



# MINUTES

## STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC)

Date: January 21, 2015  
Time: 11:00 am  
Location: High Point, NC

Facilitated by: Dr James Wyatt

Recorder: Beverly Tolbert

Attachments: None

**NEXT MEETING:** APRIL 15, 2015

**Members Present:** Kim Bailey, Michael Barringer, Michael Chang, Thomas Clancy, Regina Crawford, Amy Douglas, Elizabeth Dreesen, Carolyn Foley, George Ross, Sharon Schiro, Michael Thomason, Becky Ward, Ginger Wilkins, James Wyatt, Jennifer Haynes

### Minutes/Summary

- Call to Order
- Minutes were approved
- **State Report**  
Regina Crawford
  - Thanked everyone for support while she had been away.
  - Rules-
    - EMS and Trauma rules were approved at Advisory Council in 2014. Due to priority matters with Medical Care Commission rules were set aside. They are scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> agenda for Trauma rules to go forward.
  - Office of EMS continue to move forward on community care medicine initiatives working closely with Mental Health and our partners to move forward with Medicaid expansion some of ACO models hearing is being discussed at General Assembly that will affect DMA if gets moved out of Department of Health & Human Services that will have strong effect if they with ACO models.
  - State Medical Directors update:
    - Regina Crawford gave report for Tripp Winslow. The updated Triage and designation for burn and triage has been submitted to COT.
    - Sharon Schiro has been working trauma database research project.
    - Narcan for law enforcement is moving forward and TXA is being used for some of the critical programs.
  - Amy Douglas:
    - Amy stated the last 6 months of the year will be very busy with site visits that are held every 2 or 3 years with a bunch of groups. 3 site visits are ACS centers.
    - Rules of ACS criteria's are moving slow. Partial RIP's she sent to Trauma Program manager with the charge criteria centers for review.
    - Cone Health, Dr Wyatt's center will be the first center under the new guidelines. Tentative dates are August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Duke and Wake Forest are other two ACS centers in the fall.
    - Registry initiatives are going to start working on to make our registry product a little more streamlined and more stable product.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Injury Prevention- Kim Bailey**
    - Elected new Injury Prevention chair. Chair elect is Leigha Shepler, Cone Health and Co-chair is Colleen Mistvich at New Hanover.
    - State will be hosting variety of different summits this year.
      - ◆ Fall Prevention Summit- April 15 2015 at UNC Friday Center
      - ◆ Suicide Prevention Summit- May 12, 2015 at NC State McKinnon Center-Youth and Family track
      - ◆ Poison Prevention Summit- July 2015 – details to come.



## Minutes/Summary

### • **Trauma Program Managers**

Trauma Program Manager- Jennifer Haynes

- Discussed there is a lot of new trauma registrars in the state and new ACS guidelines states they need registry course within first year. Discussing of putting together a State Resource orientation manual for registrars.
- NC hosting a registry course to help decrease cost. Course is 400 or 500 dollars a person and is difficult for centers budgets. Suggested looking into having on State registry course and different options to help registrars.
- Reviewed Nursing and CME Trauma hours to help provide some standardization throughout state since being benchmarked to be on the same page.

### • **Registrars**

Trauma Registrars- Becky Ward

- Group discussed the need for training for Registrars.
- Have almost completely completed 2015 data dictionary. Need to meet as Registrar group for training on new changes and filed that will be required by state. New pick lists and criteria that need to know about seeing the dictionary since starts January 2015. Would like to get scheduled as soon as possible and conveniently so that centers can get all of their staff to it. All registrars will want to be able to attend so that they can understand everything to be able to collect and make sure everyone is consistent and accurate.
- Sharon Schiro asked group to discuss what was hindering registrars from being able to collect data in timely manner and the group will have to come back with that. The group wants to know what is important for reporting and researching. Need input from STAC group.
- Discussed CIS has new process with PCR's and the timely process. It's creating a lot of problems with the process to print.
- The group is excited that Wake Med has agreed to hold Trauma Registrar Symposium on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2015. Will be a education forum. Jennifer Haynes to ask ATS for ATS training at trauma symposium.

