

State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

MINUTES PREPARED BY: TRAUMA SYSTEM STAFF

LOCATION: NORTH METRO EVENT CENTER, SHOREVIEW MN

Member Attendance

- Rick Breuer
- Tami Bong, R.N.
- Mark Ebeling, Paramedic
- Julie Gutzmer, M.D.
- Robert Jacobs, M.D.
- Kim Johnson, R.N.
- Michael McGonigal, M.D.
- Kyle Nelson, M.D.
- Thomas Pahl, PA-C
- Peter Tanghe, M.D.

Staff Attendance

- Maria Flor
- LynMaree Harris
- Tim Held
- Tammy Peterson
- Dee Telkamp
- Gina Vue

General Audience in attendance

See Appendix for list of general audience in attendance.

Agenda

Approval of Agenda and June 3, 2025, Minutes – Tom Pahl, PA-C

The agenda and the June 3, 2025, minutes were approved.

Staff Reports – MDH Staff

Mr. Held reported:

- The 20th anniversary for the State Trauma System will occur at the December STAC meeting.

Ms. Flor reported:

- The education plan to include new Trauma Medical Director (TMD) and co-TMD orientation.
- Trauma Program 101 is on October 29, 2025. Trauma Program Managers, Trauma Medical Directors, and Hospital Administrators are all encouraged to attend.

Data Work Group Report

Ms. Flor reported that the work group has developed a hospital report tool to share trauma data with hospitals. The data work group is seeking the STAC's approval to move forward with the set of data points for the initial trauma hospital report.

Ms. Sarah Tannert-Lerner showcased the hospital reports with variables.

Mr. Ebeling motioned to approve the data work group's recommendation to share the trauma data with hospitals. Ms. Bong seconded. No opposed. All in favor.

Applicant Review Committee Report – LynMaree Harris

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) verified the following hospitals:

- ACS Re-verification Level 1:
 - Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota – Minneapolis (Pediatric)
 - North Memorial Health Hospital, Robbinsdale
- ACS Re-verification Level 2:
 - Mercy Hospital, Coon Rapids
- ACS Re-verification Level 2 (extension):
 - Aspirus St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth

The Applicant Review Committee (ARC) recommends the following hospitals for either designation or designation with follow up:

- Level 3 designate with follow up:
 - Essentia Health St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd

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- Level 3 designate with follow up:
 - M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, Minneapolis
- Level 4 designate:
 - Avera Granite Falls Health
 - CentraCare Health – Paynesville
 - CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre
 - Essentia Health Northern Pines, Aurora
 - Mayo Clinic Health System – Waseca
 - Ortonville Area Health Services
 - Rainy Lake Medical Center, International Falls
 - Sanford Canby Medical Center

The vote to approve ARC's recommendation was adopted with the following recusals: Ms. Bong from CentraCare Paynesville and Sauk Centre; Dr. Jacobs from M Health Fairview University; Mr. Ebling from Sanford Canby.

The ARC recommends the following hospitals' extension of their current designation, to continue working on deficiencies:

- Level 3 designation extensions
 - Lakewood Health System, Staples
- Level 4 designation extensions
 - Stevens Community Medical Center, Morris
 - United Hospital – Hastings Regina Campus
 - Welia Health, Mora

The vote to approve ARC's recommendation was adopted with the following recusals: Ms. Johnson from United Hospital.

The ARC recommends the following hospitals' extension of their current designation, while they await a site visit:

- Level 3 designation administrative extensions
 - M Health Fairview East Bank (extend from March 2026 to September 2026)
- Level 4 designation administrative extensions
 - Cambridge Medical Center (extend from March 2026 to June 2026)
 - Essentia Health Sandstone (extend from December 2025 to June 2026)
 - Hutchinson Health (extend from March 2026 to September 2026)

The vote to approve ARC's recommendation was adopted without recusals.

