

# State Trauma Advisory Council

June 2, 2020  
12:32 p.m. – 1:29 p.m.  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Webinar/teleconference

## Minutes

### Attendees

#### Members Present

Tami Bong, R.N.	Maria Flor, R.N	John Lyng, M.D.
Rick Breuer	Julie Gutzmer, M.D.	Kyle Nelson, M.D.
Aaron Burnett, M.D.	Denise Klinkner, M.D.	Thomas Pahl, PA-C
Kris Drevlow, D.O.	Steven Lockman, M.D.	Elizabeth Weber, M.D.
Mark Ebeling, Paramedic	Michael McGonigal, M.D.	

#### Members Absent

Col. Matt Langer

#### MDH Staff

Chris Ballard	Tammy Peterson	Gina Vue
Marty Forseth	Zora Radosevich	

#### MDH Staff Absent

Mark Kinde	Tim Held
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### Call to Order and Welcome

Mr. Breuer called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

### Approve Agenda and April 22, 2020 Minutes

**Dr. McGonigal moved to adopt the agenda; Dr. Burnett seconded. The motion carried.**

**Dr. McGonigal moved to accept the March 3 and April 22, 2020 meeting minutes as printed; Ms. Bong seconded. The motion carried.**

### Staff Reports

Ms. Radosevich reported:

- Applications for the \$150 million COVID-19 Health Care Response grant are still being accepted and organizations in need are encouraged to apply.
- MDH's response to the public health emergency is still on going. Many MDH staff continue to be re-assigned to pandemic duties.

Mr. Ballard reported:

- Some pandemic-related assignments on which trauma program staff are working seem to be winding down, though assignment to new pandemic duties is likely. So far, staff have been able to keep up with most of their trauma system work.
- Commissioner Malcolm extended hospitals' trauma designations for an additional year. As such, re-designation site visits are suspended for one year. Focused visits will continue to be performed remotely.
- Staff are working to publish a request for proposals (RFP) for a software product to replace the trauma system's current electronic designation application. Dedicated funds for the project will expire in June 2021 if not spent.
- Staff are also preparing an RFP to identify a vendor that can produce online trauma educational videos for hospital nursing staff that satisfies the Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospital training requirements.
- The trauma impact study discussed at the March STAC meeting is on hold due to staff re-assignments.
- The proposed 2021 STAC meeting dates are March 2, June 8, September 14, and December 7.

## Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board Update (EMSRB)

Dr. Burnett reported that the EMSRB continues to keep agencies informed about changes in helicopter services' ability to operate in the metro area due to civil unrest. Dr. Burnette also noted that there's an uptick in EMS responses, reversing the trend of fewer service requests at the beginning of the pandemic. The EMSRB maintain up-to-date metrics on their website.

## Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Mr. Forseth reported that North Memorial Health Hospital was re-designated as a Level 1 Trauma Hospital, having successfully completed the American College of Surgeons verification process.

Mr. Forseth continue to present the applicants recommended for designation as Level 4 Trauma 4 Trauma Hospitals by the Applicant Review Committee: Bigfork Valley Hospital; CHI St. Joseph's Health, Park Rapids; Madelia Community Hospital; Mayo Clinic Health System – Lake City; Mayo Clinic Health System in Red Wing; Sanford Bagley Medical Center; Winona Health.

**Mr. Ebeling moved to recommend designation of the hospitals; Dr. Lyng seconded.** Mr. Ebeling and Mr. Pahl recused themselves from the vote on Sanford Bagley. Ms. Flor and Dr. Klinkner recused themselves from the vote on Mayo Clinic Health System in Red Wing. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Forseth then reviewed the recommendations for extension of hospitals' current designation by the Applicant Review Committee: Essentia Health Virginia; Meeker Memorial Hospital, Litchfield; Mercy Hospital, Moose Lake; Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

**Dr. Lyng moved to recommend designation extensions for the hospitals; Dr. McGonigal seconded.** Ms. Bong recused herself from the vote on Meeker Memorial Hospital. Mr. Ebeling recused himself on the vote on Sanford Laverne Medical Center. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Ballard noted that North Memorial Health Hospital is no longer a designated Pediatric Level 2 Trauma Hospital. Dr. Lyng of North Memorial Health Hospital added that the change is due to their inability to maintain the admission volume requirements for the designation, not because of resource capabilities.

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

Dr. Klinkner reported that the spring meeting of the Minnesota COT was cancelled. As of yet, it is unknown if the fall meeting will occur. A virtual meeting seems likely.

### Election of Officers

Mr. Ballard provided an overview of the chair and vice-chair positions. Mr. Breuer invited volunteers for the chair position. Mr. McGonigal indicated his interest briefly noted his reasons for seeking the office. **Ms. Bong moved to recommend Dr. McGonigal for the office of chair; Dr. Klinkner seconded.** No other nominations were made. **The motion passed unanimously.** Staff will forward the recommendations to the Commissioner.

Mr. Breuer then invited volunteers for the position of vice chair. Both Mr. Pahl and Dr. Drevlow indicated their interest and both shared their reasons for seeking the office. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots were cast and Mr. Pahl was elected.

### Open Floor

Mr. Ballard thanked Mr. Breuer for his service as vice chair of the STAC over the last two years.

### Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., location to be determined. **Mr. Ebeling moved to adjourn; Dr. Klinkner seconded. The motioned carried by unanimous consent.**

Mr. Breuer adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.