

State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting

June 5, 2018

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Minnesota Department of Health
Shoreview Community Center, Shoreview

Minutes

Members Present

Rick Breuer
Peter Cole, M.D.
Ron Furnival, M.D.
Craig Henson, M.D.

John Hick, M.D.
Carol Immermann, R.N.
Alan Johnson, PA-C
Steven Lockman, M.D.

Sharon Moran, M.D.
Mark Paulson, M.D.
Robert Roach, M.D.
Gayle Williams, R.N.

Members Absent

Aaron Burnett, M.D.
Dan DeSmet

Matt Langer, Colonel

MDH Staff

Chris Ballard
Cirrie Byrnes
Marty Forseth

Tim Held
Mark Kinde
Tammy Peterson

Zora Radosevich

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Furnival called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. Both State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) and audience members introduced themselves.

Approve Agenda and March 13, 2018 Minutes

Dr. Hick moved acceptance of both the agenda and the minutes from the March meeting as written. Dr. Paulson seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Mr. Held reported:

- Both he and Mr. Ballard attended the conference of the National Association of State EMS Officials in Rhode Island in May where participants discussed the proposal to develop a national trauma system at length. The proposal would create partnerships between military and civilian trauma care providers and establish minimum national standards for trauma systems. Many questions remain, such as how a national standard might affect individual states' sovereignty.
- He now sits on the EMS Regulatory Board (EMSRB) as the MDH commissioner's representative. Mark Schoenbaum previously held the seat until his recent retirement.

Mr. Ballard reported:

- The Trauma Program 101 class held on April 3 in Mankato was successful. Thirty-two people attended from 24 facilities despite the occurrence of a blizzard on that day. Another training is planned for early October in Grand Rapids.
- Several STAC members' terms will expire in January 2019. The Secretary of State's office will post those vacancies on their website this fall.

2019 STAC Meeting Dates

Dr. Furnival reviewed the 2019 STAC meeting dates—March 5, June 4, September 10, December 10—and requested STAC members and audience to alert staff right away if conflicts with major industry meetings or conferences are known to exist.

Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Ms. Peterson reported that the Committee recommended Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit Lakes; Grand Itasca Hospital and Clinic, Grand Rapids; Lake Region Medical Center, Fergus Falls; and St. Francis Medical Center, Shakopee for designation as Level 3 trauma hospitals. The Committee also recommended Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Crosby; Essentia Health-Ada; Essentia Health-Sandstone; Northfield Hospital; Olmsted Medical Center, Rochester and Sanford Bagley Medical Center for designation as Level 4 trauma hospitals. **Dr. Paulson recused himself from the vote on Sanford Bagley Medical Center. Dr. Hick moved to recommend the hospitals for designations. Dr. Paulson seconded; the motion carried.**

Ms. Peterson then reviewed the hospitals recommended for 12-month extensions of their current designation due to deficiencies. They include Sanford Worthington Medical Center, CentraCare Health System-Long Prairie; Mahnommen Health Center; Mayo Clinic Health System-Albert Lea and Austin, Austin; Mayo Clinic Health System-Cannon Falls; Redwood Area Hospital, Redwood Falls and St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls. **Dr. Paulson recused himself from the vote on Sanford Worthington Medical Center and Ms. Immermann recused herself from the vote on all Mayo Health Clinic System hospitals. Mr. Johnson moved to recommend designation extensions for these hospitals. Mr. Breuer seconded; the motion carried.**

Ms. Peterson reviewed the hospitals recommended for administrative extensions, which assist the system with distribution of the workload, noting that the extensions are not associated with deficiencies. They are: Cambridge Medical Center; Hutchinson Health; Prairie Ridge Hospital and Health Services, Elbow Lake; Children's Minnesota-St. Paul; Owatonna Hospital (through September 2018); Douglas County Hospital, Alexandria; Glencoe Regional Medical Center; New Ulm Medical Center; Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center, Arlington (through March 2019); and Lakeview Memorial Hospital, Two Harbors (through September 2019). **Ms. Williams recused herself from voting on Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center. Dr. Paulson moved to recommend designation extensions for these hospitals. Mr. Breuer seconded; the motion carried.**

Election of Officers

Mr. Ballard reported that both the STAC Chair and Vice Chair seats are open. He noted that the Chair may serve up to two consecutive two-year terms and is appointed by the MDH commissioner, but that the STAC makes a recommendation to the commissioner. The Vice Chair may serve only one two-year term and is elected by the STAC.

Dr. Furnival opened the floor to nominations for Chair. **Mr. Breuer nominated Dr. Henson to serve as the next STAC Chair; Ms. Immermann seconded. Dr. Henson accepted the nomination.** There were no additional nominations. **Dr. Henson was unanimously recommended.**

Dr. Furnival then opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. **Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Breuer; Dr. Moran seconded. Mr. Breuer accepted the nomination.** There were no additional nominations. **Mr. Breuer was unanimously elected.**

EMSRB-STAC Joint Policy Committee Report

Mr. Ballard reported that the Committee reviewed two applications for deviation to the trauma system EMS field triage guidelines: Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital Ambulance Service and Clara City Ambulance Service. The applications sought to transport major trauma patients to the closest hospital, regardless of whether the closest hospital is a designated trauma hospital. The Committee recommended that the EMSRB deny both applications.

The Committee also reviewed regional major trauma transport reports. Of 250 major trauma cases transported in 2016, fewer than ten percent were transported to facilities that were more than thirty minutes away. Once refined, the regional trauma advisory committees will be the eventual recipients of the reports.

Level 4 Criteria Proposal and Comments

Mr. Ballard reported that between 35 and 40 comments were received during the public comment period, most pertaining to proposed admission criteria. STAC members discussed the comments first before Dr. Furnival opened the floor to the audience. There was considerable discussion about several components of the proposal, particularly the trauma admission criteria. Then Dr. Furnival announced his intention to refer the comments to the Level 4 Subcommittee and to expand the subcommittee's membership to ensure comprehensive representation while they consider refinements to the proposed admission criteria and other areas of the proposal.

American College of Surgeon – Committee on Trauma Update

No report.

Open Floor

No issues.

Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is September 11, 2018, from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street North, Shoreview. With no further business, Dr. Furnival adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.