

# State Trauma Advisory Council

## Minutes

March 5th, 2024

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.

Denise Klinkner, M.D.

John Lyng, M.D.

Michael McGonigal, M.D.

Kyle Nelson, M.D.

Thomas Pahl, PA-C

Robert Jacobs, M.D.

#### Members Absent

Farha Ikramuddin, M.D.

Col. Langer

#### MDH Staff

Maria Flor

Tim Held

Tammy Peterson

LynMaree Harris

Zora Radosevich

Dee Telkamp

Gina Vue

### Date, Time, and Place of Meeting, Quorum

The regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Michael McGonigal, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 12:30 PM, at the North Metro Event Center/Best Western, Shoreview, MN. Online viewing of the meeting was made possible via MS Teams. A quorum was present.

### Approve Agenda and December 5, 2023, Minutes

The agenda and the December 5, 2023, minutes were approved as distributed.

## Executive Committee Report

Dr. McGonigal reported:

- A moment of silence to recognize the tragedy in Burnsville.
- Previewed the upcoming vote related to the L3 and L4 criteria evaluation and update.

## Staff Reports

Mr. Held reported:

- In the last seven months, MDH staff has provided over 370 hours of technical assistance to Trauma Program Managers statewide.
- A data sharing agreement is in process with the University of Minnesota. The researchers will use linked datasets of EMS and Hospital data to research trauma outcomes related to EMS resources across Minnesota.
- There are two STAC positions that are not appointed by the Commissioner: The State EMS Medical Director and the Commissioner of Public Safety Designee. Dr. Aaron Burnett's term as the State EMS Medical Director and Colonel Langer's term as the Commissioner of Public Safety Designee are concluding with the changing of their respective roles. Both seats are waiting to be filled. Mr. Held read Colonel Langer's departing comments. The STAC thanked them both for the partnership throughout the years.

Ms. Flor reported:

- Incumbents of the open STAC positions have been reappointed. Congratulations were given to Ms. Grimm, Mr. Breuer, Dr. McGonigal, Mr. Pahl, Dr. Nelson, and Dr. Gutzmer.
- Chair and vice chair terms expire in June. Neither are eligible for reappointment. At the upcoming June meeting, STAC will vote to recommend the next chair to the Commissioner of Health. The STAC will elect a new vice chair.
- Trauma education modules for hospital nurses have been accessed by 80 individuals.
- Curriculum for Trauma 101 is under revision.
- Next Coffee with the Coordinators is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend. There are links on the website to join the meeting and submit questions.

## Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) Update

Mr. Dylan Ferguson reported:

- Direct any questions about the Hospital Hub to Dave Rogers from the EMSRB.
- Trainings on how to use ImageTrend tools are in process. Please share any feedback related to those tools.
- The Legislative EMS Task Force has conducted five listening sessions.
- An EMS funding bill to support struggling ambulance services is underway.
- The board has thanked Dr. Burnett for his work over the years. There will be an appointment over the next few months to name his successor and a new State EMS Medical Director.

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

Dr. Klinkner reported:

- Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Conference was held in December.
- Best practices guidelines for geriatric trauma were released and available on the ACS website.
- Information for the ACS COT rural advisory council was shared. QR code for online application to volunteer was displayed.
- An ATLS app will release soon for the 10<sup>th</sup> edition.
- Spring COT meeting is this week. There will be a special session on pediatrics within adult systems. Dr. Iyegha from Regions and Dr. Scott from Duluth are on that panel.
- The MN Surgical Society's annual meeting will be at the Loews, Minneapolis on May 3-4, 2024. Dr. Leah Tatebe will present about trauma informed care.

## Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Ms. Harris reviewed the ARC's motion to recommend the following hospitals for designation:

- **Level 3:**
  - Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, St Louis Park
  - United Hospital, St. Paul
- **Level 4:**
  - Astera Health, Wadena
  - Mayo Clinic Health System – Fairmont
  - Olivia Hospital & Clinic
  - Perham Health
  - Ridgeview LeSueur Medical Center
  - Welia Health, Mora

**The motion was adopted, with the following recusals:** Dr. Drevlow from United Hospital, St. Paul; Dr. Klinkner from Mayo Clinic Health Systems; Ms. Grimm from Mayo Clinic Health Systems; and Mr. Ebeling from Perham Health. The hospital representatives were congratulated!

