



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
Minutes

January 16, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Osborne Auditorium

570 East Woodrow Wilson Ave, Jackson, Mississippi 39215

Members Present

- **William "Pete" Avara, MD, Chairman**
 - **Rick Carlton, MD**
 - **Clyde Deschamp, PhD**
 - **Mark Galtelli**
 - **Hugh Gamble, MD**
 - **Walter Grace**
 - **Don Hemeter**
 - **Doug Higginbotham**
 - **Kevin Holland**
 - **Heather Kyle, RN**
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Agenda

- **Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes**
 - Meeting called to order by Dr. Avara.
 - Motion to approve Minutes of July 24, 2013 meeting made by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Holland. Motion passed.
 - Two new members were present for the meeting: Mr. Don Hemeter, CEO of Wayne General Hospital, representing the Southeast Trauma Care Region, and Mr. Walter Grace, CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County, representing the North Trauma Care Region.
 - **Region reports**
 - Reports from the region administrators were included in the information package distributed to each member.
 - **Rules and Regulations Sub-committee Report**
 - The report was made by Dr. Miller as Ms. Amber Kyle was not present. The current regulations are dated November 15, 2013. It is the recommendation of the staff that no further changes to the regulations be initiated until after the new ACS
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Optimal Resource Guide ("Orange Book") is released.

- Dr. Miller also presented the report on the Partial Capability Task Force. There has not been a meeting of the group for some time, however, there is continuing discussion among the members on the regulations, equipment, etc., required by a hospital that cares for a patient beyond their designation. Also, there is a continuing dialog concerning adding an additional level, Level V.
- Mr. Bill Oliver presented the report for the Finance Task Force. The cost survey in conjunction with MHA's System of Care Committee is still in progress. It is the recommendation of both the Task Force and MHA that no changes should be considered for the Trauma Care Trust Fund distribution model until after the cost survey is completed and there is additional funds in the TCTF.
- Mr. Mark Galtelli reported that the proposed guidelines were included in the last revision of the regulations. There was discussion concerning the applicability of the Trauma regulations to out-of-state air medical providers, and how they must comply.
- Dr. Miller reported on the Public Health Accreditation Board requirements and how they will affect the Trauma program, specifically the manner in which regulations can be changed.

- **Functionality Sub-committee Report**

- Dr. Carlton reported on the discussion of a number of issues.
- Dr. Carlton reported that there needs to be greater integration and collaboration on injury prevention efforts. Many offices within the Department, as well as civic organizations, have injury prevention efforts ongoing and could benefit from a pooling of resources and messages.
- There still needs to be more effort on determining the cause of overtriage, especially in Alpha patients. Some regions have overtriage in the high 90s percentile, Bravo guidelines appear to be working.

- **Trauma Registry Sub-Committee Report**

- Ms. Heather Kyle reported that the sub-committee is continuing to re-evaluate the data sets to determine a minimum data set in collaboration with the National Trauma Data Bank.
 - Nationally, falls account for a greater number of trauma patients than motor vehicle crashes, due in part to the inclusion of hip fractures.
 - The task force on trauma registry inclusion criteria has the following recommendations:
 - Include hip fractures for all patients 70 years old and younger. Current age is 65.
 - Transfer between facilities must be by EMS.
 - Admissions to any area of the hospital for any length of time.
 - Arrival by air ambulance.
 - Motion by Dr. Deschamp, second by Mr. Galtelli to adopt the changes, motion carried.
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- **State Trauma PI Sub-Committee Report**
 - Mr. Oliver reported that the committee met on September 17, 2013.
 - In the discussion of overtriage, based on information from the Cribari grid review, the committee recommended a pilot program to use amended Alpha criteria, primarily changing the $GCS \leq 13$ to a GCS motor score of <4 . Another change was to remove "suspected pelvic fractures" from the Alpha criteria to Bravo criteria.
 - Dr. Deschamp addressed that not all regions are interpreting the destination guidelines in the same manner, especially the GCS. Dr. Bob Galli stated he would address the issue to MDTQA at the next meeting.

 - **System Update**
 - Dr. Miller reported that the Fall 2013 TCTF distribution was \$10M.
 - The updated State Trauma Plan, along with the regions' Trauma Plans, is posted on the department website. The 2014 Trauma Fact Sheet and the Frequently Asked Questions have also been updated.
 - There were three Level IV Trauma Center designations since the last MTAC meeting: St. Dominic's; Madison River Oaks, Canton; NMMC Pontotoc; BMH-Union County, New Albany; and Noxubee General in Macon.

 - **Strategic Planning Conference**
 - Dr. Miller submitted the draft report from the Strategic Planning Conference for review and approval.
 - Motion made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Dr. Deschamp to accept the report as written, motion carried.

 - **Sub-Committee chair appointments:**
 - Dr. Avara appointed the following members to chair the sub-committees:
 - Burn sub-committee: Mr. Mark Galtelli
 - Injury Prevention and Education sub-committee: Mr. William Bassett
 - Finance sub-committee: Dr. Hugh Gamble

 - **Open Session**
 - Ms. Getty Israel presented the draft of a legislative bill that would require anyone under the age of 18 to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, tricycle, scooter, or skateboard. At the time of the meeting, the proposed bill did not have a number, and is being sponsored by Senator Frazier. Also, the American Academy of Pediatrics, St. Dominic's Hospital and UMMC are supporters of the proposed legislation.

 - **Trauma Center Designations**
 - Open Session adjourned to move to Executive Session to discuss Trauma Center survey results.
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• **Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.-Next scheduled meeting is April 17, 2014.**
