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TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED AUGUST 19, 2015

Members Present: Sue Barnard, ARNP; Kenneth Call, MD; Gary Curcio, MD; Peter Hedberg, MD; Tony Maggio, EMT; Rick Murphy, MD; Scott Schuler, NRP; and John Seidner, MD

Call in Members: Ryan Hickey, NRP (on duty); Eric Martin, MD(on vacation); and Elizabeth Soukup, MD (working later than expected)

Members Absent: Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, FACHE; Doreen Gilligan, RN; Lucas Kolm, MD(ED); and Shawn Riley, EMTP

Bureau Staff: Director Deborah Pendergast; Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard; and June Connor, Administrative Assistant (minutes)

Guests: Lynn Chabot, RN; Mark Hastings, RN; Hilary Hawkins, RN; Adam Rembisz, RN; Debra Samaha, RN; Albert Willis, and Michael Kelley, RN

Call in guests: Janet Houston, EMSC; Mary Reidy, RN

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Murphy at 9:30AM on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy in Concord, NH.

Item 1. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves, and it was determined that there was a quorum present with 8 voting members.



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Item 2. Minutes

Motion made by Tony Maggio; seconded by Scott Schuler – to accept the minutes, as written, from the June 17, 2015 meeting; passed unanimously.

II. Sub-Committee and Member Reports

Item 1. Hospital Designation Sub-Committee

Hilary Hawkins reported that the committee met this morning (August 19th) to go over the St. Joseph review. The report will be ready to be presented at the next TMRC meeting on October 21, 2015. The committee will also be looking at the process of doing a review.

Item 2. Education Sub-Committee

Doreen Gilligan was not in attendance, but she did submit the following report:

I will be sending out a couple of dates for a conference call for the following week, so we can get together.

In the meantime I have reached out to all of the vendors, and am making good progress with getting support for the conference. Thus far we have 5 vendors signed up--with 3 more in progress. If anyone knows of a vendor who has a product that is valuable to the trauma community--please send their name and e-mail or phone information to me. I beg REALLY well--so leave that to me!

I will send the list of confirmed speakers--I have all but one locked down! I will put together a list and approximate program for them. This weekend I will be reaching out to all of the speakers for CVs, Presentation objectives and a signed conflict of interest statement. (I will CC anyone who recommended a speaker so you can assist me in collecting all of this information.

The venue is locked down and the brochure is complete and will be sent out this afternoon. Chris Rousseau will be posting the brochure and information on the EMS and NHoodle website--I will be e-mailing to all hospitals and ems folks, as well as snail mailing it to every fire/ems agency and hospital in NH.



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This is where I REALLY need all of your assistance! We need to get the word out there far and wide. E-mail or tell EVERYONE you know about this conference--we want to go well above the 200 attendee mark this year!!!

Conference dates: November 5 & 6, 2015

Item 3. Coordinating Board Report

John Seidner summarized the CB meeting that was held on July 16, 2015 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy. The following topics were highlighted:

- grants
- the CAT knock-off tourniquet issue
- Krokodil: the report of this drug being used in Manchester, NH turned out to be unfounded.
- EMT transition updates
- Eric Jaeger's presentation on the aging population in NH and its effects on EMS. **Dr. Seidner stated that the TMRC should consider having Eric give his presentation at a future meeting.**
- EMS courses being offered by the Bureau of EMS

Here is the link to the draft of the minutes from this meeting:

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>

Item 4. Medical Control Board Report

Dr. Kenneth Call summarized the MCB meeting that was held on July 16, 2015 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy. The following topics were highlighted:

- grants
- the CAT knock-off tourniquet issue – **Jon Bouffard will send out information on this topic.**
- EMT transition updates
- protocol roll-out update
- the epinephrine shortage



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- sending BiPap to the Protocol Committee
- NH EMS controlled substances maximums
- minimum medication list

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<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mminutes.html>

Item 5. Injury Prevention Report

Debra Samaha passed out materials and gave a report.

