for Level 3 and Level 4 hospitals. We need to think about what we as the state can and should provide to these hospitals that is either cheap or free. Chair Gupta said this committee is charged with setting the standard of care and should at least be responsible for any opportunities for achieving these standards.

Item 3. Trauma Conference – 2014

Doreen Gilligan had some updates. She said the dates available are: November 6th and 7th and asked if anyone had issues with those dates? The rate would be the same. There would be a half-day on Thursday the 6th, with a whole day for the 7th. It is thought that those dates are better because they do not conflict with the holidays. Chair Gupta and those present agreed on those dates. There was some discussion about topics/lectures for the event; vendors; speakers, etc.

Item 4. Trauma Registry

Chip Cooper stopped in to update everyone. He said he had just gotten off the phone with the contracts person. There will be a vendor conference coming up later in the afternoon, where they can ask questions about the RFP. There is a vendor presentation on June 3rd and it would be a good idea for someone from this committee to be present. Hopefully, that afternoon (June 3rd) a decision can be made. Chip asked for volunteers to be on the review team.

III. Old Business

Item 1. Goals for the NH Trauma System – Updating the Trauma Plan

Chair Gupta said there are no new updates at this time.

Item 2. Engagement of Hospitals

Chair Gupta said Littleton Hospital has contacted them to become re-engaged. Mary said the process for a hospital to become re-designated is very similar and should not be difficult. We will continue to work on challenges with the other hospitals.

IV. New Business

Item 1. Tranexamic Acid (TXA)



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This first came before the protocol committee, but there is no protocol for its use. Nicole Keefe said they are using it (very rarely) at Wentworth Douglass, but only if ordered by a trauma surgeon. Amy Matthews said there is interest with Cheshire, but they have not been using it. Doreen said at Portsmouth they have revised their protocols to include it, but the surgeon has to state they want it. She said there is a bit more familiarity with it at Portsmouth. Chair Gupta said they do not use it at Dartmouth. He said he is not in favor of putting it in a pre-hospital protocol.

Amy asked that this committee not recommend pre-hospital use of TXA in protocol based on inconclusive evidence and inconsistent practice within the hospitals around the state. *So noted.* (There could not be a formal motion because of lack of quorum).

V. Next Meeting and Adjournment (10:45 a.m.) - June 18, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,