

TRAUMA COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, November 14, 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, Dr. Marco Bonta, Dr. Jeff Claridge, Herb de la Porte, Dr. Kent Harshbarger, Patty Hightower, Dr. Laurie Johnson, Dr. Howard Werman, and Tammy Wilkes

Committee Members Absent: Joyce Burt, Philip Ennen, Kathy Haley, Kitty Hevener, Dr. Travis Perry, John Ross, Dr. James Sauto, and Dr. Michael Shannon

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Sahithi Aurand, Natalie Haslage, Eric Mays, Sue Morris, Kris Patalita, and Deputy Director Rob Wagoner

Liaisons and Public Present: Jolene DeFiore-Hyrmer, Roxanna Giambri, Kelly Harrison, Thomas Lyons, and Anne Moss

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Diane Simon welcomed everyone. Quorum was attained later in the meeting.

Introductions were made around the room.

Dr. Claridge joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Education – Regional Validation Project Update (Kelly Harrison)

Kelly Harrison, from the Tristate Trauma Coalition (TSTC), presented updated information regarding the 2017 Validation Project by the Ohio regional trauma registries. A complete report was disseminated to all Committee members and visitors. Ms. Harrison began by acknowledging the various regions and their representatives who were involved with this project. She advised that there were 105 facilities from the six regions included in the validation. The group utilized information from each quarter of 2016 and 2017 and then reviewed information from the first quarter of 2018 to evaluate what improvements had been made.

She stated that the overall goal of this project was to improve data submitted to the Ohio Trauma Registry and to ensure consistent data across the state of Ohio.

Ms. Harrison then presented results from the project and discussed the lessons learned. She explained the graph information related to payment source in further detail and the disparity in results compared to the other identified fields. The group also identified inconsistencies in imports and exports. She advised that education regarding the data dictionary is important in order to improve accuracy. Continuous education and communication within all facilities in the regions as well as throughout the state is the solution.

Ms. Harrison advised that they intend to continue this project. There is a meeting scheduled in the near future wherein they will identify new data fields to explore and determine the expectations.

A cursory group discussion ensued regarding the project and information presented. Ms. Simon asked Ms. Harrison to explain the relationship with the Ohio Regional Trauma Organizations Coalition (ORTOC) and how this ongoing project will be incorporated. Ms. Harrison explained that they intend to present this project information at the next ORTOC meeting in December and solicit feedback from those members. Ms. Harrison believes this meeting will be instrumental in elevating this project to the next level.

Agenda Items

Current Status of Trauma Administration ODPS

Deputy Director Wagoner reported that the Division of EMS (DEMS) is close to being fully staffed at this time. The group has been diligently working on the Emergency Medical Services Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS) update which kicked off October 1st. He further explained some of the particulars in more detail. He also discussed the open and recently filled positions.

Dr. Johnson joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

System Update

System Status

Trauma Center Status

Two slides were presented regarding the statuses of all trauma centers in Ohio. Ms. Simon briefly discussed the totals of the various levels of trauma centers. Ms. Simon went on to advise that there is one hospital, Ohio State University Hospital East, which is currently in provisional status. It was also advised that Mercy Health Regional Medical Center in Lorain is currently seeking provisional status. There were two facilities who received their American College of Surgeons recertification after the most recent updates to the slides. Kettering Medical Center and Mercy Medical St. Charles both received renewals for three years.

Data Submission Status

Sue Morris discussed the 2018 compliance report for the second quarter that was distributed. This report reflects a 74.4% overall compliance. She advised that the reason why the three trauma centers on the list that did not report may be related to the fact that they were in the recertification process during this period. She expects to receive their data in the near future. Ms. Simon mentioned an incidence of a facility reporting data that was not received and how the reporting facility was unaware that this glitch occurred. It was mentioned that the Division confirming receipt of data may be helpful to the centers.

Ms. Morris advised that she is going to begin a new process wherein she works directly with the regional registry managers and will inform them of what information was received. She has already been doing this with one regional manager on a monthly basis but will reach out to the others to help facilitate this in their areas as well, possibly on a quarterly basis.

Dr. Harshbarger joined the meeting at 10:19 a.m. A quorum was reached at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Simon requested a motion to approve the September 12, 2018 minutes which were distributed via email. The minutes were accepted as written.

ACTION: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 12, 2018. Dr. Harshbarger – First; Dr. Werman – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

2017 Annual Report – Update and Approval

Ms. Simon advised that she was going to jump ahead on the agenda to the 2017 Annual Report which also requires a motion and approval. She briefly discussed the process the report has been through prior to approval and what is currently outstanding.

