Hospital Administrator Sought to Serve on the State Trauma Advisory Council

The Commissioner of MDH is looking to fill a seat on the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) for a hospital administrator. The seat is currently held by John Fossum from Ely, who will be vacating that seat in December just ahead of his retirement. The person filling the seat must be a hospital administrator of a Level 3 or 4 trauma hospital located in a designated rural area as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1501, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

The State Trauma Advisory Council was established 2005 to advise, consult with and make recommendations to the Commissioner regarding the development, maintenance and improvement of the statewide trauma system. The multi-disciplinary council meets quarterly and members have opportunities to serve on various work groups and subcommittees.

To apply for the hospital administrator seat, visit the Secretary of State’s website. Applications are currently being accepted and will continue until the commissioner makes his appointment, but not before November 27.

For more information about the hospital administrator seat, contact Chris Ballard, Trauma System Coordinator, at 651-201-3841.

New Officers for the STAC

Dr. Edward Ehlinger, Minnesota Commissioner of Health, has recently re-appointed Dr. Ron Furnival as the chairman of the State Trauma Advisory Council. Dr. Furnival has been the STAC’s
pediatrician representative since 2009 and has been active on several committees including the Applicant Review Committee and the Performance Improvement Work Group.

Dr. Craig Henson has been elected by the STAC to serve as vice-chair. Dr. Henson has been the STAC’s rural general surgeon representative since 2016 and also serves on the Applicant Review Committee.

Dr. Henson replaces Carol Immermann, who has served as vice-chair for two years. Ms. Immermann, the STAC’s Level 1 Trauma Program Manager representative, continues to serve on several subcommittees of the STAC.