Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 (10:00 a.m.) at the ODPS Shipley Building, 1970 W. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43223 via Microsoft Teams®

Committee Members Present: Diane Simon - Chair, Sara Brokaw, Joyce Burt, Dr. Jeffrey Claridge, Herb de la Porte, Kathy Haley, Dr. Kent Harshbarger, Patty Hightower, Laurie Johnson, Mr. Joseph Natko, Dr. Travis Perry, Dr. James Sauto, Dr. Michael Shannon, Rachel Velasquez, Dr. Howard Werman, and Tammy Wilkes

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Marco Bonta, Dr. Erik Evans, Fran Lauriha, Angela Schetter, and Rachel Velasquez

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Interim Executive Director Rob Wagoner, State Medical Director Dr. Carol Cunningham, Natalie Haslage, Valerie Koker, Eric Mays, and Sue Morris

Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. Diane Simon welcomed everyone. Quorum was not attained; however, later in the meeting, quorum was attained. (noted in the meeting minutes)

Agenda Items

Education – No Report due to COVID-19, suspended until further notice.

Typically, the Trauma Committee begins with an education piece; however, the face-to-face format is a vital component to the education reports. As such, this agenda item will be suspended until further notice.

Approvals and Items Requiring Action

Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum present. Therefore, the minutes were approved later in the meeting after quorum was achieved.
Current status of Trauma Administration at the Ohio Department of Public Safety

Mr. Wagoner reported that the Trauma section at EMS is fully staffed. There is a statewide hiring freeze that affects the six vacant positions that EMS had before COVID-19. There will be a seventh vacant position upon the retirement of Diane Walton on October 31, 2020. Human Resources is giving the Division of EMS approximately 2 hours per day of support in the Grants, Investigations, and Certification sections.

Governor DeWine announced that state employees would continue to work from home until January 4, 2021. Mr. Wagoner reported that face-to-face meetings are suspended until further notice. Due to the challenges of Microsoft Teams®, there is ongoing dialogue at the Ohio Department of Public Safety regarding a more user-friendly platform to conduct meetings virtually.

System Update

System Status

Trauma Center Status

Ms. Simon reported that all of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) verification site visits have ceased since March. Each trauma center will have a one-year extension. A 3-year verification process is now a 4-year verification process. The verification visits will begin in March 2021.

Mr. Wagoner reported that one program has sought provisional status. They had completed all but the last steps required; unfortunately, the ACS ceased all verification visits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this point, until the ACS can get a visitation scheduled, this program will remain in provisional status.

Data Submission Status

Ms. Simon stated that there was an extension; however, there continues to be a delay on the updates. The deadline is coming up for 1st and 2nd quarter data. Due to the situation with the vendors, the DEMS may extend the data submission. The 2020 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter data submission has been extended to December 30, 2020.

There was a motion to extend the data deadline; however, roll call was taken again and there was not a quorum. Mr. Wagoner said that this matter can be taken under advisement.

** Motion was made after quorum was attained later in the meeting.
Member Status

Ms. Simon stated that there are three vacant seats on the Trauma Committee.

Mr. Wagoner reported that three nominations have been submitted for the orthopedic surgeon seat position #2. A recommendation will be forwarded to Director Stickrath.

A Trauma Committee member asked if there were any change in legislation to allow more than one person from each organization. The language has been drafted and is ready. This is a high priority legislative need and the DEMS keeps looking for a vehicle to which it can be attached.

Liaison Reports

Legislative Updates

Mr. Wagoner advised that the legislature has been focused on a number of items. They are currently in a lame duck session.

House Bill 711 is helping to provide clarification in the scope of practice between the law and other regulations in dealing with a do not resuscitate (DNR) orders.

House Bill 441 was introduced with a focus on training first responders on how to deal with those with dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and the like considering the increased prevalence of these types of illnesses.

Senate Bill 302 includes EMS and stroke patient protocols that furthers the work of the stroke bill passed a year ago that became law to extend stroke care. It had its first hearing on May 13, 2020.

The Trauma Committee legislative needs include the need to increase the representation on the Trauma Committee. Currently, the law only allows representation from no more than one member from any given healthcare organization. The recommendation would be no more than two from any given healthcare organization. It is high priority in legislative needs of the trauma committee.

The Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Board (EMFTS Board) received a favorable ruling from an appeal. The court in Stark County upheld the revocation of a certificate holder. The court reaffirmed the Board’s position and the processes and procedures.