- [Driving Toward Zero](#) coalition (new website for parents of teen drivers)
Cards about this website are available at the DOT.
- **Hands Free Law:** being actively enforced. Fees are higher than what people thought they would be. (Dr. Murphy asked where the money goes from these fees.) There are also new issues with cars stopping alongside the road in order to make calls.
- **Back to school transportation issues** are being addressed.
<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/OnTheMove/BackToSchool.htm>
- **Heat stroke:** Nationally, there have been 14 child deaths in vehicles this season (none in NH).
<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/InandAroundtheCar/heatstroke.htm>
- **Foundation for Healthy Communities:** Please contact Debra Samaha (debra.samaha@dartmouth.edu or 653-8360)) for information about trainings that are coming up for programs offered by the Foundation.
- **Falls Awareness Day** – September 23rd; there will be a couple of events taking place in Concord, and efforts are being made to get some legislators to attend. (www.nhfallstaskforce.org)
- New Hampshire [Wisdom Data Site](#): Please contact Joanne Miles at Public Health (271-5384 or joanne.e.miles@dhhs.state.nh.us)
- **Child Passenger Safety Month: September**
- **Safe Sleep Awareness Month: October** (There will be a lot of information on accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed, which will be important to the TMRC.)



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III. Bureau Report

Item 1. Trauma Registry

- The TR is up and functional. Three days of training took place last week, and the sessions will be repeated in early September.
- **A data group has been formed; if you would like to join the group, please contact Vicki Blanchard.**
- There is a problem with logging in to the webinars. **Jon Bouffard said he would contact Craig Rees, from ImageTrend, who also records the sessions.**
- There are many issues that will need to be worked out as this process continues. The live date is September 30th, and it is expected that 5 – 6 hospitals are expected to participate immediately. Right now, anyone that wants to use the trauma registry will be able to do so; it is a voluntary piece to encourage them to become active in the trauma system. All of the hospitals have been called, and we now have a list of trauma contacts.

Item 2. Items of Interest

[NHOODLE](#) site: Vicki Blanchard is working with Chris Rousseau to develop a site on NHOODLE that will be accessible to anyone who wants to get information. If you have information to share, please send it to Vicki Blanchard (vicki.blanchard@dos.nh.gov) so it can be uploaded.

There will have to be some education as to how to get to the site.

IV. Old Business

Item 1. Membership of the TMRC

- There is an opening for someone from the Medical Examiner’s Office.
- The phone in rule (91-A III:b) was clarified. Voting members who call in can only have their votes counted if the meeting is deemed by the Chair to be a designated emergency, and the justification for it being an emergency must be recorded in the minutes. Votes taken in emergency situations must be done by roll call. In addition, voting



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members who call in, regardless of whether or not the meeting is an emergency, must provide reasons why they could not be physically present, and those reasons must also be recorded in the minutes.

- Dr. Murphy reiterated the importance of those who participate in the meetings who are not voting members. He also urged any voting members who know they will not be able to be physically present at meetings to please give up their seats to those who will be able to attend. It is vital to the success of the TMRC to have a quorum present at every meeting.

Item 2. St. Joseph Designation follow-up

This remains a work in progress. The report will be presented at the October 21st meeting.

Item 3. Comprehensive Trauma System Evaluation

- The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has been awarded the contract to do a statewide trauma review (entire continuum) which is being funded with Homeland Security funds. Jon Bouffard has been in touch with them and is in the process of going through the pre-review questionnaire (PRQ) which has to be submitted by the first week in December. By October, Jon and Vicki will present more to the committee. **Please contact Jon Bouffard if you are interested in helping with this project.** It was determined that forming a sub-committee for this will probably not work because involvement would have to be on a daily basis. Jon added that we will be looking for 70 – 100 stake holders who will be meeting for a 4 day period sometime in February, 2016.
- [ACS](#) has done reviews for over 30 states, including Massachusetts. You do not have to be a member to get into their website. There is a Trauma System Consultation section.



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V. New Business

Item 1.

Since the CB meeting in June, 2 more Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) classes have become available. By the time these classes are finished, 140 people will have been trained.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment – **October 21, 2015 (9:30-11:00AM)**

Motion made by John Seidner; seconded by Gary Curcio – to adjourn the meeting at 10:30AM; passed unanimously.

The TMRC meetings are the third Wednesday of the even months. The last meeting for 2015 will take place on December 16, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Murphy, MD
TMRC Chair

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