

# State Trauma Advisory Council

## Minutes

December 5th, 2023

Minnesota Department of Health

North Metro Event Center/Best Western, Shoreview

### Attendees

#### Members Present

Rick Breuer

Tami Bong, R.N.

Kris Drevlow, D.O.

Mark Ebeling, Paramedic

Angi Grimm, R.N.

Julie Gutzmer, M.D.

Farha Ikramuddin, M.D.

Denise Klinkner, M.D.

Col. Matt Langer

Michael McGonigal, M.D.

Kyle Nelson, M.D.

Thomas Pahl, PA-C

Robert Jacobs, M.D.

#### Members Absent

Aaron Burnett, M.D.

John Lyng, M.D.

#### MDH Staff

Maria Flor

Tim Held

Tammy Peterson

LynMaree Harris

Zora Radosevich

Dee Telkamp

Gina Vue

### Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. McGonigal called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) members, MDH staff, and the audience members introduced themselves.

### Approve Agenda and September 12, 2023, Minutes

The agenda and the September 12, 2023, minutes were approved as distributed.

### Executive Committee Report

Dr. McGonigal reported:

- Dr. Jacobs will represent STAC on the Advisory Council for Traffic Safety.
- Six STAC seats are open beginning in January 2024. He encouraged those interested to apply.
- The workforce presentations later in this agenda will lay the groundwork for the evaluation and update of the Level 3 and 4 trauma hospital criteria in 2024.

## Staff Reports

Mr. Held reported:

- He has followed up with the Hospital Administrators group that previously met with some STAC members. We will engage them further once the Level 3 & 4 criteria review begins.
- Announced that Mark Kinde, Manager of the MDH Injury and Violence Prevention Section (IVPS), has retired. Mr. Held recognized him for his lifetime contributions to public service, public health, and for his vision and contributions to establishing a statewide Trauma System in Minnesota. Mr. Kinde provided an ongoing counsel to staff, STAC, and financial support to the trauma system. Catherine Diamond is the IVPS interim manager until his replacement is made.

Ms. Flor reported:

- The Orthopedic spelling in the criteria will be updated to the US version for consistency in all documents.
- The RTAC leadership group will begin meeting virtually on a quarterly basis, with one annual face-to-face meeting.
- The nursing education modules were successfully tested. Ms. Flor expressed her thanks to those who offered feedback. The modules will be uploaded onto a Cloud environment soon. Hospitals will be able to download the modules into their own Learning Management Systems. The process for requesting access to the modules will go out in an e-Trauma update soon.
- Coffee with the Coordinators is open to all. There has been great feedback and engagement. This is a relaxed educational opportunity that is held quarterly. The Microsoft Teams link for the next one on January 24<sup>th</sup> is on the website.
- Cori Sybrant from MMRTAC presented the RTAC's Geriatric Resource at TQIP. Applause was given to thank Ms. Sybrant for representing MMRTAC and Minnesota.

## Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) Update

Mr. Dylan Ferguson reported:

- Added functionality for hospitals to find additional EMS reports on the Hospital Hub was shared. Some have started using this already, directly importing EMS run reports into MNTrauma.

- A comprehensive statewide financial analysis on the costs of operating an ambulance service has been published. This is the first of its kind and is gaining national attention. The report is available on the EMSRB website.
- A new Legislative EMS Task Force was recently appointed. It will be chaired by Rep. John Huot and Sen. Judy Seeberger. The first meeting will be on December 8th.

## American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma (COT) Report

Dr. Klinkner reported:

- Information on funding will be sent to the organizations that teach ATLS.
- MNCOT is still financially supporting Rural Trauma Team Development Courses (RTTDC), including our border hospitals who put on the courses.
- Her term as COT Chair ends in March 2025. Transition planning has already begun.
- The most recent TQIP meeting was in November and their updated Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) guidelines will be released in January.
- The spring COT meeting will be in March 2023 in Chicago.
- Updates of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition ATLS app will be released next year.

## Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Ms. Peterson reported that the St. Cloud Hospital was designated as a Minnesota Level 2 Trauma Hospital following a successful ACS verification. The hospital representatives were congratulated!

Ms. Peterson reviewed the hospitals recommended by the ARC for designation:

- **Level 3:** Lakewood Health System, Staples; M Health Fairview Southdale Hospital, Edina; Mayo Clinic Health System – Mankato
- **Level 4:** Avera Tyler; Hendricks Community Hospital Association; Mayo Clinic Health System - Lake City; Mayo Clinic Health System in Red Wing; Meeker Memorial Medical Center, Litchfield; Mille Lacs Health System, Onamia; Owatonna Hospital; Prairie Ridge Hospital and Health Services, Elbow Lake; Sanford Luverne Medical Center; Sanford Westbrook Medical Center; St. Gabriel’s Hospital, Little Falls

**Ms. Grimm motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and adopted, with the following recusals:** Dr. Drevlow from Owatonna Hospital; Dr. Klinkner from Mayo Clinic Health Systems; Ms. Grimm from Mayo Clinic Health Systems; Dr. Jacobs from M Health Fairview Southdale; and Mr. Ebeling from Sanford Luverne. The hospital representatives were congratulated!