HB 197 was enacted to extend deadlines in certifications to December 1, 2020 or 90 days after the declaration of the state of emergency was declared or removed. September 2nd marked the 90 days since the declaration. The DEMS is communicating with all of the providers who are within these dates, and records are being updated to reflect an expiration of December 1, 2020, for all affected certifications.
Mr. Wagoner reported that the Board is in the process of filling seven Board seats that will expire on November 12, 2020. The current members will remain on the Board up to 60 days after November 12, 2020 or until an appointment is made.

The EMFTS Board passed a motion that clarified EMS providers’ role in vaccinations. The clarification on EMS’ role to assist public health efforts with statewide inoculation is important in order to preserve hospital capacity for treating COVID-19 patients. The motion stated that the Board recognizes that EMS certificate holders are permitted to administer vaccinations so long as the route of administration is within the scope of practice and the certificate holder administers the vaccine pursuant to medical direction and training on the specific vaccine, which includes adherence to the recommendations and instructions of the Food and Drug Administration. The memo is on the EMS website and was sent via gov.delivery.

**ACTION:** Send memo regarding the administration of vaccinations to all Trauma Committee members.

The DEMS is working with the ODPS IT group to identify alternative virtual meeting software that will allow public access and be user friendly.

There are 11 appeals pending in the Investigations section, and they have been given the approval to complete these hearings virtually. The first hearing will be held in October.

The DEMS is in the final stages for the 2020 Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame & Fire Awards presentations. The Division of EMS gives five awards in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal’s Office. The presentations will be at the individual departments with no more than 10 participants and all other guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic will be followed.

The EMFTS Board approved 2.15 million dollars for the grant program. Currently, the DEMS has reimbursed $68,000 for Priority One, awarded $78,500 in supplemental grants, and has reimbursed $25,000. All of the research grants contracts have been executed. The EMFTS Board approved $450,000 of Board Priority funding to be dedicated to fund personal protective equipment purchased from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The maximum amount per agency is $1500; therefore, over 200 agencies will receive help. We have received 99 completed applications with 64 being processed. To date, $81,900 has been reimbursed and the funds will be dispersed until the end of the year.

The Board accepted the recommendation to extend the 5-year rule for certificate to teach or practice.

A recommendation was made to the Board to require out of state reciprocity applicants to submit an FBI background check under 4765-8.
**State Medical Director**
Dr. Cunningham reported that the RPAB still has membership needs in RPAB regions 7 and 8. The Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB) Chair meeting will be held at 1:00 on September 9, 2020. The EMFTS Board approved the EMS training module for the Burn Surge. The Burn Surge Committee will be updating this plan.

Dr. Cunningham reported that, despite the federal budget, NHTSA has approved funding for version 3 of the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines.

**Ohio Department of Health (ODH)**
Luke Werhan reported that September 20-26 is Child Passenger Safety Week and there will be virtual and in-person car seat checks across the state. The information has been posted on ODH website and the social media.

A teen driving online learning module promoting for schools to use with teens. The module deals with the graduated driver’s license law and distracted driving.

Sept 21-25 is National Falls Awareness week and will be posted on their website and across social media.

The 2020 Ohio Passenger Child Safety Conference will be Monday, September 14th; however, registration is closed.

The Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership has continued to have meetings virtually. Those meetings will continue to be virtual through February 2021.

ODH is monitoring emergency department visits for overdoses and suspected suicide attempts. The mortality data comes in slowly because the coroner has six months to certify a death.

**EMS Workgroup (on hiatus)**

**Performance Improvement (PI) Workgroup**
It was reported that the workgroup did not meet.

**Trauma Registry Advisory Workgroup (TRAW, formerly known as TRAS)**
It was reported that the workgroup did not meet. TRAW is meeting September 9, 2020.

**Rehabilitation Subcommittee (on hiatus)**

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

**Human Resources (HR) Ad Hoc Committee (EMFTS Board)**
It was reported that the committee met in August and meets on a monthly basis.

**Scope of Practice (SOP) Ad Hoc Committee (EMFTS Board)**
It was reported that the committee met in August and meets on a monthly basis.
Trauma Committee Strategic Plan Focus

Resource Assessment/Competent Workforce

Updated IEM Report
Ms. Simon stated that the reports were received from Innovative Emergency Management® (IEM). It is a grant to study the workplace competency of our physicians, nurses, and EMS assistants. The Trauma Committee needs to review the reports and identify any gaps and what tools are needed to address those gaps. Dr. Werman stated that there seems to be a gap in the rural communities, especially the rural emergency departments as far as education. A discussion ensued regarding the IEM reports. It was suggested that a workgroup be formed to determine any gaps and the resources needed. Mr. Wagoner stated that the workgroup does not need to conduct public meetings or produce meeting minutes. Any recommendations will be brought back to the Trauma Committee. There were many recommendations on who should be a part of the workgroup. There will be a rural workgroup and a general workgroup to work on the IEM reports. Interested Trauma Committee members or other parties should email Ms. Simon and/or Mr. Wagoner.

