

State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting

March 5, 2019

12:30-4:00 p.m.

Minnesota Department of Health
Shoreview Community Center, Shoreview

Minutes

Members Present

Rick Breuer

Aaron Burnett, M.D.

Mark Ebeling, Paramedic

Craig Henson, M.D.

Alan Johnson, PA-C

Denise Klinkner, M.D.

Col. Matt Langer

Steven Lockman, M.D.

John Lyng, M.D.

Sharon Moran, M.D.

Mark Paulson, M.D.

Robert Roach, M.D.

Elizabeth Weber, M.D.

Gayle Williams, R.N.

Members Absent

Tami Bong

MDH Staff

Chris Ballard

Tim Held

Tammy Peterson

Gina Vue

Zora Radosevich

MDH Staff Absent

Marty Forseth

Mark Kinde

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Henson called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. The new State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) members introduced themselves along with the rest of the STAC members and audience members.

Approve Agenda and December 4, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Ballard reported a correction to agenda item number five: The University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital is recommended as a Level 3 hospital rather than a Level 4. **Mr. Breuer moved acceptance of both the minutes from the December meeting as written and the agenda as corrected. Dr. Lockman seconded; the motion carried.**

Staff Reports

Mr. Held reported that the Health Care Access Fund fee collection is set to expire at the end of 2019. Approximately one-third of the trauma system's budget comes from this fund. Governor Walz's legislative proposal would remove the sunset, thus allowing for the continuation of the fund. He will continue to follow the proposal through the legislative process.

Mr. Ballard asked STAC members to review and sign their annual Conflict of Interest Acknowledgements; and he asked new STAC members to sign their Oaths of Office. He continued by reporting:

- Four webinars were offered since the December 2018 STAC meeting to review the new Level 4 Trauma Hospital criteria with hospital leaders while they plan for the transition to the new criteria. He reviewed the attendance statistics.
- *Trauma Program 101* will be offered in Mankato on April 24, 2019.
- Commissioner Malcolm has appointed a successor to Dr. Paulson, which will be announced in the coming weeks. He thanked Dr. Paulson for continuing to serve beyond the anticipated end of his term.

EMS Regulatory Board Update (EMSRB)

Dr. Burnett reported:

- Minnesota is the newest state chapter of the National Association of EMS physicians.
- Children's Hospital's application for an ambulance license was granted with modifications.
- The EMS Regulatory Board's Medical Director Standing Advisory Committee passed a motion similar to one passed by the STAC in December. The motion supports the concept that the closest helicopter should be dispatched to a request from either a first responder or hospital.

Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Ms. Peterson reviewed the Applicant Review Committee's re-designation recommendations:

- Level 3
 - Alomere Health, Alexandria
 - Riverwood Healthcare Center, Aitkin
 - University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, Minneapolis
- Level 4
 - Community Memorial Hospital, Cloquet
 - District One Hospital, Faribault
 - Fairview Northland, Princeton
 - Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center, Arlington
 - St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul

Ms. Williams recused herself from the vote on Ridgeview Sibley. Mr. Breuer recused himself from voting on Community Memorial. Dr. Paulson moved that all of the hospitals be recommended for designation. Dr. Klinkner seconded; the motion carried.

Ms. Peterson reviewed the hospitals recommended for extensions of their current designations due to deficiencies:

- Level 4
 - Glencoe Regional Health Services
 - New Ulm Medical Center
 - Sanford Canby Medical Center
 - St. John's Hospital, Maplewood

She noted that all hospitals are recommended for 12-month extensions with the exception of Sanford Canby Medical Center, which is recommended for a six-month extension.

Ms. Peterson then reviewed the hospitals recommended for administrative extensions, which are not related to a deficiency but rather to assist the system to evenly distribute site visits:

- Level 3
 - Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center
- Level 4
 - CentraCare Health System - Monticello

Dr. Paulson and Mr. Ebeling recused themselves from the vote on Sanford Canby Medical Center. Dr. Paulson moved to recommend designation extensions for these hospitals. Dr. Lyng seconded; the motion carried.

Ms. Peterson also added that Lakewood Staples reported they were out of compliance with the surgeon coverage requirement. The issue has been remedied and no additional action is needed.

Data History and Vision

Mr. Ballard provided an overview of the history of trauma system data and the STAC's vision for its use within the system.

-Break-

Level 3 Trauma Hospital Criteria Update Recommendations

Mr. Ballard introduced proposed changes to Level 3 criteria, noting that most of the suggested changes are housekeeping in nature and are being proposed to align the language and concepts with the new Level 4 criteria.

Members proposed the following changes to the printed recommendations:

- Respiratory Therapy: Include other allied health professionals along with respiratory therapists and registered nurses as acceptable people to manage ventilators.
- Trauma Admissions
 - Table 1: Add "isolated" to rami fractures.

- Admission policy: Rewording the fourth bullet point to read more smoothly.
- Transfer in the Event of Deterioration: Include a footnote identical to that in the Level 4 criteria suggesting that hospitals unable to meet the requirement due to geographic constraints contact staff to discuss a variance.
- Transfer
 - Add the phrase, "...when medically appropriate" to the exception clause allowing transfer to a Veterans Administration Medical Center.
 - Add a footnote indicating that transfer agreements with burn centers address patients with frostbite injuries as well as thermal and chemical burns.
- Multidisciplinary Case Review
 - Move "anesthesia" from the 'must attend' group to the 'might attend' group.
 - Add "emergency medical services" to the 'might attend' group.
 - Change second sentence to, "Representatives from other surgical subspecialties, anesthesia, administration, nursing, emergency medical services and ancillary service personnel *must also attend when required by the trauma program manager and the trauma medical director.*" (emphasis added)
- Equipment, Emergency Department: Replace "End-tidal CO₂ detector" with "Quantitative end-tidal CO₂."

Dr. Paulson moved to accept the proposed changes as modified without public comment and to be effective January 1, 2021. Dr. Lyng seconded. After some discussion, Mr. Breuer offered an amendment to collect public comment on those criteria indicated by Mr. Ballard's highlights. Drs. Paulson and Lyng accepted the amendment. The motion carried.

Open Floor

No issues.

Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street North, Shoreview. Dr. Henson adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.