



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee  
Minutes

January 25, 2012

12:00 p.m.

570 East Woodrow Wilson Ave, Jackson, Mississippi 39215

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Members Present

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- William "Pete" Avara, MD, Chairman
  - Rick Carlton, MD
  - Clyde Deschamp, PhD
  - Rodney Frothingham, MD
  - Hugh Gamble, MD
  - Doug Higginbotham
  - Amber Kyle, RN
  - John Nelson, MD
  - John Porter, MD
  - Heather Shields, RN (for R. Pinon)
  - Wade Spruill
  - Josh Wenzel
  - Jonathan Wilson, RN
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Agenda

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- **Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes**
    - Meeting called to order by Dr. Avara at 12:01 p.m.
    - Motion to approve Minutes of December 1, 2011 meeting made by Dr. Carlton, seconded by Dr. Porter. Motion passed.
  - **Region reports**
    - Reports from the seven region administrators were included in the information package distributed to each member. No questions were raised.
  - **Trauma Registry report**
    - Dr. Gamble asked if the Trauma Registry was submitting data to the National Trauma Data Bank. Hospitals that choose to participate in the NTDB are submitting data, however, it is not system-wide. Ms. Kyle, whose hospital is reporting to the NTDB, stated that there are extra validation steps that must be accomplished prior
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to the data being sent; these validation steps cannot be accomplished at the state level, they must be done at the hospital.

- Dr. Miller will poll the Level I, II, and III Trauma centers and see which ones are submitting data to NTDB. This will also be an agenda item at the State Registry Committee meeting on February 17, 2012.

- **Rules and Regulations Sub-committee Update**

- Dr. Miller reported that the new regulations were accepted for filing by the Secretary of State's office on January 4, 2012. The final filing will be January 30, with an effective date of March 1, 2012. The proposed regulations have some format changes required by SoS, but no substantive changes. The proposed regulations are posted on the MSDH Trauma web-site.

- **Functionality Sub-committee Report**

- After much discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Spruill, to recommend to EMSAC that a committee be formed to research and recommend a medical communications system that will service EMS, Trauma, STEMI, Stroke, and any other systems of care that may be formed. It was also recommended that Dr. Deschamp be appointed as the committee chair. Motion passed.
- Responsibility for Medical Control of EMS agencies will remain with the MDTQA committee.
- Dr. Avara directed that this topic will remain an agenda item for a report on the committee's activities.

- **State PI Committee**

- Dr. Miller reported that the State Trauma PI Committee has been restructured into the State PI Committee. Mr. Bill Oliver will be the State PI Coordinator and co-chair of the individual PI committees: Trauma, STEMI, and eventually, Stroke. Dr. John Porter has been selected as the chairman of the Trauma Committee, replacing Dr. Frank Ehrlich.
  - Dr. Porter reported that the committee had met on January 13, 2012. The region representatives presented summaries of the PI activities conducted by their region and any issues associated with PI data and/or review. The following changes have been made to the Trauma PI process based on the last year's efforts:
    - Meetings will be bi-monthly instead of semi-annually.
    - The range of cases will be based on the state average/mean  $\pm$  one (1) standard deviation.
    - The Trauma Outcomes Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC) will be scheduled for all of the Trauma PI Committee members. The Department has agreed to purchase the texts for committee members attending the course.
  - Dr. Porter also discussed the analysis of Trauma Activation/Field Triage Criteria accomplished by UMMC. The staff reviewed 500+ cases starting 3 months before field activation became effective through 3 months after the implementation date. A number of factors were found and will be presented to the Rules & Regs/ Functionality Sub-committees to consider a modification of the current criteria.
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- **Level IV Trauma Center designations**

- The following Trauma Centers have been designated by Dr. Currier as Level IV Trauma Centers:
  - Patients' Choice, Belzoni (DTCR)
  - Pioneer Community, Aberdeen (NTCR)
  - NMMC-Eupora (NTCR)
  - Marion General, Columbia (SETCR)
  - Natchez Community (SWTCR)
  - Natchez Regional (SWTCR)

- **New Trauma Center Designations**

- Open Session adjourned at 1:20 p.m. to move to Executive Session to discuss Trauma Center inspection results.

- **Open Discussion**

- Public meeting re-convened at 1:30 p.m.
- Ms. Kyle announced that Jonathan Wilson, ER Manager at UMMC and EMSAC/MTAC member, will be honored by the Emergency Nurses' Association in New Orleans next month as a Recipient of Distinguished Recognition. Mr. Wilson was one of the finalists for ENA's ED Nurse Leader of the Year award.
- Dr. Miller reported that \$3.74M was received in "Play or Pay" non-participation fees this year from Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson (\$1.492M); St. Dominic Hospital, Jackson (\$1.492M); and Wesley Medical Center, Hattiesburg (\$758K). The next distribution of the TCTF is scheduled for May, 2012.
  - Motion by Dr. Gamble, seconded by Dr. Frothingham, to have Rules & Regs/Functionality Sub-committees research and recommend changes to the Play or Pay schedule, as it has not been reviewed since 2008. Dr. Miller will contact MHA for assistance with this project. Motion passed.
- The Department has signed a contract with a vendor to develop/implement an electronic Trauma Center application. Anticipated date for completion is March, 2012.
- All region Board of Director meetings and all MTAC meetings for 2012 have been posted on the Trauma Calendar on the MSDH web-site.
- New CDC Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients was released on January 13, 2012.
- Mr. Spruill presented a request from Southeast TCR for changes in the Trauma Registry inclusion data and the Activation Criteria. The inclusion data request will be forwarded to the Registry Committee for action at their February 17 meeting. The Activation Criteria will be forwarded to Rules & Regs Sub-committee for action at their next meeting.

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- **Adjourned at 1:39 p.m.-Next meeting scheduled for May 16, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.**

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