Deputy Director Wagoner discussed the changes that were made after the last round of discussion and comments. He also advised that some of the suggestions could not be completed due to deadlines, but will be incorporated into the 2018 Annual Report. Mr. Wagoner then recognized the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) liaison Jolene DeFiore-Hyrmer and the ODH epidemiologist who thoughtfully assisted with improving the display of some of the data and the metrics related to the data. He then thanked everyone else for their contributions as well.

Ms. Simon requested a motion to approve the 2017 Annual Report.

ACTION: Motion to approve the 2017 Annual Report. Dr. Werman – First; Tammy Wilkes – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Simon will present the report to the Board for approval on December 12th and it will subsequently be published. Ms. Simon then mentioned that any ideas for the 2018 Annual Report may be submitted at any time.

Due to the first annual Ohio EMS Medical Directors Conference taking place on this date, the Committee was thoughtful of those in attendance who wished to attend the conference as well; therefore, there was a request for any other new business that needed to be discussed at this time. There was none.

System Update (continued)

System Status

Member Status

Ms. Simon discussed the open seats. There are now seven (7) open seats. Ms. Simon mentioned that we have a nomination for the orthopedic surgeon seat that is going to the ODPS Director's office for approval this week. She has also received word that a pediatric trauma surgeon nomination will be forthcoming as well. The goal is to have both seats filled by the January 9th meeting.

Liaison Reports

Legislative Updates

Deputy Director Wagoner reminded the group that this is a lame duck session right now. He discussed some items for which everyone needs to be aware during the lame duck session. He advised that ODPS staff recently met with Representative Huffman to discuss EMS providers not being included in the bill for impaired practitioners that he crafted. They further requested he look at legislation that would be of interest to the EMS community including the prohibition by law for Ohio to report to the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS).

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

Deputy Director Wagoner advised that Governor Kasich reappointed a number of people to the EMFTS Board including: Tom Allenstein, Herb de la Porte, Sue Kearns, Mark Resanovich, and George Snyder. Governor Kasich also appointed Ruda Jenkins to seat #18 which was vacated by Beth Calcidise.

EMS Medical Director

Dr. Cunningham was facilitating the Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference on this date and was not in attendance to give a report.

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) – Jolene DeFiore-Hyrmer

Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer reiterated that ODH is re-competing their injury grants. They selected five grantees who will have comprehensive fall prevention programs. This was an increase from the four awarded the prior year. They also increased the number of child injury grants from three to six. They also added opportunities to look at suicide prevention and strategies. These will be awarded and will be for a five-year cycle. She also advised that the ODH is in the middle of implementing the federal crisis funding they received for drug overdoses. They recently awarded funding to three local health departments for developing

comprehensive emergency department systems to treat drug overdoses. This would include linking patients to real-time treatment. The three health departments were Franklin County, Summit County, and Hamilton County. Additionally, the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP) recently had their annual meeting where they presented their Champion and Promising Practice awards. The Champion award is typically given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the field of injury. The recipient this year was Emily Lee from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The Promising Practice awards are typically given for community programs developed for the ODH's focus areas of child injury, falls and drug overdose awareness. The Columbus City Health Department received the award for child injury, Upper Arlington Fire Division was honored regarding falls, and the Fairfield Medical Center for substance abuse. She further elaborated on some of the specific programs regarding each. Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer also advised that the Ohio Falls Prevention Coalition's Fall Symposium will be held March 29, 2019.

Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports

EMS Workgroup

Chief John Ross was not in attendance due to a conflict. Deputy Director Wagoner advised that this workgroup will be assisting with the EMSIRS rewrite project including the EMSIRS data dictionary update.

Performance Improvement (PI) Workgroup

Ms. Anne Moss spoke about the decision made by the PI workgroup and the Trauma Registry Advisory Workgroup (TRAW) to have a representative of each group attend the other's meetings due to overlap in some projects. She mentioned how TRAW has moved their meetings to be held on the same day as the Trauma Committee meetings. She then advised that the PI group discussed the metrics scorecard that was developed several years ago and identified a few metrics that may be worth exploring. She also reiterated that the 2017 Annual Report has been completed.

