

# State Trauma Advisory Council

## Minutes

March 2, 2021

Webinar/Teleconference

### Attendees

#### Members Present

Rick Breuer

Aaron Burnett, M.D.

Kris Drevlow, D.O.

Mark Ebeling, Paramedic

Maria Flor, R.N.

Julie Gutzmer, M.D.

Denise Klinkner, M.D.

Steven Lockman, M.D.

John Lyng, M.D.

Michael McGonigal, M.D.

Kyle Nelson, M.D.

Thomas Pahl, PA-C

Elizabeth Weber, M.D.

#### Members Absent

Tami Bong, R.N.

Col. Matt Langer

#### MDH Staff

Chris Ballard

Gina Vue

Marty Forseth

Tim Held

Tammy Peterson

Zora Radosevich

### Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. McGonigal called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. The STAC members introduced themselves.

### Approve Agenda and December 8, 2020 Minutes

**Mr. Pahl moved to adopt the agenda and minutes as distributed; Dr. Lyng seconded. The motion carried by general consensus.**

### Staff Reports

Mr. Ballard reported:

- The Strategic Initiatives Work Group had their inaugural meeting with 12-14 members attending. There was diverse representation with a strong EMS presence. They plan frequent, short meetings, and hope to complete their charge quickly.
- Yesterday was the deadline for submission of proposals to develop trauma training modules for nurses. MDH staff hope to select a vendor and have the training modules available by this time next year.

## Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board Update (EMSRB)

Mr. Rogers reported that the data use agreement between the EMSRB and MDH is with the board's Assistant Attorney General. The Data Policy Committee will review it next.

Mr. Rogers also reported that the EMSRB is in the process of implementing the Hospital Hub, which allows hospitals to access and download ambulance service patient care reports.

Dr. Burnett reported that the Medical Director's Standing Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. is open to the public.

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

Dr. Klinkner reported:

- The Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) is offering a mentor/mentee program for ACS-verified trauma centers.
- Virtual site visits are expected to continue for ACS-verified sites. Most visits can be accomplished in one day. Sites with both pediatric and adult verifications may elect a two-day visit.
- The spring COT meeting is next week.
- Region 5 met last week and plans a hybrid meeting in the fall when Minnesota will be the sponsoring COT.

## Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Mr. Forseth reviewed the one hospital recommended by the ARC for designation as a Level 3 Trauma Hospital: Lakeview Hospital, Stillwater.

**Dr. Weber moved to recommend Lakeview Hospital for designation as a Level 3 Trauma Hospital; Mr. Pahl seconded. Drs. Burnett and McGonigal recused themselves from the vote. The motion carried.**

## Temporary Level 3 & 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria

Mr. Ballard reviewed the temporary modifications to the Level 3 & 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria that were adopted by the STAC in April last year to alleviate some of the demands on hospitals' health care workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also reviewed the survey data from Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospitals and Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) course sites, and feedback for the Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALs) program about the current demands on hospitals' health care workforce and the availability of trauma education.

Dr. Drevlow recommended that the training requirements be extended. Dr. Nelson, Mr. Pahl, and Ms. Flor concurred, Ms. Flor suggesting that messaging include encouragement to obtain the training early.

**Mr. Pahl moved to extend the Temporary Modifications to the Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria until January 1, 2022; Dr. Lyng seconded. The motion carried.**

## Nurse Trauma Training Requirements

Mr. Ballard reminded the Council of the new requirement for floor nurses caring for trauma patients at Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospitals to have trauma training. He reviewed the trauma system's plan to engage a vendor to produce e-learning trauma education modules and make them available to hospital nurses in early 2022 at no cost. Ms. Flor reported that many hospitals are not yet prepared to provide the in-house training for their nurses. The Council discussed the option of deferring the requirement until a later date to allow hospitals to take advantage of the free training.

**Mr. Ebeling moved to defer the trauma training requirement for floor nurses at Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospitals until January 1, 2022; Mr. Pahl seconded. The motion carried.**

## Open Floor

No issues.

## Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 12:30-2:30 p.m., via webinar.

Dr. McGonigal reminded everyone to begin thinking about how the trauma system can demonstrate its value. He asked everyone to consider, from their own perspectives, how the provision of trauma care has changed over the last 10-15 years and how that change might be represented by data. Bring your ideas to the June STAC meeting.

**Mr. Ebeling moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Drevlow seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

Dr. McGonigal adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.