

TRAUMA COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 (10:00 a.m.) at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1106, 1970 W. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Diane Simon - Chair, Joyce Burt, Kathy Haley, Dr. Kent Harshbarger, Patty Hightower, Dr. Laurie Johnson, John Ross, Dr. James Sauto, Dr. Howard Werman, and Tammy Wilkes

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Marco Bonta, Dr. Jeff Claridge, Herb de la Porte, Philip Ennen, Kitty Hevener, and Dr. Michael Shannon

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Sahithi Aurand, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Natalie Haslage, Executive Director Melvin House, Sue Morris, Kris Patalita, and Deputy Director Rob Wagoner

Liaisons and Public Present: Amber Antoni, Dr. Richard George, Vickie Graymire, Kelly Harrison, Viola Webber, and Luke Werhan

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Diane Simon welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the room. The new epidemiologist, Sahithi Aurand, introduced herself and spoke about her background. Quorum was reached at 10:11 a.m. following the arrival of Dr. Kent Harshbarger.

Education – Annual Report Draft

In lieu of an educational element, the 2017 Annual Report was discussed at length. A copy was given to all members, non-voting liaisons, and visitors. Ms. Simon asked the group to look at the headings and bullet points to determine if there is anything the committee would like included or feels is missing. Suggestions were made by various members of the committee. It was decided that the document would be emailed to all members of the committee for further inspection, and all future suggestions should be submitted to Eric Mays.

ACTION ITEM: The DEMS staff will forward the draft annual report to all members of the Trauma Committee for further inspection. Eric Mays is to receive any further suggestions/edits.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Simon requested a motion to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes which were distributed via email. The minutes were accepted as written.

ACTION: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 9, 2018 Dr. Howard Werman – First; Tammy Wilkes – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Agenda Items

Current status of Trauma Administration ODPS

Deputy Director Wagoner spoke about the new Epidemiologist Investigator 3, Sahithi Aurand, and allowed her to re-introduce herself to those in the room who were not there during the original introductions.

System Update

System Status

Trauma Center Status

Two slides were presented regarding the most up-to-date status of all trauma centers in Ohio. Ms. Simon briefly discussed the totals of the various levels of trauma centers. Joyce Burt advised that Grandview Hospital has a site visit scheduled for September 19th and 20th. Ms. Simon went on to advise that there are no hospitals currently on provisional status; however, Ohio State University Hospital East is seeking provisional status. Any hospitals that become provisional will be added to this list in the future as they begin the process of becoming trauma centers. Deputy Director Wagoner then reviewed the process to obtain a provisional status. The associated flowchart was provided to the committee. There was a group discussion regarding this information.

Data Submission Status

Sue Morris discussed the handout that was disseminated and the percentages of facilities reporting their data. The current compliance rate of free-standing emergency departments (FSEDs) is 68%. There was further discussion by the group regarding the benefits of FSEDs reporting their data.

Member Status

Ms. Simon discussed the open seats. There are now eight (8) open seats. Ms. Simon mentioned that the letters to the nominating organizations were sent out recently. She also advised that there should be a nomination forthcoming for the orthopedic surgeon seat.

Liaison Reports

Legislative Updates

Deputy Director Wagoner advised that there were no new updates.

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (Board)

Deputy Director Wagoner advised that the Board is currently working on the Strategic Plan components. He mentioned that this committee's focus should still be on improving data collection.

EMS Medical Director

Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB)

Dr. Cunningham advised that the RPAB chairpersons will not be meeting on today's date. The next meeting will be September 12th at 1:00 p.m. She advised that the EMS for Children Committee is working on updating the State of Ohio Pediatric EMS Guidelines and Procedures Manual and, when it is complete, this committee will have an opportunity to review the trauma sections. Dr. Cunningham also mentioned that she was one of eight (8) Americans and Canadians asked to serve on General Motors' OnStar[®] Public Safety Council to look at some of the safety issues regarding autonomous vehicles, from a victim's standpoint as well as that of a first responder. Dr. Cunningham went on to say that if anyone had any suggestions to please let her know.

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) – Luke Werhan

Mr. Werhan advised that registration is open for the American Trauma Society Injury Prevention Coordinator Course on September 10th and 11th, being held in Columbus. He advised that there are 40 total seats available and they are well on their way to filling all seats.

He then advised that ODH was recently made aware that Ohio is eligible for around \$4.8 Million in crisis response funds to look at drug overdoses. The funding is for one (1) year and starts September 1st of this year. This money will go toward funding projects that will make an impact on drug overdose morbidity and mortality in Ohio. ODH is currently working on identifying strategies for implementation and they are in the process of applying for those funds.

