

State Trauma Advisory Council

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

**MINUTES PREPARED BY: MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH**

**LOCATION: NORTH METRO EVENT CENTER/BEST WESTERN,
SHORVIEW**

Attendance

Members Present

- Tami Bong, R.N.
- Kris Drevlow, D.O.
- Mark Ebeling, Paramedic
- Angi Grimm, R.N.
- Julie Gutzmer, M.D.
- Farha Ikramuddin, M.D.
- Denise Klinker, M.D.
- John Lyng, M.D.
- Michael McGonigal, M.D.
- Kyle Nelson, M.D.
- Thomas Pahl, PA-C
- Robert Jacobs, M.D.

Members Absent

- Rick Breuer
- Jordan Haltaufderheid

MDH Staff Present

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

MDH Staff Absent

- Zora Radosevich
- Dee Telkamp

General Audience Attendance

- See attached appendix.

Date, Time, and Place of Meeting, Quorum

The State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mr. Thomas Paul, on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 12:33 PM, at the North Metro Event Center/Best Western, Shoreview, MN. Online viewing of the meeting was made possible via MS Teams. A quorum was present.

Approve Agenda and June 4, 2024, Minutes

The agenda and the June 4, 2024, minutes were approved as distributed.

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Paul introduced himself as the new STAC chair and Dr. Julie Gutzmer as the new vice chair. Dr. Michael McGonigal, former STAC chair, was recognized for his work and was thanked.

The State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) members, MDH staff, and the audience members introduced themselves.

Staff Reports

Mr. Tim Held reported:

- The statute that authorizes the STAC, 144.608 subdivision 2b, expires June 30, 2025. Staff is working to reauthorize this in legislation next year.

Ms. Maria Flor reported:

- The RTAC leadership group will have a summit on September 11th.
- There is a new Trauma Fact Sheet available.
- The new Education Plan offerings lists all education through 2025:
 - Trauma Application/Site Visit Training for hospitals applying for designation or redesignation on October 2nd and November 7th. All hospitals expiring within the next year are invited to attend.
 - Trauma Program 101 on October 11th and April 3rd in St. Cloud. Registration is open and linked on the Trauma website.

- Coffee with the Coordinators is on October 23rd. The link to join and submit questions are on Trauma website.
- L4 Trauma Program Orientation is on November 13th.
- L3 Trauma Program Orientation is on December 10th.
- The new PI Series will be in November, December, and January. These can be taken in any order and does not have a prerequisite requirement. The link to attend is on the Trauma website.

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) Update Date

Mr. Dylan Ferguson reported:

- The EMSRB board will be meeting on September 19th.
- September 16th is the deadline for the ambulance aid application.
- The new EMS director is expected to be appointed by the Governor by October 1, 2024.

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

Dr. Denise Klinkner reported:

- Trauma Education office: the ACS system is scheduled to have an outage in December and suggested education systems avoid using the system on those outage dates.
- The My ATLS application is available for purchase in the App Store for \$9.99. Anyone can download this application. The 11th edition's release date is anticipated in 2025.
- The process to become an ATLS associate instructor for PA or NPs will be live September 24th for those who are eligible. Webinars will be hosted on the 16th and 17th of September for those interested.

Advisory Council on Traffic Safety (ACTS) Report

Dr. Robert Jacobs reported:

- There have been two meetings since the last STAC meeting.
- The Minnesota Traffic Safety website will be updated with a new Roadway Safety Information Center (RSIC) system. It uses Google advanced analytic systems and AI to collect data and improve traffic safety.
- In July 2025, lane splitting for motorcyclists will be legal in Minnesota.

Applicant Review Committee Report (ARC)

Ms. Tammy Peterson reported that the ARC met three times since the last STAC meeting and reviewed the ARC's recommendation of the following hospitals for designation and designation with follow up:

- **Level 3 Designate with follow up:**
 - Lakeview Hospital, Stillwater
 - Sanford Bemidji Medical Center
- **Level 4 Designate:**
 - Cambridge Medical Center (March 2023 to March 2026)
 - M Health Fairview Woodwinds Hospital, Woodbury
 - Maple Grove Hospital
 - Mayo Clinic Health System - New Prague
 - Mayo Clinic Health System – St. James (December exp)
 - Mercy Hospital – Unity Campus, Fridley
 - Winona Health Services

Dr. Kris Drevlow motioned and Dr. Klinkner seconded. The motion was adopted, with the following recusals: Dr. Klinkner and Ms. Angi Grimm from Mayo Clinic Health Systems; Dr. John Lyng from Maple Grove Hospital; Dr. Drevlow from Cambridge Medical Center and Mercy Hospital- Unity Campus; Mr. Mark Ebeling from Sanford Health Systems; Dr. Jacobs from M Health Fairview Systems; and Dr. Kyle Nelson from Mercy Hospital. The hospital representatives were congratulated!

