

State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting

March 3, 2020

12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Shoreview Community Center, Shoreview

Minutes

Attendees

Members Present

Tami Bong, R.N.

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.

Col. Matt Langer

Steven Lockman, M.D.

John Lyng, M.D.

Kyle Nelson, M.D.

Thomas Pahl, PA-C

Elizabeth Weber, M.D.

Members Absent

Michael McGonigal, M.D.

MDH Staff

Chris Ballard

Tim Held

Tammy Peterson

Zora Radosevich

Gina Vue

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Breuer called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. The new State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) members introduced themselves along with the rest of the STAC members and audience members.

Approve Agenda and December 10, 2019 Minutes

Ms. Bong moved to adopt the agenda as printed and Dr. Weber seconded. The motion carried. Dr. Burnette moved to accept the minutes from the December meeting as printed and Dr. Lockman seconded. The motion carried.

Staff Reports

Mr. Held reported:

- Attorneys for the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB), Minnesota Department of Health, and Department of Administration recently met to determine if the EMSRB has the legal authority to share pre-hospital care data with MDH. They concluded that the board does indeed have the necessary authority. The EMSRB and MDH are now in the process of negotiating a data use agreement.
- The Rural Health Conference is June 15-16 in Duluth. He encouraged everyone to review the program and consider attending. The agenda addresses a broad range of rural health issues, including EMS-related issues. Mr. Breuer added that the registration fee for one attendee from each Critical Access Hospital is reimbursable.

Mr. Ballard reported:

- The Trauma Program 101 class on April 2 in Mankato is open for registration. Trauma program managers/coordinators and trauma medical directors are encouraged to attend.
- At its June meeting, the STAC will elect a chair and vice chair. He encouraged all members to consider serving on one of the offices.
- Staff investigated concerns raised by some stakeholders about the accuracy of the trauma registry data. No discrepancies were found, which indicates that the data is valid and reliable.
- In June, Mr. Ballard will be attending the annual meeting of state trauma system managers at the National Association of EMS State Officials conference. He offered to carry messages or questions to the national venue.
- Several webinars providing a more detailed explanation of the Level 4 Trauma Hospital designation criteria were offered. Sixty-four people attended and the webinars were well received.
- May is trauma awareness month.

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board Update (EMSRB)

Dr. Burnett reported that EMS—particularly rural EMS—trauma transfers could be delayed if the COVID-19 pandemic aggravates the EMS workforce shortages. He encouraged everyone to integrate this potential eventuality into their contingency plans. He suggested that the Joint Policy Committee be assembled if the EMS industry begins to experience stress during the pandemic.

Dr. Burnett also noted that the Medical Director Standing Advisory Committee, which provides physician guidance to the Board, would be meeting during the Long Hot Summer conference on March 13.

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

Dr. Klinkner reported that March 11 is the Minnesota Medical Association's *Day at the Capital*. The COT will be primarily representing two initiatives: improving EMS communication infrastructure with online medical direction and Stop the Bleed education.

Member Updates Roundtable

- Mr. Ebeling reported about staff shortages in rural EMS.
- Ms. Flor reported that 90% of her staff is trained for Stop the Bleed. They continue to expand training in the community.
- Ms. Bong deferred to Ms. Stolt who introduced the Central Minnesota Regional Trauma Advisory Committee's upcoming pre-hospital conference on April 16.
- Dr. Burnett is working with a multi-specialty committee to develop a position statement about the use of ketamine.
- Mr. Breuer announced that the fire district in Cloquet is expecting 40% of its professional staff to retire in the next five years, prompting serious staffing concerns.
- Mr. Ballard spoke on behalf of Dr. McGonigal. The ACS is updating the verification requirements for trauma centers. Several significant changes are expected around registrar volumes, trauma quality improvement and post-traumatic stress screening. The new standards are expected spring 2021.
- Mr. Pahl shared his interest in furthering quality and training around point of care ultrasound, which offers many benefits in rural trauma care. He invited those with similar interests to collaborate.
- Dr. Lockman announced that March is brain injury awareness month.

State Trauma Advisory Council Member Overview & Strategic Direction

Because so many STAC members are new to their role, Mr. Ballard provided a history and overview of the trauma system. The overview included Council structure, EMS field triage, data resources, performance metrics, hospital designation statistics, budget and past, present and future initiatives. He encouraged STAC members to introduce new initiatives that are important to the trauma system.

Mr. Breuer shared his experience as vice chair, noting that it has been a rewarding experience. He encouraged members to volunteer for the officer roles.

-Break-

Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Ms. Peterson reviewed the Applicant Review Committee's designation recommendations:

- Level 3: Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center
- Level 4: CentraCare Health – Monticello; Glencoe Regional Health Services; M Health Fairview St. John's Hospital, Maplewood; M Health Fairview Woodwinds Hospital,

Woodbury; Maple Grove Hospital; Mayo Clinic Health System – New Prague; New Ulm Medical Center

Ms. Bong moved to recommend designation of the hospitals. Dr. Drevlow seconded. Dr. Klinkner, Dr. Nelson, and Ms. Flor recused themselves from the vote on Mayo Clinic Health System – New Prague. Ms. Bong recused herself from the vote on CentraCare Health—Monticello. Dr. Drevlow recused herself from the vote on New Ulm Medical Center. **The motion carried.**

Ms. Peterson then reviewed the applicants recommended for extension of their current designation:

- Due to deficiencies: Lakeview Hospital, Stillwater; Mercy Hospital—Unity Campus, Fridley; Rainy Lake Medical Center, International Falls
- For administrative purposes: CentraCare Health—Melrose

Dr. Lyng moved to recommend designation extensions for these hospitals. Dr. Klinkner seconded. Dr. Burnette recused himself from the vote on Lakeview Stillwater. Ms. Bong recused herself from the vote on CentraCare Health—Melrose. Dr. Drevlow recused herself from the vote on Mercy Hospital—Unity Campus. **The motion carried.**

Trauma System Impact Study Work Groups

Mr. Ballard introduced the Trauma Impact Study, which seeks to use data to describe the effects the trauma system has had on trauma care. He suggested the formation of two work groups; one to develop measures to compare specific clinical outcomes before and after trauma system implementation, and a second to identify a subject(s) for a human interest story and help produce a communications strategy.

Ms. Bong and Dr. Lyng volunteered for the former work group; Col. Langer and Dr. Lockman volunteered for the latter. Mr. Breuer instructed others with interest to contact staff.

Open Floor

Mr. Breuer reminded STAC members to consider running for office and he reminded everyone to consider volunteering for the work groups.

Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, June 2, 2020 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street North, Shoreview. **Colonel Langer moved to adjourn. Dr. Drevlow seconded. The motioned carried by unanimous consent.** Mr. Breuer adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.