Mr. Werhan then advised that the injury prevention group at ODH just released three (3) competitive requests for proposals (RFPs) for local grantees with funding available January of 2019. The topics include child injury, falls among older adults, and drug overdose. They hope to have the notice of intent to apply for funding to the ODH by July 17th, with a bidders conference on July 19th and applications due by August 13th.

Executive Director House advised that he has reached out to ODH leadership regarding the grant funds that are available for the opioid response to make sure they include the needs of EMS in that process. He

then went on to explain the list of exclusions and welcomed any input from this committee.

Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports

EMS Workgroup

Chief John Ross advised that the workgroup has nothing new to report. Ms. Simon advised that there are some potential projects in the future for this workgroup.

Performance Improvement (PI) Workgroup

Dr. Richard George was not in attendance at the last meeting for PI, so Ms. Simon gave the report. She mentioned that the majority of the annual report was developed through the PI workgroup. At the last meeting, the PI group also discussed strategically working with the trauma registry workgroup to reduce overlap and redundancy.

Trauma Registry Advisory Workgroup (known as TRAS)

Joyce Burt discussed the quizzes and their success. She also discussed the desire for standardized definitions for the data dictionary. She requested the group make a recommendation regarding the “initial field” categories for vital signs at the scene of injury and whether the wording should be changed. She inquired if the state wants the initial vital signs only at the scene of injury or if it can be received after the patient has been removed and is being transported away from the scene of injury. After a great deal of discussion by the group, there was a motion to change the definition in the 2019 Data Dictionary regarding initial vital signs to read: First set of vital signs taken by EMS is acceptable whether taken at the scene of injury or in transport to the first facility.

ACTION: Motion to change the definition for the Data Dictionary regarding initial vital signs to be: First set of vital signs taken by EMS is acceptable whether taken at scene of injury or in transport to the first facility. Kathy Haley – First; Dr. James Sauto – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Burt then went on to discuss injury severity scores (ISS) and inquired as to what this committee would like to have reported and if there is a desire to have the ISS updated after more information is acquired. There was further discussion regarding the reasons for updating or not updating the ISS. After the group discussed this at length, it was decided that no changes would be made at this time until more information is gathered.

Ms. Burt also explained to the group that the workgroup is recommending that the comorbidities of sight, hearing, and language no longer be collected. A report previously shared with the group showed that the data collected from these comorbids is minimal and does not appear to be utilized for anything. After some additional discussion on the purpose for gathering these data fields and the lack of any regulatory requirement, a motion was made to remove these from inclusion in the 2019 data dictionary.

ACTION: Motion to change remove the comorbidities of hearing, sight, and language from the 2019 data dictionary. Kathy Haley – First; Patty Hightower – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION ITEM: Joyce Burt to inform the TRAS of the definition change for the 2019 data dictionary

ACTION ITEM: Joyce Burt to inform the TRAS of the decision to remove comorbidities of hearing, sight, and language from the 2019 data dictionary

Rehabilitation Subcommittee (on hiatus)

Epidemiology Intelligence Service (EIS) Evaluation Workgroup (on hiatus)

Trauma Committee Strategic Plan Focus

Resource Assessment – Grant awarded

Ms. Simon directed the group to the handout that was provided. One of the recommended projects for grant funding was for the Allocation of Trauma Resources in the State of Ohio: A Data Driven Approach for Current Performance Assessment and Benchmarking. The funding has been approved.

System Oversight

Ohio Regional Trauma Organizations Coalition (ORTOC)

Ms. Simon advised that the June ORTOC meeting was cancelled. They will be meeting again on August 2nd. Ms. Simon advised that she forwarded the information regarding our data showing that the second leading cause of trauma morbidity in Ohio was “other”. She believes the ORTOC group can further explore this phenomenon by providing the information to the regions for discussion and possible trend identification.

Ms. Kelly Harrison mentioned that after reviewing the information in the draft annual report, she believes the “other” issue might have been rectified. Ms. Simon then advised that if there are items that this committee believes should be reviewed, that the ORTOC group is amenable to transitioning these items into formal projects.

Competent Workforce

Ms. Simon advised that the grant approved relating to a competent workforce was for assessment of trauma-specific education and certification. She expects the group will start seeing results from the grant-related work by the end of 2019.

Data-based System Evaluation

This was deferred to New Business.