Ms. Peterson reviewed the ARC's recommendation of the following hospitals' extension of their current designation to continue working on deficiencies:

- **Level 4:**
 - Rainy Lake Medical Center, International Falls (12 months - September 2024 to September 2025)
 - Ortonville Area Health Services (9 months - December 2024 to September 2025)

Dr. Lyng motioned and Ms. Bong seconded. The motion was adopted.

Ms. Peterson reviewed the ARC's recommendation of the following hospitals' administrative extensions:

- **Administrative extensions:**
 - Level 3:
 - Lake Region Health System, Fergus Falls (3 months - 3/2025)
 - Sanford Bemidji Medical Center (3 months - 9/2024)
 - Level 4:

- CentraCare Health System – Monticello (3 months - 12/2024)
- Sanford Bagley Medical Center (6 months -6/2025)

Ms. Grimm motioned and Dr. Lyng seconded. The motion was adopted, with the following recusals: Dr. Jacobs from M Health Fairview Systems and Mr. Ebeling from Sanford Health Systems.

Ms. Peterson reviewed the self-report from CentraCare Rice Memorial Hospital regarding surgeon coverage. The hospital has submitted plans to remedy this, no action is needed.

Trauma Program Manager Networking Meeting Report

Ms. Heidi Altamirano from the L1 and L2 Trauma Program Managers reported:

- Discussed grey book criteria for verifications and single vs two-tiered activations.
- Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) benchmarking reports were discussed.
- Registry vendor platform positives and negatives were shared.
- Connected with the L3/L4 TPMs to discuss process of transferring deteriorating inpatients to higher level of care within 120 minutes. Discussed challenges and barriers of patient transfers, as well as having those cases reviewed at the tertiary level or combined reviews between the two hospitals, and PI sharing back to the L3/L4s.

Ms. Caitlin Pohlen from the L3 and L4 Trauma Program Managers reported:

- Discussed about ebike inclusions in TTA criteria's, provider discretion, and the milage associated with those cases.
- Discussions on how to involve or encourage staff to use sign in sheets for Trauma in the emergency departments. Successful PI project shared.
- Discussed neuro checks and spinal precautions and how to monitor. Successful PI project shared.
- There was a presentation on CALS pediatric surgical airway kits and usage.
- Upcoming education opportunities.
- Connected with the L1/L2 TPMs.

Break 1:16 p.m. – 1:32 p.m.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) Briefings

Dr. Gipson reported on behalf of the Minnesota Metropolitan Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (MMRTAC):

- Working on an impactful fall prevention for the elderly in the community.
- Sharing discharge education and discharge resource information across the metro.

- Collecting pediatric injuries and extremities data and will be sharing that information findings on their website soon.
- Trying to get Stop the Bleed into school systems.
- It was MMRTAC's third year at the state fair. Thousands of contacts made, and 500 tourniquets were given away.
- There are challenges with resources around ophthalmology and reimplantation not only around the L3s and L4s but also the L1s and L2s.

Ms. Linda Vogel reported on behalf of the Northern Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (NERTAC):

- Using funding to purchase tourniquets and Stop the Bleed trainings.
- Provided children safety training, ATV safety, and gave away helmets.
- Challenges around funding to support a dedicated RTAC coordinator to evaluate data.

Dr. Daniel Stevens reported on behalf of the Southern Minnesota Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (SMRTAC):

- Continues to have quarterly meetings.
- Participated at the regional fair and passed out Stop the Bleed kits.
- Challenges with engagement at meetings.
- Education has been well received at their meetings thanks to their Education Coordinator.

Unfinished Business

Dr. McGonigal reported the initial Level 3/Level 4 criteria Work group meeting occurred in March, June, July, and September. They are now discussing more challenging criteria and are estimating three more meetings until completion. Expected to be completed before the March STAC 2025 meeting.

