

# State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting

December 10, 2019

12:34-3:10 p.m.

Minnesota Department of Health  
Shoreview Community Center, Shoreview

## Minutes

### Attendees

#### Members Present

Tami Bong, R.N.

Rick Breuer

Aaron Burnett, M.D.

Kris Drevlow, D.O.

Mark Ebeling, Paramedic

Craig Henson, M.D.

Denise Klinkner, M.D.

Col. Matt Langer

Steven Lockman, M.D.

Sharon Moran, M.D.

Rober Roach, M.D.

Elizabeth Weber, M.D.

Gayle Williams, R.N.

#### Members Absent

Alan Johnson, PA-C

John Lyng, M.D.

#### MDH Staff

Chris Ballard

Marty Forseth

Tim Held

Mark Kinde

Tammy Peterson

Zora Radosevich

Gina Vue

### Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Henson called the meeting to order at 12:34 a.m. Both State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) and audience members introduced themselves.

### Approve Agenda and September 10, 2019 Minutes

**Mr. Ebeling moved acceptance of both the agenda and the minutes from the September meeting with the attendance to be corrected to include Dr. Lockman as present and Dr. Klinkner as absent. Dr. Moran seconded; the motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## Staff Reports

Mr. Held reported:

- The trauma system recently hired Kaila Long Voelker, a student from the University of Minnesota who is pursuing a Masters in degree in Public Health, to assist with data analysis and data linkages.
- Staff continues to work with the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board to re-establish a data sharing agreement enabling the trauma system to access EMS data.

Mr. Ballard reported:

- Mayo Clinic Health System – Springfield, a Level 4 Trauma Hospital, will close on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- In March, the STAC will meet in the Shoreview Room instead of the usual Wedell Community Room.
- Staff recently hosted webinars outlining the new Level 3 Trauma Hospital designation criteria for trauma program managers and trauma medical directors.
- Staff will offer webinars in January and February explaining the new Level 4 Trauma Hospital performance improvement requirements.
- Six STAC members' terms will be expiring in January 2020. Dr. Roach and Ms. Williams are not eligible for reappointment. They were recognized for their eight years of service. Dr. Henson, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Moran have all served on the STAC for four years. They are eligible for re-appointment. Mr. Breuer has served for two years and is eligible for re-appointment. All are encouraged to spread the word to interested candidates.

## Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board Update (EMSRB)

EMSRB Executive Director Tony Spector proposed a solution to the data sharing problem before the STAC that involves hospitals abstracting the EMS report and reporting the data via the trauma registry. Mr. Held commented that staff are reviewing the proposal and will soon be ready to respond.

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

Dr. Klinkner reported:

- The COT attended an advocacy dinner sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and used the opportunity to seek legislation to support the Stop the Bleed program.
- The Minnesota COT's first place resident paper placed second at the regional competition.
- The Minnesota Surgical Society received a grant with which it plans to host a "physician day" in March of 2020.
- The COT's Rural Committee plans to survey rural Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospitals to gather information that will help to shape future trauma education. Minnesota's Level 3 and Level 4 Trauma Hospitals should expect to receive the survey soon.

- The American College of Surgeons recently published model practice management guidelines for elder abuse and child abuse.
- The Minnesota COT proposed a collaborative project with the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) to improve cell coverage in rural Minnesota. The MMA is now moving that initiative forward to committee.

## Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Ms. Peterson reviewed the Applicant Review Committee’s designation recommendations:

- Level 3: Carris Health – Rice Memorial Hospital, Willmar; Sanford Bemidji Medical Center
- Level 4: CCM Health, Montevideo; Lake View Memorial Hospital, Two Harbors; LifeCare Medical Center, Roseau; River’s Edge Hospital, St. Peter; Mayo Clinic Health System – Fairmont; Ortonville Area Health Services; Sanford Thief River Falls Medical Center; Sanford Wheaton Medical Center

**Ms. Bong moved to recommend designation of the hospitals. Mr. Breuer seconded.** Dr. Klinkner recused herself from the vote on Mayo Clinic Health System – Fairmont. Mr. Ebeling recused himself from the vote on Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, Sanford Thief River Falls Medical Center and Sanford Wheaton Medical Center. Ms. Bong recused herself from the vote on Carris Health – Rice Memorial Hospital. **The motion carried.**

Ms. Peterson then reviewed the applicants recommended for extension of their current designation:

- Due to deficiencies: Buffalo Hospital; Madison Hospital; Murray County Medical Center, Slayton; Riverview Health, Crookston; Windom Hospital.
- For administrative purposes: Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia; Olmsted Medical Center, Rochester; Sanford Bagley Medical Center.

**Dr. Drevlow moved to recommend designation extensions for these hospitals. Mr. Ebeling seconded.** Dr. Drevlow recused herself from the vote on Buffalo Hospital. Mr. Ebeling recused himself from Sanford Bagley Medical Center. Ms. Williams recused herself from the vote on Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia. **The motion carried.**

Ms. Peterson further reported Ridgeview Medical Center requested to have its designation level changed from Level 3 to Level 4. The commissioner granted the request.

## Level 4 Trauma Admit Work Group

Mr. Ballard reviewed the Level 4 Admit Work Group’s recommendations. The work group resolved all but one question, which is left for the STAC. Dr. Roach recommended that the second bullet point in Section 10.1 be left as printed:

*Concussion with a traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage, a GCS motor score of 6 and not taking an anti-coagulant or anti-platelet medication other than aspirin after consultation with a trauma-trained general surgeon or neurosurgeon*

Rather than abbreviated:

*Concussion with a traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage after consultation with a trauma-trained general surgeon or neurosurgeon*

Further discussion ensued about the number of rib fractures that could safely be admitted without requiring oversight by a surgeon.

**Dr. Drevlow moved to adopt the proposed work group recommendations as printed with the following changes:**

- **Move “Three or more rib fractures, or sternum fracture, or scapula fracture after consultation with a trauma-trained general surgeon” to Section 10.2.**
- **Add “One or two rib fractures” to Section 10.1.**
- **Add the phrase, “...continuously on call” between “is” and “patients” in first sentence of Section 10.2.**

**Dr. Moran seconded. The motion carried.**

-Break-

## STAC's Strategic Direction

Mr. Ballard reviewed the list of ideas for trauma system priorities generated at the September STAC meeting that have now been ranked from highest to lowest priority by STAC members. Of the 26 distinct ideas, data-related projects ranked highest followed by EMS-related and clinically related projects. The value of the data and how it is currently being used was discussed. The aggregated data is regularly used by staff. Hospitals and regional trauma advisory committees can run standardized reports anytime. The STAC will revisit its strategic direction discussion in March.

## "Cost of Trauma" Report Brainstorming Session

Mr. Ballard stated that the trauma system would like be prepared to report the cost of trauma to legislators and policy makers leading up to and during the 2021 session. He inquired as to what metrics might be used to describe the value of the trauma system in terms of health care costs. Ideas such as number of transfers, length of hospital stay, and mortality and morbidity measures such as nosocomial pneumonia, urinary tract infection, deep vein thrombosis were suggested. Colonel Langer added that metrics are not as engaging as stories about people who are alive because of the system should be spotlighted.

## Open Floor

No issues.

## Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street North, Shoreview. **Dr. Klinkner moved to adjourn. Ms. Bong seconded. The motioned carried by unanimous consent.** Dr. Henson adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.