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## TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – (Approved)

APRIL 20, 2016

**Members Present:** Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, FACHE; Kenneth Call, MD; Doreen Gilligan, RN; Mark Hastings, RN; Peter Hedberg, MD; Ryan Hickey, NRP; Eric Martin, MD; Rick Murphy, MD; Shawn Riley, NRP; Alf Rylander, RN, NRP; Scott Schuler, NRP; Elizabeth Soukup, MD; Jennifer Weymouth, TMD

**Member on Phone:** Gary Curcio, MD

**Members Absent:** Reto Baertschiger, MD, PhD; Lucas Kolm, MD(ED); Tony Maggio, EMT

**Bureau Staff:** Director Deborah Pendergast, EMS Bureau Chief Nick Mercuri, Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard; Captain Vicki Blanchard; and June Connor, Administrative Assistant (minutes)

**Guests:** Lynn Chabot, RN; Celia Duran, Trauma Reg.; Kayleigh Farrell, RN; Hilary Hawkins, RN; Sharon Hiller, RN; Janet Houston, EMSC; Michael Kelley, RN, NRP; Mary Reidy, RN; Adam Rembisz, RN; Candace Tierney, NRP; Sarah White, EMT-I; Jim Esdon; Don Johnson, DMD; Kyle Madigan, RN

**NOTE: “Action items” are in bold red.**

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Murphy at 9:35AM on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 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 10 voting members; 3 more members arrived later on in the meeting, bringing the quorum present up to 13.

## Item 2. Minutes

**Motion made by Kenneth Call; seconded by Alf Rylander – to accept the minutes, as written, from the February 10, 2016 meeting; passed unanimously.**

## II. Sub-Committee and Member Reports

### Item 1. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee

- Mary Reidy reported that the St. Joseph Hospital follow-up review will be in July, and CMC has one scheduled for August. The review team will include either Jon Bouffard or Vicki Blanchard from the BEMS, Dr. Hedberg, Doreen Gilligan, RN, and Dr. Baertschiger.
- The sub-committee is still working on the pediatric component of the hospital designation process.

### Item 2. Education Sub-Committee

- Doreen Gilligan asked the TMRC what they wanted to do regarding the next Trauma Conference. After discussion, the group decided that November 18<sup>th</sup> would be the best date; this year, there will not be an issue with having the date bump up against other conferences going on. Doreen explained that feedback from last year's conference included requests for more hands-on activities and a repeat of the pre-conference session.
- Doreen is still working with Littleton Hospital; their application has been delayed.

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

- Ryan Hickey reported that the group met and identified their focus; insuring proper trauma triage transport in NH. They are working on



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a quick reference spreadsheet which will be made available to field providers; the information on the sheet will include information on what the designation criteria actually means.

- Additionally, they are working on a lesson plan for an online class on this topic.
- Chair Murphy requested that the spreadsheet be made available to the TMRC for input.

### **Item 4. Coordinating Board Report**

- Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard summarized the last CB meeting, held on March 17, 2016. Highlights of the meeting included:
  - \* a legislative, grant, and education update from the BEMS,
  - \* status of the Drug Diversion sub-committee’s best practices document,
  - \* NCCP and Data Advisory committee updates,
  - \* review of H.R. 4365 (Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016) involving EMT’s dispensing narcotics,
  - \* issues with I/C renewals,
  - \* issues involving paramedics who want to re-enter the EMS field after a lapse in service, and
  - \* the EMS region “identity crisis”; new direction is needed.
- Here is the link to the draft of the minutes from the meeting:  
<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>
- The next CB meeting will be held on May 19, 2016 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

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

- Dr. Kenneth Call summarized the MCB meeting held on March 17, 2016. Highlights of the meeting included the following:
  - \* a legislative, grant, education and TEMSIS update from the BEMS
  - \* Cardiac Arrest Summit update



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- \* Protocol Committee report and discussion; protocol changes approved by MCB
- \* discussion about operational medical directors and how they can work in the field
- Here is the link to the draft of the minutes from the MCB meeting:  
<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>
- The next MCB meeting will be held on May 19, 2016 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

### **Item 6. Injury Prevention Report**

Jim Esdon, standing in for Debra Samaha, submitted the following report for April, 2016:

1. The occupant protection work group continues to have meetings and have a deadline of September to have a work plan together. Putting in legislation will depend on top down support within state government.
2. Jim Esdon attended the recent Safe States conference. One of the presentations was on treating violence as a disease just like any other public health threat. This theory relies on behavior modification and has proven successful in a number of studies. Here is a link to a talk discussing it.  
[https://www.ted.com/talks/gary\\_slutkin\\_let\\_s\\_treat\\_violence\\_like\\_a\\_contagious\\_disease?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/gary_slutkin_let_s_treat_violence_like_a_contagious_disease?language=en)
3. Child Passenger Safety Update/Events- Call 1-877-783-0432 for more information. Here is a link to a recent New Hampshire story about how a child safety seat saved a life.