ACTION: Send Dr. Claridge the IEM reports.

Note: A roll call was completed and there is a quorum.

Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 8, 2020. Ms. Wilkes – First; Dr. Haley – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Data Deadline

ACTION: Motion to approve the extended deadline for data submission. The 2020 first, second, and third quarter data deadline has been extended to December 31, 2020. Dr. Werman – First; Dr. Shannon – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

System Oversight

Ohio Regional Trauma Organizations Coalition (ORTOC)
Ms. Simon reported that they met last month. They are working on a project on over and under triage. It will be finalized and expanded if they get good results. They are continuing their validation process, and they are working on version 2.0. A group is working on a publication concerning the validation project. That group will submit a document to Society of Trauma Nurses as a publishing project.
Old Business

EMS Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS) – Update

Eric Mays reported that they have 871 agencies with 14 non-transporting agencies reporting. Over 21 vendors are currently reporting and there are a couple new ones. IT is focusing on getting NEMSIS up and running. Test data will begin in the next couple of weeks.

New Strategic Plan

Ms. Simon stated that the old strategic plan expired December 2019. Once the workgroups get out of session, the Committee can look at developing a strategic plan.

Trauma Training for Continuing Education (CE) Sites
There was not an update.

Ohio Trauma Triage Training Module

Mr. Wagoner reported that the Ohio Trauma Triage Training Module relied on obsolete flash technology which is no longer supported. This has been reorganized and relaunched, and it is now on the Ohio Department of Public Safety Training Campus.

Run Report Requirements for Ohio – Patient Handoff (Update)

Mr. Mays reported that IT was able to provide him with tracking statistics. From January 1st to August 20th, the link to the handoff memo was accessed 288 times, and the link to the abbreviated handoff report was accessed 964 times. They are not able to track how many times the link was used to go to COTS for the instructional videos.

Old Business

Updated PI Plans
Ms. Simon explained that the PI plan for the state is based upon what the regions submitted as their PI plans. She reported that she has received a couple PI plans. She requested the regions to send the updated PI plans.
New Business

2021 NTDB Data Dictionary Changes related to UUIDs

Mr. Mays reported that the Universal Unique Identifier (UUID) will begin to be used to link various items between different data sets. In the end, the UUID will enable one to follow a patient from their EMS care all the way through to their trauma care. In 2021, the NTDB has added the UUID to their data dictionary for patients as well as for the EMS agency. With the UUID, they will no longer collect the date, time, and delivery time because they will be able to link back to the care. The DEMS control our trauma data dictionary, and we will not stop collecting the date, time, delivery time and so on. Ohio will add the UUIDs in the trauma database but will not eliminate any data. The EMS system is the one who creates the UUID for the patient and for the run. Those sets of information will be passed on to the hospital and then on to the trauma center. The EMS providers need to be educated of how important the data is to make this successful. A vendor needs to comply with NEMSIS. A committee member suggested that this would be a future educational item for this committee’s agenda. A discussion ensued regarding this matter with Mr. Mays answering questions presented by the committee members.

Open Forum ~ none

Recap of Action Items

- Identify two workgroups for the IEM reports; one for rural trauma and one for universal trauma.

- Distribute the new link for the Ohio Trauma Triage course on the Ohio Department of Public Safety Training Campus.

- Distribute IEM Reports to Dr. Claridge.

- COTS will investigate the number of times someone visits their educational website from the EMS website for run sheets.

- Distribute the memo regarding vaccinations to all members of the Trauma Committee.

There was no further business.

Ms. Simon reported that a lot has changed since the event of September 11, 2001. On that day, there was violence, and today there is violence. Today, a nation is still struggling and mourning. Today, firefighters are still fighting flames and EMS is still responding to unsafe scenes. Police are under personal attack. The courage of that day has not changed. There were heroes on that day, and there are still heroes today! Ms. Simon thanked everyone in public service that works for so hard for so little to achieve so much. She asked for a moment of silence.
Dr. Sauto moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Wilkes seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting.** Dr. Sauto – First; Ms. Wilkes – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

**Next meeting:**

The next Trauma Committee meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2020.