

# State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting

September 10, 2019

12:38-3:20 p.m.

Minnesota Department of Health  
Shoreview Community Center, Shoreview

## Minutes

### Attendees

#### Members Present

Tami Bong, R.N.

Rick Breuer

Aaron Burnett, M.D.

Mark Ebeling, Paramedic

Craig Henson, M.D.

Alan Johnson, PA-C

Col. Matt Langer

Steven Lockman, M.D.

John Lyng, M.D.

Sharon Moran, M.D.

#### Members Absent

Kris Drevlow, D.O.

Denise Klinkner, M.D.

Robert Roach, 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 12:38 a.m. Both State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) and audience members introduced themselves.

### Approve Agenda and June 4, 2019 Minutes

**Mr. Johnson moved acceptance of both the agenda and the minutes from the June meeting as printed. Ms. Bong seconded; the motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### Staff Reports

Mr. Ballard reported:

- Six STAC members' terms will be expiring in January 2020. He encouraged everyone to spread the word to interested candidates.
- The designation site reviewers attended the Reviewers Summit on August, 29, 2019 where they were oriented to changes in the trauma system and provided their feedback from their experiences conducting site visits.

- A Trauma Program 101 class is will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Bemdji. He encouraged trauma medical directors, trauma program managers and hospital administration staff to consider attending.

## Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board Update (EMSRB)

Dr. Burnett reported that the EMSRB has stopped providing MDH with a copy of the EMS data out of uncertainty as to whether or not the Board has the authority to do so. He noted that data sharing is important to the STAC's work and makes it possible to monitor the system's performance through all stages of patients' acute care. Without the EMS records, the system is unable to understand how and where to make improvements.

**Mr. Ebling moved that the STAC request an official legal opinion regarding the sharing of EMSRB data with MDH. Dr. Lyng seconded the motion.** Mr. Ballard added that the next logical steps are not clear because this issue is very new. Mr. Langer suggests crafting the motion to have MDH staff proceed with determining a remedy.

After discussion, **Ms. Bong moved to lay the motion on the table. Mr. Breuer seconded. The motion carried.**

**Col. Langer moved that the STAC requests MDH staff to seek a resolution to the data sharing challenge between MDH and the EMSRB. Mr. Ebeling seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

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

- Level 3
  - Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park
- Level 4
  - Cambridge Medical Center
  - Children's Minnesota, St. Paul
  - Essentia Health Northern Pines, Aurora
  - Hutchinson Health
  - Owatonna Hospital
  - Peham Health
  - Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Wabasha
  - Sanford Canby Medical Center
  - United Hospital District, Blue Earth

**Mr. Johnson moved to recommend designation of the hospitals. Ms. Bong seconded. Dr. Burnett recused himself from the vote on Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital. Mr. Ebeling recused himself from the vote on Perham Health and Sanford Canby Medical Center. Dr. Moran recused herself from the vote on Essentia Health Norther Pines. The motion carried.**

Ms. Peterson then reviewed the Level 4 applicants recommended for extension of their current designations for 12 months due to deficiencies:

- Bigfork Valley Hospital
- Cook Hospital
- LakeView Memorial Hospital, Two Harbors
- Tri-County Health Care, Wadena
- Ridgeview LeSueur Medical Center

Ms. Peterson then reviewed the Level 4 applicants recommended for administrative extensions, which are not related to a deficiency but rather to assist the system in distributing site visits evenly:

- Mayo Clinic Health System – Fairmont
- Essentia Health Holy Trinity – Graceville
- Glacial Ridge Medical Center, Glenwood
- Regina Medical Center, Hastings

**Dr. Moran moved to recommend designation extensions for these hospitals. Dr. Johnson seconded; the motion carried.**

Ms. Peterson also reported Rainy Lake Medical Center, International Falls and Sanford Worthington Medical Center submitted self-report letters. The issues reported has been remedied and no additional action is needed.

## Issue Brief: Surgeons Working at both Level 4 Trauma Hospitals and Tertiary Trauma Hospitals

Mr. Ballard reported that trauma system staff received a question regarding the fifth bullet point in section 10.1 of the new Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria: Must the trauma surgeon at a tertiary hospital be consulted, or may a trauma surgeon from a tertiary hospital who is working at the Level 4 hospital at the time be consulted? Staff is unsure of how to respond. Dr. Henson noted that this issue is for discussion but not necessarily action.

Dr. Lyng highlighted the importance of this topic in light of the Minnesota Supreme Court's recent decision on April 17 of this year in Warren vs. Dintner.

The discussion turned from the topic at hand to the question of whether any trauma-trained surgeon could be consulted before admitting a patient with chest injuries. The STAC members agreed that they would like to have more discussion about that question. MDH staff will coordinate with the executive committee to assemble a work group.

Col. Langer excused himself at 2:16pm.

Mr. Breuer noted that the published language is clear that the surgeon called must be "at a tertiary hospital" and trying to operationalize it otherwise would be confusing.

-Break-

## STAC's Strategic Direction

Mr. Ballard highlighted the significant accomplishments of the trauma system to date. There is now an opportunity to consider what the system's priorities should be going forward.

A brainstorming session ensued when many ideas for the trauma system's next initiatives were listed. Staff will organize the ideas so that STAC members can begin setting priorities at the December meeting. Mr. Ballard invited all stakeholders to send any additional ideas to him.

## Open Floor

No issues.

## Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street North, Shoreview. **Dr. Burnett moved to adjourn. Mr. Breuer seconded. The motioned carried by unanimous consent.** Dr. Henson adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.