



## State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting

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### Minutes

**Date/Time:** January 22, 2014

**Chair:** James O. Wyatt III, MD

**Location:** Wake Med Andrews Center  
Raleigh, NC

**Recorder:** Michele Jordan

Members Present: Regina Crawford, Amy Douglas, Carolyn Foley, Angie Chislom, Brenda Medlin, Dale Hill, Osi Ukekwa, Ginger Wilkins

Guest: Will Ray

**NEXT MEETING:** April 16, 2014

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Wyatt.

Minutes were approved.

### STATE REPORT

Chief Crawford gave a brief update on the rules and how the revisions are going. The rules are updated approximately every two years. The current rules are being reviewed to be in regulations of House Bill 74. A webinar was given across the state. All sites were not able to connect. A face to face visit was done with two of the eastern sites. The rules are publicized and they are open for comment. Comments are opened through Feb. 28, 2014. Chief may extend that through April and some of March. The task force will meet again on March 10, 2014. There were very few comments on the trauma rules. The goal is to have the trauma rules line up with the ACS. A draft will be put together to address the comments that were given. The task force may meet in May to the Advisory Council to ask for permission to enter into the rule making process.

Response time was discussed when it comes to traumas. Response times for a Level 1 are immediately and for Level 2, the response time is 15 minutes. There is variability in response times at different institutions.

The NCCEP is currently in the approval process for spinal clearance protocol and trauma arrest protocol. Dr. Winslow is the process of working on a redraft of the Trauma Triage Destination Template. The trauma PI study is still being worked on for a time to transfer from non trauma centers to trauma centers. The RSI PI project is ongoing. A statewide project is in process for looking at pediatric seizures. Project Lazarus is being coordinated on the management of overdosing in the prehospital setting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Injury Prevention:** No report

### **Trauma Program Managers:**

Angie Chisolm informed the panel that Northeast have a new Trauma Program Manager, Paige Gesing.

The data dictionary is still not up. Corrections and edits are being done. This will be a reference only and will be posted on the website. EPIC work group is continuing, there has been some trouble with getting the trauma population, there is no EMR documentation. By-laws for TPM group on website. Standardize reports were discussed. A request for web conferences was submitted. There is a phone conference for the trauma program managers that is going successfully.

### **Registrars:**

There are 3 new registrars, one from UNC, Presbyterian and Forsyth. There was some discussion about data entering and how to enter it in. Standardize report presentation in the group. The ASIS course will be the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb. of this year. Registrar Symposium at New Hanover tentative date is May 16, 2014. There will be an ICD-10 course in June 23-24, 2014. This course is trauma focused. Registration is open and it will be held at CMC.

### **RAC Coordinators:**

There is a new RAC coordinator for the Mid Carolina RAC at UNC. EMS funding program is very successful. Feedback was given. There are a number of ATLS courses coming soon. Duke, Baptist and WakeMed will be holding courses in the upcoming months. If there is anyone who needs to take the course, please contact the center for more info. RAC will be offering education to any facility who wants it.

### **PI Subcommittee:**

There was a discussion about import and the ability to import data. Across the state, primarily is the EMR and there are two or three facilities that are server based. It was asked how to flag patients. The NTDB data elements for 2014 brought up the subject of EMS and trauma activations and how many facilities have EMS trauma activations or how many EMS stations are calling into the facility and the facility is making the call.

A poll was done to see how it was measured. There were only about 3 that have true EMS personnel calling activations. There is a new UNC Pediatric Trauma Program Manager.

### **Committee on Trauma Report:**

Data quality, demographic background data was discussed the quality outcome of a patient. The research committee has many projects going on and they will be implemented soon. It was asked that how are deaths being recorded across the state. The EMR webinar was a good start to rectify the EPIC issues that are going on across the state. Future follow-ups will be implemented for the improvement of the EPIC software.

Some of the outcome data may be hurting some institutions with low ISS scores in patients brought in dead or near dead and no obvious injuries. DOA's do not get scored. ED deaths documentations injuries will get scored. There are no national standards on entering data for ISS and there should be some consistent data definitions on this matter.

**NC ATS:**

Grants are still opened until March 1, 2014. Ian Weston will be planning on attending the April STAC meeting.

**Regional Healthcare:**

The development of the coalition is to be aware of the healthcare preparedness and response. There have been much momentum and monthly meetings are being held. The focus is identification of partners and federal budgeting. Guidance is needed at the federal level. Other facilities in the state are being researched on the preparedness and what has worked well. The next meeting will be in March. There may be more information on the federal budget soon. There are some RACS that are members of the coalition. RACs will continue to be members. Training and planning are being implemented. More partners will participate with the Healthcare Coalition.

Meetings adjourn.