Old Business

Rules – Update

Deputy Director Wagoner advised that the DEMS staff has started a comprehensive review of all of the Ohio Administrative Codes (OAC) under 4765 as this is the chapter of all of the EMS regulations that have been promulgated under the umbrella of EMS laws within the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). They will work to consolidate, categorize and reorganize the information. They will work to keep it as intact as possible so there will not be any significant changes. He reported the goal is to have the review done by the end of 2019 and implemented in 2020. There was further discussion by the group as to the process. Ms. Haley mentioned that the trauma triage protocols, which are cited in ORC 4765.40, appear to be located within the EMS side as opposed to the trauma side. Executive Director House thanked Ms. Haley for mentioning that and it was noted. Deputy Director Wagoner invited the group to submit any ideas or suggestions for the trauma aspect as soon as possible. He advised it should be sent to Diane Simon or to him directly.

Burn Surge – Update

Carol Jacobson from the Ohio Hospital Association discussed the latest draft of the Ohio Statewide Burn Surge Plan which had been disseminated via email prior to the meeting. Ms. Jacobson requested that any changes or recommendations on the Burn Surge Plan be forwarded to her. The Burn Committee will be meeting again in August. She went on to advise that there were exercises done wherein they received excellent information from the field. Dr. Cunningham made a couple of suggestions for changes and advised she would email them to Ms. Jacobson.

Elderly Fall Prevention Resource Guide – Update

Ms. Morris provided information in Eric Mays' absence. She advised that Mr. Mays met with the leadership team of the Falls Prevention Coalition. He asked them to submit to him any additions or corrections they may have by July 31st so he could complete the update and post it to the EMS website. Deputy Director Wagoner advised that we would like to get it published by September to coincide with Falls Prevention Awareness Month and Falls Prevention Awareness Day, which is September 22nd.

Attendance

Ms. Simon discussed the attendance spreadsheet that was sent out to the group and advised that this form would be disseminated every January and July. She stated that the notification is not to admonish anyone but is intended for Committee transparency and to ensure that the members on the committee be engaged and attend the meetings.

New Business

Trauma Rehabilitation Registry

Deputy Director Wagoner updated the group on the status of the Trauma Rehabilitation Registry. He advised that the steps have been discussed with Digital Innovation (DI) in order to renew the Trauma Rehabilitation Registry. The

goal is to make sure we have linkage with the Trauma Acute Care Registry and to be thinking forward to the entire continuum of care. He went on to state that there is still a lot to be done to achieve this including updating the rehabilitation data dictionary. There was then a discussion on getting a workgroup together to begin updating the rehabilitation data dictionary, and it was suggested that it could be started by the PI workgroup. Deputy Director Wagoner instructed the group to let him know if anyone has ideas for representation to this workgroup.

Emergency Medical Services Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS) Update

Deputy Director Wagoner gave an update regarding EMSIRS. He advised that the DEMS has unofficially secured funding to make some significant changes and updates to EMSIRS. Executive Director House clarified further that the DEMS has a project approved to resolve all of the EMSIRS issues. He stated that once the DEMS has the final commitment on funding, they will provide the details of the full project to this committee at the next meeting.

Issue related to the International Trauma Data Exchange (ITDX) and the American College of Surgeons (ACS)

Deputy Director Wagoner explained that during a recent webinar coordinated through the Trauma Vendor Alliance (TVA), the DEMS was made aware of a need for a workgroup regarding state compliance. It is unclear what the workgroup needs to do and/or what their tasks and goals are. He explained that the TVA consists of: Clinical Data Management® (CDM), Digital Innovation (DI), and Lancet Technology. He further discussed with this group the concerns regarding the January 1, 2019 launch date. It was decided that since the scope of the workgroup is very vague, someone needs to contact the TVA to get clarification on what the workgroup needs to accomplish. Deputy Director Wagoner advised he would take on this task. It was also suggested that this committee needs to establish who is aware of this and who is not aware, but it was decided to put that on hold until more information is gathered.

ACTION ITEM: Deputy Director Wagoner to contact TVA to get further clarification on what is expected from a state workgroup and to possibly get a presenter

ACTION ITEM: Deputy Director Wagoner to contact ACS to get their input

Open Forum

None.

Recap of Action Items

Update the Annual Report with the discussion points from this meeting and send out to members of the Trauma Committee; responses to go to Eric Mays

Joyce Burt to inform the TRAS of the comorbidities that are no longer going to be collected

Joyce Burt to inform the TRAS of the definition change for the 2019 data dictionary

Deputy Director Rob Wagoner to contact vendors (TVA) to get further clarification on what is expected from a workgroup

Deputy Director Rob Wagoner to contact vendors (TVA) to secure a presenter for the next Trauma Committee meeting or the next PI workgroup meeting to explain the expectations of the state workgroup

Deputy Director Rob Wagoner to contact the ACS to get their input

Adjourn

Dr. Sauto moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Ms. Haley. The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Next meeting:

The next Trauma Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018.