STAC Members Appointed

MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm has appointed five new members to the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) and re-appointed one member. The six officers began their four-year terms on January 7, 2019.

Dr. Steven Lockman was re-appointed as the Rehabilitation Specialist. Dr. Lockman, from Hennepin County Medical Center, has served on the STAC since 2015. He and the rest of the Council are now joined by five new members:

- Tami Bong, R.N., the Trauma Program Manager at St. Cloud Hospital
- Mark Ebeling, Paramedic, EMS Director at Perham Area EMS
- Denise Klinkner, M.D., Pediatric Trauma Medical Director at Mayo Clinic Hospital Eugenio Litta Children’s Hospital
- John Lyng, M.D., Emergency Medicine Physician at North Memorial Health Hospital
- Elizabeth Weber, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon at Children’s Minnesota

The STAC's Rural Level 3 or 4 Family Medicine Emergency Physician seat remains open and applications for the office continue to be accepted. To qualify for the seat, an applicant must be a physician certified by the American Board of Family Medicine or the Osteopathic Board of Family Practice, and whose practice includes emergency department care in a Level 3 or 4 trauma hospital in a designated rural area. Interested candidates should file an application with the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Five long-serving STAC members have retired from the Council. Commissioner Malcolm recognized Peter Cole, M.D.; Dan DeSmet, Paramedic; Ron Furnival, M.D.; John Hick, M.D.; and Carol Immermann, R.N. for their dedicated service to the citizens of Minnesota.

STAC Adopts New Level 4 Criteria

At their December 2018 meeting, the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) adopted new criteria for Level 4 trauma hospitals. While the new criteria must be implemented by January 1, 2020, hospitals may elect to implement it sooner. With the adoption of the new criteria, the STAC also repealed some existing Level 4 criteria requirements.
The trauma system is hosting informational webinars in January and February to help hospital trauma program leaders understand the new criteria and to provide a forum to ask questions. All Level 4 Trauma Hospitals are encouraged to register for one of the sessions.

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### 2019 MNTrauma Data Dictionary Published

The [2019 MN Trauma Data Dictionary](#) was recently published. It defines each of the data elements and their associated value options that are recorded in the trauma registry and the traumatic brain injury/spinal cord injury registry. The dictionary plays an important role in contributing to a reliable and accurate data set by helping registrars to understand precisely what information is being solicited by any given data field.