

e-Trauma Update

February 2024

State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) Seats Appointed



The Commissioner of Health has made appointments to the open positions on the State Trauma Advisory Council. These terms run from January 9, 2024 to January 3, 2028.

Congratulations to the following STAC members on their reappointments.

Tom Pahl, PA-C, Rural Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant

Angi Grimm, RN, Level 3 or 4 Trauma Program Manager

Dr. Michael McGonigal, Level 1 or 2 Trauma Surgeon

Dr. Kyle Nelson, Level 1 or 2 Neurosurgeon

Rick Breuer, Rural Hospital Administrator

Dr. Julie Gutzmer, Rural General Surgeon

2024 STAC Dates

The State Trauma Advisory Council meets at the [North Metro Event Center/Best Western](#) in Shoreview from 12:30-3:30. These meetings will be live streamed (listen only) through [Microsoft Teams](#).

March 5

June 4

September 10

December 3

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) Corner

The RTAC leadership is now meeting virtually on a quarterly basis, with one face to face meeting annually. This group kicked off their first meeting in January. Thank you to Deb Syverson from the Western Regional Trauma Advisory Committee ([WESTAC](#)) for chairing the group this year. Topics included challenges and successes, injury prevention activities, and regional performance improvement tools.

The Minnesota Metropolitan Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (MMRTAC) has collaborated and developed a geriatric practice management guideline that includes multiple strategies on how to manage/care for geriatric trauma patients. This resource was highlighted in a presentation at the Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Annual Conference in December. The resource can be found on the [MMRTAC website](#).



Trauma Hospitals Re-designated

Congratulations to the recently re-designated hospitals.

Thank you to all for your commitment to providing excellent trauma care.

Level 2:

St. Cloud Hospital was re-verified by the American College of Surgeons.

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

Coffee with the Coordinators

The quarterly session of Coffee with the Coordinators was held on January 24th. This is an interactive conversation, including sharing of templates and resources among colleagues.

Thirty Trauma Program Managers and Trauma Medical Directors from 25 hospitals were in attendance. Topics included Level 3 tools and resources, educational opportunities, performance improvement processes including case finding and standards of care for chart review, Trauma Team Activation (TTA) criteria, team engagement strategies, and tertiary committee meeting minutes.



The next Coffee with the Coordinators is scheduled for **April 24th**. The link to join the virtual meeting is on the [Trauma System website](#) along with a [link](#) to submit your questions. All trauma program staff are welcome to join in.

Performance Improvement (PI) Tips and Tricks

Multiple tools and templates for performance improvement (PI) are available on the trauma website. [Trauma System website- Hospital Performance Improvement](#)

To assist those new to the case review process, a new guidance document has been added called **Trauma Overview Examples of Standards of Care**. This is not required but rather a list of trauma care standards to prompt a critical review of the medical record and the care provided.

Meet New Trauma System Staff



Dee Telkamp is the newest Trauma Designation Coordinator joining the team in September. Along with Tammy and LynMaree, she supports hospitals throughout the designation process.

Dee is from a rural community in Southwest Minnesota. She has experience working as a Trauma Program Manager and ED Manager at Level 3 and Level 4 Trauma Centers.

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Maria Flor is the new Trauma System Coordinator joining the team in September. Her role includes support for the STAC, RTACs, and the Trauma Registry.

Maria is from a rural community in Southern Minnesota. She has experience working as a Trauma Program Manager at Level 4 Trauma Centers.

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