Ms. Peterson reviewed hospitals recommended by the ARC for six-month extensions of their current designation to continue working on deficiencies:

- **Level 3:** Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center, Detroit Lakes
- **Level 4:** Essentia Health Sandstone; Northfield Hospital; St. Francis Medical Center, Breckenridge (12-month extension)
- **Administrative 6-month extensions:** Level 4: Madelia Community Hospital

**Ms. Grimm motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and adopted.**

Ms. Peterson noted the following hospitals that self-reported compliance issues with L3 or L4 criteria. These hospitals have submitted plans to remedy their issues and no action was needed.

- Allina facilities; Mayo Clinic Health System – Lake City

Ms. Flor reviewed the post-site visit survey dashboard. Surveys are sent to the TPMs, TMDs, and CEOs following their site visits. The dashboard is an overview of the past calendar year. Staff follows up with hospitals with any concerns. There were suggestions to separate feedback for MD and RN reviewers on the surveys. Staff will work to make those changes for the next site visit season surveys.

## Trauma Program Manager Networking Meeting Report

Ms. Heidi Altamirano from the L1 and L2 Trauma Program Managers reported:

- Discussions on grey book requirements.
- Discussed staffing and FTE challenges
- Registry systems reviewed and compared
- Kudos to Level 3 and 4 hospitals that transfer trauma patients to Level 1 and 2s.
  - Recent trends noted include:
    - Open fractures receiving antibiotics in a timely manner
    - Better use of the trauma narrator
    - Inpatient review processes
  - Struggles continue with 30-minute transport contact goal

Ms. Caitlin Pohlen from the L3 and L4 Trauma Program Managers reported:

- Discussion/brainstorming with group for 2024 agenda items
  - PI was a key topic.
  - Creating a pool of TPMs that could be used to assist with case review when the site TPM is providing the care.
- Looking to bring back the SharePoint for TPMs.

## Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) Briefings

Ms. Deb Syverson reported on behalf of the Western Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (WESTAC):

- Attendance in-person and remotely has been good.
- Dr. Ralph Morris, a retired public health physician, who has been helping WESTAC will be retiring after the next meeting. A replacement will be needed.
- A PI case was identified to review next Thursday.
- Sanford's pediatric educator is retiring and was able to do a peds education at their last meeting.

Mr. Dane Meyer reported on behalf of the Southwestern Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (SWRTAC):

- There's been turnover in leadership.
- Purchased tourniquets for hospitals throughout the region so they can be used in Stop the Bleed trainings.
- Their involvement with ACS for Stop the Bleed.
- Creating SWRTAC early activation guidelines.
- Review site visit findings at meetings.

Ms. Sara Stolt reported on behalf of the Central Minnesota Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (CENTRAC):

- There's one position open for a L4 representative.
- Hosted 3 pre-hospital EMS conferences. Scene safety, rig safety, landing safety were discussed. Evaluations were collected. The main feedback was interest in hearing more about case reviews.
- Continues to do Stop the Bleed training.
- They have had trouble keeping engagement with hospitals who have had TPM turnover. This impacts the number of case reviews they can collect for their next meetings.

Break 1:31 p.m. – 1:47 p.m.

## New Business

### **Pediatric Readiness**

Ms. Tracy Larsen reported on Pediatric Readiness. The National Pediatric Readiness (NPRP) Assessment initiative is based on the 2018 Policy Statement: Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department and was developed by NPRP collaborative partners. It is intended to be used to evaluate overall pediatric readiness in Emergency Departments.

### **Adding Site Reviewer Language to L3 and L4 Criteria**

Mr. Held reported on the new contracting process required by the State for site reviewers and why it has been difficult. A statutory change would be needed to make the contracting process smoother. MDH is looking into the potential of this. In the meantime, to support a potential

statutory change in the future, the role of site reviewers at site visits needs to be added to the Level 3 and Level 4 criteria. Mr. Held read the proposed language, which simply states the current practice of the trauma system.

**Dr. Drevlow made a motion to add the language to the criteria as written. It was seconded and adopted.**

### **Healthcare Workforce Presentations**

Dr. Teri Fritsma, MDH research scientist, presented an overview of healthcare workforce data, then focused her comments to rural physicians, surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants. Mr. Ferguson followed with specific data on the EMS workforce. Collectively, these foundational data will provide a common understanding of the workforce crisis and should inform STAC as it considers changes to the Level 3 and 4 criteria.

### **Open Floor**

None

### **Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m. by general consensus.**

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2023, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the North Metro Event Center/Best Western in Shoreview.