Level 3/Level 4 Criteria Work Group Report

Ms. Flor reported:

- A review of the STAC charge for this workgroup.
- The steps for criteria change starting from the workgroup creation to recommendations, public comment, STAC approval, and implementation.
- A Criteria Crosswalk was created to include helpful tips for reference.

Dr. McGonigal reported:

- The net changes of the Level 3 and Level 4 criteria of the percentage of modifications.
- Level 3 and Level 4 criteria recommendations for removals, areas of clarifying language, and improvements were reviewed.

The vote from STAC to allow the criteria changes to go to public comment was motioned by Mr. Breuer and was seconded by Dr. Gutzmer. All in favor. None opposed. The criteria change copies for the Level 3 and Level 4 criteria will be made public on the Statewide Trauma System's website.

Open Floor

None.

Next meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: North Metro Event Center, Shoreview MN

Appendix

- Jonathan Gibson, North Memorial
- Danielle Kleszyk, Sanford Bemidji
- Caleb Roiko, CHI St. Joseph's Park Rapids
- Krista Steele, Essentia Health Deer River
- Meagan Trast, Essentia Health Aurora
- Leah Grote, Essentia Health Virginia
- Melissa Beaver, Owatonna Allina Hospital
- Dylan Ferguson, MN OEMS
- Amy Howard, Cuyuna Regional Medical Center
- Nicole Van Erp, Allina Faribault Medical Center
- Mel Thorson, North Memorial
- Mandy Sturges, Glencoe Regional Hospital
- Kim Johnson, Meeker Memorial Hospital
- Kim Johnson, New Ulm Medical Center
- Katie Bennett, Windom Area Health
- Rachel Ducherer, Mayo Clinic Rochester
- Linda Vogel, Essential Health
- Mary Gerchman Smith, Essential Health Duluth
- Cynthia Olmsted, Essentia Health Duluth
- Elizabeth Beckendorf, Olivia Hospital
- Todd Emanuel, Mayo Rochester
- Heidi Altamirand, Regions Hospital
- Mark Johnsten, Regions Hospital
- Jonathan Marshall, Cambridge
- Vickie Nowling, Cambridge
- Ellie Vanerk, Ruham Health
- Joshua Chan, Glacial Ridge Health
- Candace Metzger, Stevens Community Medical
- Suzie Eklund, Stevens Community Medical

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- Alyx Bystrom, Ridges Hospital
- Mary Kay Kaiser, Southdale Hospital
- Lisa Pearson, VMMC
- Kelly Handyside, Grand Itasca
- Shannon Olsen, Masonic Children's
- Katie Lacey, Northfield ED
- Tanda Tavakley, M Health Fairview John's/Woodwinds
- Cori Sybrant, North Memorial
- Meghan Simpson, Children's St Paul
- Lucas Goodin, Arrowhead, NERTAC
- Courtney Brandt, M Health Lakes and Northland
- Jeffer Lodermeier, United Hospital
- Deb Syverson, Sanford Health
- Jennifer Deisler, North Memorial
- Melanie Surlley, North Memorial
- Ann Gihl, CALS Program
- Peggy Sue Garber, MCHS
- Bobbi Sandber, MCHS
- Kari Coates, MCHS
- Gwen Meyer, Mayo
- Mila Knott, Sanford Thief River Falls
- John McCormick-Deaton, M Health Fairview
- Nancy Nykeig, Allina Mercy Hospital
- Adam Shadier, AEMSA
- Amanda Sextun, EUH
- Mark Scott, Essentia – SMMC
- Sara Stolt, CentraCare/CENTRAC
- Carissa Wilcox, CentraCare/MTRA
- Jodi Triplett, CentraCare
- Laura Gonska, CHI St. Joseph's Health Park Rapids

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- Laura Plasencia, Children's Minnesota
- Alison Adams, Methodist Hospital
- Karen McClean, Lakeview Hospital
- Tammy Gallagher, Hennepin
- Colleen Wood, Hennepin
- Karen Lam, Hennepin
- Kaytlin Hanson, Hennepin
- Beth Aller, Hennepin

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