### • **RAC Coordinators**

RAC Coordinator- George Ross

- Discussed CISM throughout state. George stated hard to find programs available and who the contacts are for these programs. George stated unsure if state has a program in place for CISM if had recent talks about installing a program for providers across state for EMS, Fire and hospitals. Regina Crawford stated Peggy Handlin is on team in Wake County which is a member of State HPP staff. She has access but haven't internally looked at together through office of EMS. Chip Moonum with New Hanover is developing CIS for their RAC and will based mainly out of New Hanover. Gail with Triad RAC has a system that has been in place for a while. Group would like to ask State to look to see if program can be built up some or give contact so that teams are available. Regina Crawford stated may be a team has a relationship. Region J is who Peggy was affiliated with and will look into it and it was discussed at ASPR site visit. Regina stated she would get back to group.
- Data Collection for RAC pertaining to referring facilities. New ACS requirements one of them investigates under triaged to outside hospitals and how can they accurately judge. They never have access to those data sheets and the ACS is now suggesting that we have access to those and be responsible for looking at that information. Discussed NC Detect System that's currently in Public Health injury area and would like to suggest of adjusting some of those data sets to include trauma data sets that come from those hospitals. All RAC's have had them come and do presentations.
- Rural Trauma Team Development Course- George had a conversation with Amy Douglas about barriers were seeing as RAC's for rural hospitals providing the course. It has become very difficult to get physicians to attend class. ATLS is held higher. It's becoming harder for EMS to come since they get training from Community College. Dr Thomason stated may plan to focus on ER medical director to be available or commit to send physician.
- New Hanover is holding their Trauma Symposium February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

### • **PI**

PI-Carolyn Foley

- Carolyn recognized Carol Bullard who submitted abstract on Injury Prevention with Fire Department and it was accepted. Operation Heat and Eat will be at Society of Trauma Nurses in March 2015. Rhonda Vincent with Wake Med was selected as an item writer for a new trauma certified nurse nursing test that is currently in the process. She will represent health system and the State.
- NC standardized reports update were submitted in December and hope to see them end of January or first of February.



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Carolyn contacted Rhonda at DI gave general information release will be same time across North Carolina. It will come packaged in RDE file in email attachment to everyone then imported into report writer at your institution. There isn't any downtime related. Post installs steps discussed with Rhonda once installed there is a reconnect to database in report writer that is required.

- Trauma PI coordinators new PI nomenclatures some hospitals will be active in implementing and participating and some have chosen not to participate, which is fine it is not a mandate. Rhonda at DI designed a excel spreadsheet that has drop downs in it so that it's a tool that everyone regardless of what centers database is or stored in. Document can be used if desired to do. Definitions and criteria that was designed as an effort to be standardized as a state and each institution could customize as you begin process.
- Denise Verga, Cone Health has been very instrumental in helping design a PI resource book for the new people so they will have information to make decisions and will hold conference calls to discuss.

- **ATS**  
**Ginger Wilkins**

- Reminded group that grant applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. They have no applications as of yet. Encourage everyone to go to NC ATS website and look at requirements.

- **COT Report**

Chair of Trauma- Dr. James Wyatt, MD

- Dr Wyatt announced 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cone Health Trauma Symposium will be April 21 2015 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament April 20 2015 to raise money for trauma victim's that need medications or therapies after being discharged from hospital.
- Dr Thomason announced Dr Peter Fisher. He was recognized by National COT and inaugurated for future trauma leader's initiatives. There were 2 individuals selected that within 5 years of their fellowships to put them on state COT that would be effective member to be engaged in committees, TQIP, research and other areas. They had 62 applicants from entire country and Dr Peter Fisher was picked for a two year stint.
- Amy Douglas spoke for Dr Christmas who could not attend on Hospital 109 amendment or repel on the helmet law. It is a 47 year old helmet law, there are 70 people joining that are not in support of 440,000 motorcyclist with reasoning of personal choice. It will make it unenforceable with law enforcement. Dr Christmas will be in touch.
- The group discussed there are large amounts of data with V5, will be pairing down data points. COT to have webinar training for report writer. COT grouped suggested to John Kutcher with DI to go to each center to see what the registrars are doing.

- **John Kutcher – Digital Innovations**

- Gave presentation on TQIP Collaborative.

**Meeting Adjourned.**