



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
Minutes

August 15, 2012

10:00 a.m.

570 East Woodrow Wilson Ave, Jackson, Mississippi 39215

Members Present

- **William "Pete" Avara, MD, Chairman**
 - **Rick Carlton, MD**
 - **Janie Clanton**
 - **Clyde Deschamp, PhD**
 - **Rodney Frothingham, MD**
 - **Mark Galtelli**
 - **Hugh Gamble, MD**
 - **Doug Higginbotham**
 - **Heather Kyle, RN**
 - **John Nelson, MD**
 - **John Porter, MD**
 - **Josh Wenzel**
 - **Jonathan Wilson, RN**
 - **Ben Yarbrough, MD**
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Agenda

- **Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes**
 - Meeting called to order by Dr. Avara.
 - Motion to approve Minutes of May 16, 2012 meeting made by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Dr. Yarbrough. Motion passed.
 - **Region reports**
 - Reports from the region administrators were included in the information package distributed to each member.
 - **Trauma Registry report**
 - Registry report was in the information package. No questions were asked.
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- **Rules and Regulations Sub-committee Update**

- The proposed rule changes were reviewed and individually voted upon as follows:
 - Rule 1.1.4. – Definition of Trauma Patient. Motion by Mr. Wenzel, second by Dr. Yarbrough to return this rule to the sub-committee for additional work; motion passed.
 - Rule 2.2.1. – Change requirement of receiving hospitals to notifying transferring hospitals of patient's condition instead of patient's primary physician. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Rule 3.2.1. - Change requirement of receiving hospitals to notifying transferring hospitals of patient's condition instead of patient's primary physician. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Rule 4.2.1. – Change requirement of receiving hospitals to notifying transferring hospitals of patient's condition instead of patient's primary physician. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Rule 6.1.1. – Adds reference to E&D chart for Tertiary Pediatric Trauma Centers. Motion by Mr. Wenzel, second by Dr. Yarbrough, motion passed.
 - Rule 6.1.9. – Change requirement of receiving hospitals to notifying transferring hospitals of patient's condition instead of patient's primary physician. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Rule 6.2.1. – Adds reference to E&D chart for Secondary Pediatric Trauma Centers. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Rule 6.2.9. - Change requirement of receiving hospitals to notifying transferring hospitals of patient's condition instead of patient's primary physician. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Rule 6.3.1. - Adds reference to E&D chart for Primary Pediatric Trauma Centers. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Rule 7.1.1. - Adds reference to E&D chart for Burn Centers. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Mr. Wilson; motion passed.
 - Essential and Desirable List for Equipment – Changes to the adult Trauma Center list to include removing blank spaces and insert “NR” for Not Required Motion by Mr. Wenzel, second by Dr. Yarbrough; motion passed. New E&D list for all levels of Pediatric Trauma Centers. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Dr. Yarbrough; motion passed. New E&D list for Burn Centers. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Dr. Yarbrough; motion passed.
 - Dr. Miller presented the proposed change to Appendix B - Consolidated Trauma Activation and Destination Guidelines. This change had been returned to the Rules and Regulations Sub-committee at the May meeting. After much discussion from the audience and the members, motion by Dr. Nelson, second by Dr. Yarbrough to table this change and return it to the sub-committee for additional work. Vote by raised hands; motion failed. After additional discussion, motion by Dr. Deschamp, second by Dr. Carlton to approve; vote by raised hands, motion passed. Two editorial changes were included: Adding the statement “Consider contacting medical control” in the Special Considerations box and adding “Consider air transport” in the Alpha destination guidelines.
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- **Functionality Sub-committee Report**
 - Dr. Carlton reported that the sub-committee met with the Rules and Regulations Sub-committee and has nothing new to report.

 - **Appointment of Trauma Registry Sub-Committee**
 - The existing Trauma Registry Data Committee was disbanded earlier by the Department. In its place, it was recommended that a new sub-committee be formed under MTAC to address issues relating to the Trauma Registry.
 - Dr. Avara nominated Ms. Heather Kyle to be the chairman of this sub-committee. Motion by Dr. Carlton, second by Dr. Porter; motion passed.

 - **State Trauma PI Committee**
 - Dr. Porter reported that the committee had met on May 22 and August 7, and will continue to meet every other month. The committee has selected a number of data points to be reviewed including:
 - Patient deaths within 24 hours of transfer to a Level I-III Trauma Center.
 - Unexpected Deaths at Level I-III Trauma Center where TRISS >.5
 - ED Length of Stay (EDLOS) for transfers of Alpha patients from Level III-IV Trauma Centers; ≤ 130 minutes is the standard.
 - EDLOS for transfer of all pediatric trauma patients from all levels of Trauma Centers.
 - All Deaths at Level IV (Regional review)
 - EMS delivery of an Alpha patient to a Level IV Trauma Center and transfer to a higher level of care.
 - Transferred patient from Level III/IV Trauma Center with CT (Region review to determine if CT was appropriate).
 - Dr. Porter also reported that approximately 80% of all trauma deaths are occurring at Level I and II Trauma Centers; clear indication that the most severely injured patients are being delivered to the most appropriate facility.
 - Dr. Porter also reported on the progress of the Central Trauma Care Region to develop a state-wide Burn Committee.

 - **Level IV Trauma Center designations**
 - The following Trauma Centers have been designated by Dr. Currier as Level IV Trauma Centers:
 - River Region Health System, Vicksburg (CMTCR)
 - Pearl River County Hospital, Poplarville (SETCR)
 - NW Mississippi RMC, Clarksdale (DTCR)
 - Pioneer Community Hospital, Ackerman (NTCR)
 - Walthall General Hospital, Tylertown (SETCR)

 - **Open Discussion**
 - Dr. Gamble presented a newspaper article that reported that the Federal Communications Commission has stopped funding, and deployment, of the statewide First Responder Communications System Broadband Connectivity Program, under the MSWIN project. Apparently, the FCC would like to develop a federal/national standard before states develop their own systems.
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Recommendation by Dr. Carlton to refer this issue to EMSAC.

- **New Trauma Center Designations**

- Open Session adjourned to move to Executive Session to discuss Trauma Center inspection results.

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- **Adjourned at 1:40 p.m.-Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.**
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