Ms. Flor reported the Level 4 temporary 10.1 criteria is expiring on December 31, 2024. The barriers that lead the STAC to extend this criteria expiration are still at play. The executive committee discussed to push this temporary criterion out until the new criteria is released.

Dr. Lyng motioned and Dr. Gutzmer seconded to adopt the executive committee's recommendation to extend the level 4 criterion 10.1 expiration date to December 31st, 2025, or until the adoption of the Level 4 criteria goes into effect, whichever occurs first.

Open Floor

Dr. Lyng reported that he will be finalizing a project with the National Association of EMS Associations about prehospital management manual scripts. The new evidence-based guidelines and recommendations for EMS and Trauma management will be published soon.

Dr. Lyng brought attention to suicide awareness for EMS, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement. In June, law enforcement has started to recognize suicide as a line of duty death. This has not been recognized in other lines of work. He encourages the audience to look out for their EMS clinicians and shares resources available to help those who are struggling.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:02 p.m.

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, December 3, 2023, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the North Metro Event Center/Best Western in Shoreview.

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Appendix

General Audience in Attendance

- Mark Johnston, Regions
- Heidi Altamirano, Regions
- Shoan Loeschke, CCM Health
- Tammy Gallagher, Hennipen Healthcare
- Meagan Stone, CCM Health
- Robin Trubeck, Maple Grove Hospital
- Alisha Schmidt, River's Edge Hospital
- Crystal Esqueda, Madelia Health
- Katie Lacey, Northfield ED
- Tom Halada, Mayo Rochester
- Danielle Kleszyk, Sanford Bemidji/Bagley
- Jana Slagter, Oliva Hospital
- Jenny Richter, Ridgeview Medical Center
- Angi Grim, Mayo Clinic Health System
- Amy Howard, CRMC
- Rachel Duchsher, May Clinic Rochester
- Joshua Chan, Glacial Ridge
- Kari Coates, May Clinic Health System Mankato
- Nancy Nyberg, Allina Mercy Hospital
- Stephanie Huber, MCHS
- Lisa Pearson, Mhealth Fairview UMMC
- Alyx Bystrom, FV Ridges
- Mary Kay Kaiser, MHFV Southdale
- Courtner Brandt, FV Lakes & Northland
- Tanda Tavakley, FV Woodwinds & St Johns
- Michael Doering, FV Trauma
- Shannon Olson, FV Masonic
- Kelly Handyside, Grand Itasca

- Kim Killian, Hennepin
- Jon Gipson, North
- Kristen Heinonen, Hutchinson
- Jodi Triplett, CentraCare
- Caitlin Pohlen, Allina Health - Utd. Hastings
- Anne Snuggerud, Hennepin
- Melanie Smalley, North Memorial
- Lucas Gordina, NERTAC
- Rob Jacobs, UMP Ortho
- Jennien Deisez, North Memorial
- Kim Johnson, New Ulm Medical Center
- Vickie Nording, Cambridge
- Dane Rogers, EMSRB
- Sara Stolt, CentraCare
- Karen McLean, Lakeview Hospital
- Amanda Anderson, Mercy Hospital - Unity Campus
- Marleen Knott, Sanford Thief River Falls
- Candace Metzger, Stevens Community Medical Center
- Nicole VanErp, Fairbault Medical Center
- Ellie Van Eck, Perham Health
- Caleb Roiko, CHI St Joseph's Park Rapids
- Linda Vogel, Essentia Health
- Mary Gerchman Smith, Essentia Health
- Jenn Hoff, Essentia Health
- Melissa Beaver, Allina Owatonna
- Robyn Hawtala Brokaw, Essentia Health
- Coleen Wood, Hennepin
- Dan Johnson, CALS
- Kristen Sailer, SMRTAC
- John McCormick-Deaton, M Health Fairview
- Brad Delei, Mayo Mankato

STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2024 MINUTES

- Mike Stellmaker, Aspius St. Lukes Duluth
- Deb Syverson, Sanford Health Fargo
- Dan Johnson, CALS Program
- Mel Throson, NMH
- Leah Grote, Essentia Health Virginia
- Dylan Ferguson, EMSRB