<http://www.wcax.com/story/30979139/at-issue-how-a-car-seat-saved-a-little-boys-life>

The next CPS certification class has been scheduled. It will be at the Grantham Fire Dept. Route 10 in Grantham from May 18-May 21st. 8:00am-4pm the first day then 9am to 4pm the remainder three days. Students who wish to take the class must go to <http://cert.safekids.org/log> and create their profile with user name and password. Then they will click on "Find a Course" and enter New Hampshire. There will only be one course. Select the Grantham course and follow the instructions. They will need to pay Safe Kids the \$85.00 registration fee for the class.

4. The NH Traffic Safety Conference has been set for Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Meredith NH. This is great place to learn more about traffic safety and efforts in NH. This conference is free.



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5. The NH Seat Belt Challenge for high school students will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Police Standards and Training in Concord. If you would like to observe this event please speak with [debra.samaha@dartmouth.edu](mailto:debra.samaha@dartmouth.edu).

6. Safe Kids NH continues to meet quarterly in Concord at DH-Concord site. All are welcome. Next meeting is June 14 from 2:00-3:30pm.

7. The annual Safe Kids 500 is coming up May 4<sup>th</sup> at NHMS. Volunteers are still needed and booth space for non-profits is still available. Contact Jim at 653-8356.

8. The annual suicide conference date has been set for Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date.



## Item 7. Rehabilitation Report

No report

## Item 8. Medical Examiner

Alf Rylander is still working on developing a system for access to patient updates. He asked the TMRC for more input as to what they actually want. Email privacy issues are involved.

## III. Bureau Report

### Item 1. Trauma Registry

Vicki Blanchard reported that 168 patients are now listed in the registry. 3 hospitals have started to submit data. Vicki attended a meeting with ImageTrend regarding how other hospitals can import the data from their own registries.

### Item 2. BEMS Items of Interest

Jon Bouffard provided the following legislative update:

- The bill involving hiring a licensed drug and alcohol counselor was voted “inexpedient to legislate” (ITL). The background check bill is about to go to the governor’s office. The impersonation bill is labeled “ought to pass”. The ambulance marking bill never made it out of committee. HB 1475 (Line of Duty Death Benefits for



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Teachers) failed on the floor on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and CPR in Schools also failed in the House.

- Deputy Chief Bouffard also gave a summary of grant purchases (OB mannequin), position openings, education programs (Warm Zone training online) and the new video conferencing equipment.

#### IV. Old Business

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

- Mark Hastings has now joined the voting members of the TMRC as a representative for trauma program managers. A replacement is needed for John Seidner, and physician letters are still needed.
- Chair Murphy asked the TMRC for their input about the current makeup of the committee. A discussion ensued about the importance of having guests as well as voting members, representation for Level III designated hospitals, and a need for diversity on all boards and committees, as expressed by the Department of Safety Commissioner.
- Also discussed was the future of the TMRC in terms of its purpose. The group wants to be sure to increase overall participation.

##### Item 2. Comprehensive Trauma System Evaluation

- The ACS report was received and its contents were discussed. A copy of the report was sent to Commissioner Barthelmes, and he will decide if the report should be made public.
- **A motion was made by Peter Hedberg; seconded by Scott Schuler – to request that the Commissioner make the report public. The motion passed with 11 in favor and 2 opposed (Martin and Murphy).**
- A discussed also ensued about how to deal with the fact that NH has no funds coming in for trauma as well as how to encourage smaller hospitals to apply for designation.



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### Item 3. Newsletter

The next issue should be out in June; Vicki will send out a reminder email.

A suggestion was made to add a survey to the newsletter.

### V. New Business

No new business was brought up.

### VI. Public Comment

None

### VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – **June 15, 2016 (9:30-11:00AM)**

*Motion made by Shawn Riley; seconded by Alf Rylander – to adjourn the meeting at 11:00AM; passed unanimously.*

- The TMRC meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the even months.
- Remaining TMRC schedule: June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 21, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Murphy, MD  
TMRC Chair

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