Ms. Harris reviewed the ARC's motion to recommend the following hospitals extension of their current designation to continue working on deficiencies:

- **Level 4:**

- Cambridge Medical Center (re-extension to 9/2024)
- Essentia Health Northern Pines, Aurora (3/2025)
- United Hospital District, Blue Earth (3/2025)
- **Administrative 6-month extensions:**
  - Level 3:
    - Avera Regional Medical Center, Marshall (3/2025)
  - Level 4:
    - Lake View Memorial Hospital, Two Harbors (12/2024)
    - Ortonville Area Health Services (12/2024)

**The motion was adopted, with the following recusals:** Dr. Drevlow from Cambridge Medical Center.

Ms. Harris reported that Sanford Jackson Medical Center withdrew their Trauma Hospital Designation. They are planning to reapply in the future.

Ms. Harris 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 is needed.

- Glencoe Reginal Medical Center (L4)
- Lake Region Medical Center, Fergus Falls (L3)

## Trauma Program Manager Networking Meeting Report

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

- Discussions on grey book requirements.
- Registry systems reviewed and compared.
- Discussion on referral hospital, follow ups, and triaging transfer calls internally.
- Ms. Bong has an opening for ATLS and ATCM on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for those interested.

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

- Ms. Merleen Knott will be the co-chair.
- Discussion around PI and sharing forms.
- Classes and resources available for education opportunities.
- The reopening of the TPM Teams page.

**Break 2:03 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.**

## Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) Briefings

Dr. Jon Gipson reported on behalf of the Metropolitan Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (MMRTAC):

- Education efforts on Stop the Bleed and the introduction of gun lock and safety are part of their injury prevention efforts. They plan on providing this education at the State Fair again this year.
- Working on a multi-year project the Children's Hospital and the University of Minnesota to create guidelines for pediatric and geriatric patients.
- Continuing education on "time out" for EMS reports.
- The use of the new nursing education modules.

Ms. Jane Smalley reported on behalf of the Northern Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (NERTAC):

- Continue educating Stop the Bleed and Train the Trainers.
- Partnered with DNR to purchase helmets and provide ATV education for kids.
- Looking to standardize DMIST with reports/hand-offs.
- Challenges with participation and filling positions.
- Turnover seems to be improving in the region.
- Interest in providing their fall prevention pamphlets at the Arrowhead EMS conference.

Ms. Flor reported on behalf of the Southern Minnesota Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (SMRTAC):

- Stop the Bleed scholarships available.
- Continue Stop the Bleed education at county fairs and Farm Fest (in collaboration with SWRTAC).
- Education subgroup provided ultrasound trainings.
- TPM subgroup discussed nursing modules and TNCC.
- Dr. DaRocha is the new chair.

## New Business

### Work plan for Updating Level 3 and 4 Criteria

Dr. McGonigal presented the charges that the Executive Committee worked on. **Dr. Drevlow motioned to amend the charge to combine L3 and L4 groups. Dr. Lyng seconded. Amendment adopted.**

**Dr. Drevlow motioned to charge the combined group. Dr. Lyng seconded. Motion adopted.**

Anyone interested in joining this workgroup should reach out to Ms. Flor. A list of volunteers will be provided to the STAC Chair for his appointment. There is a link on the website to submit criteria change suggestions.

## Open Floor

Mr. Ebeling shared how EMS is dealing with spinal restrictions. There has been decline in back boarding and c-collar usage. Discussed the differences in Trauma guidelines and EMS guidelines.

Mr. Pahl announces the Minnesota Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Project trainings are still available. There are two years left of this project. 117 facilities are eligible to participate in this program to train providers how to use ultrasound in the critical care setting. Please reach out to Mr. Pahl with any questions.

## Adjournment

**The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.**

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 2023, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the North Metro Event Center/Best Western in Shoreview.