Trauma Registry Advisory Workgroup (TRAW, formerly known as TRAS)

Since Joyce Burt was not in attendance, Kelly Harrison, a workgroup member, gave the report. She advised that the workgroup has not met since the last report was given. She advised that the 2019 Data Dictionary was published and released. They also continue to develop the Trauma Acute Care Registry (TACR) quizzes to provide education throughout the state for data collection. Today's workgroup meeting was cancelled.

Rehabilitation Subcommittee (on hiatus)

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

Trauma Committee Strategic Plan Focus

Resource Assessment – Update

A grant was awarded to IEM and they are currently working on information for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) to identify if this research will require IRB approval. Ms. DeFiore-Hyrmer mentioned that the ODH facilitates IRB for the state and that that may be an option.

System Oversight

Ohio Regional Trauma Organizations Coalition (ORTOC)

Ms. Simon advised that the next meeting for the ORTOC is December 7th at 8:30 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). They will be reviewing the validation project presented to this committee earlier. She will provide an update at the January meeting.

Competent Workforce - Update

Another grant was awarded to IEM and they are currently working on information for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) to identify if this research will require IRB approval on this one as well.

Data-based System Evaluation

Ms. Simon advised that this relates to the EMSIRS update and linkage between all three databases from first on scene all the way through rehabilitation.

Old Business

Rules – Update

Deputy Director Wagoner advised that there is nothing new to report.

EMSIRS – Update

Mr. Mays reported that the project began at the beginning of October. He advised that there are weekly meetings with the developers and explained what those entail. He stated that the project has passed the engineering review board which is required for any system developed within the Department of Public Safety. The developers are also beginning to work with Digital Innovation (DI) who currently maintains the system. He further explained additional items they are working on for the new system. Mr. Herb de la Porte offered to help field test the system when the time comes.

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

Ms. Simon advised that all hospitals have been made aware of the January 1, 2019 rollout date. Deputy Director Wagoner reiterated some of the specifics which had been discussed in the last meeting. Ms. Simon also discussed some of the challenges some hospitals have had with the legal aspects of the transition. She stated that she did not believe that all hospitals would be ready for the January 1st deadline. There was further discussion regarding stored data and the particulars of that as well as other issues.

New Business

Development of New Strategic Plan

Ms. Simon explained how the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS Board) developed a new strategic plan. Within their plan, the Trauma Committee was not really tasked with any specific areas on which to focus other than data. She further explained how this committee develops their own strategic plan which covers three years. The last strategic plan that was implemented in 2015 is set to expire in December of 2018. Ms. Simon advised that she would like to see this committee develop a new strategic plan to cover the next three years. This would require identifying ideas for the future of the Committee and the State of Ohio. Ms. Simon asked for ideas or thoughts on the next strategic plan. There was a discussion about what benchmarks were used for the previous strategic plan. There was further discussion regarding the Committee reviewing the current strategic plan, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) report for the State of Ohio, and the latest Model Trauma System Plan Evaluation. Ms. Simon asked that these documents be sent to the Committee as soon as possible. The consensus was to table the development of a new strategic plan until all documents can be reviewed and grant information can be evaluated. The expectation will be that the next strategic plan will be developed by the end of 2019.

Dr. Claridge recommended that a new agenda item be added pushing for more trauma legislation. Deputy Director Wagoner reminded the group that DEMS staff is prohibited from lobbying.

ACTION ITEM: DEMS staff to email old strategic plan, the ACS State report for 2015, and the latest Model Trauma System Plan Evaluation to all Committee members

ACTION ITEM: DEMS staff to ensure future Agendas for the Trauma Committee include a subcategory of “New Legislation” under Legislative Report

Workgroup Rosters

Deputy Director Wagoner explained how recently the DEMS staff needed to contact workgroup members to advise of a last-minute cancellation and discovered that the DEMS does not have a comprehensive list of current workgroup members and phone numbers. Ms. Simon requested that all workgroups or any subcommittees provide a current roster, contact information, and the preferred phone numbers so members can be easily contacted for any changes or cancellations in meetings. These will then be updated annually.

ACTION ITEM: Each workgroup or subcommittee to provide current member list and contact information, including phone numbers, by the January 9th meeting

Open Forum

None.

Recap of Action Items

DEMS staff to send out old Strategic Plan, the ACS State report for 2015, and the latest Model Trauma System Plan Evaluation

Add new agenda item of New Legislation (to be placed under Legislative Report)

Workgroups and subcommittees to provide current member list with appropriate contact information by the January 9th meeting

Adjourn

Mr. de la Porte moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Dr. Claridge. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting:

The next Trauma Committee meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019.