



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee  
Minutes

**May 13, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Osborne Auditorium**

**570 East Woodrow Wilson Ave, Jackson, Mississippi 39215**

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Members Present

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- **William "Pete" Avara, MD, Chairman**
  - **William Bassett**
  - **Debbie Berry**
  - **Kevin Holland**
  - **Rick Carlton, MD**
  - **Clyde Deschamp, PhD**
  - **Ben Yarbrough, MD**
  - **John Nelson, MD**
  - **Walter Grace**
  - **Hugh Gamble, MD**
  - **Doug Higginbotham**
  - **Kevin Holland**
  - **Amber Kyle, RN**
  - **Heather Kyle, RN**
  - **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.
  - Motion to approve Minutes of February 11, 2015 meeting made by Jonathan Wilson, seconded by Dr. Gamble. Motion passed.
- **Region reports**
  - Reports from the region administrators were included in the information package distributed to each member.

**Old Business**

- Tourniquets
    - A letter from the East Central Region was given to Jim Craig and Dr. Mary Carrier.
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To date no response has been received at this time.

- Heather Kyle briefed the committee about the background on how this all came about and how police officers have been active in testing the kits. MTAC is in full support of the tourniquet kits. Dr. Avara stated he will reach out to Dr. Currier for a response.

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- **Rules/Regulations and Functionality Sub-committee Report**

- Rules/Regulations

- Dr. Miller reported a summary on the Trauma Regulations to Chapter 1, the administrative chapter. Motion was presented to accept the changes as written and was approved.
- Heather Muzzi asked MTAC if the committee wanted to see the regulations as the chapters were completed or as the full regulations. Mr. Craig stated the Board of Health wanted to receive the Trauma Regulations as the chapters were changed and then forward to the Secretary of State's Office; however, that will be too complicated to enforce. MTAC would like to express to Mr. Craig and to Dr. Currier for the Board of Health to accept the full changes at one time and forward the changes to the Secretary of State's Office once. A motion to send a letter to Jim Craig and to Dr. Currier on behalf of MTAC was accepted and approved.

- Functionality

- Dr. Carlton led a discussion from the last Trauma Functionality meeting about 5 trauma levels. MTAC members expressed they do not want an increase cost associated if there is a 5 level system. MTAC motioned for the Functionality Committee to further research the topic and bring back to the next meeting.
- Dr. Carlton briefed MTAC on diversion. Discussion occurred about the SMART system and the need for a tracking tool with real time location of bed capacity. It was recommended a taskforce was needed to address a clear definition of diversion and to tackle the common language with diversion. Motion was passed for the taskforce to be discussed at EMSAC.

- **Burn Sub-Committee Report**

- Mr. Galtelli phoned into the MTAC meeting and briefed the committee on the burn education to be implemented by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Burn destination guidelines were discussed; however, it was noted that the guidelines need to go through EMS Committees before further approved.

- **Trauma Registry Sub-Committee Report**

- Ms. Heather Kyle reported how the committee is reviewing the option to lock the registry at certain times in order to run accurate reports. Discussion occurred about the relevance and what this meant. It was explained that some trauma centers add trauma records after the month is closed and the record counts increase months after the period has ended.
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- **Mississippi Association Trauma Administrators (MATA)**

- Dr. Miller reported the use of the electronic application system will be phased out as of July 1, 2015. The bureau is reviewing other options but will be using flash drives in the interim.

- **State Trauma PI Committee Report**

- Ms. Muzzi reported that the committee is still working on an official performance improvement plan for the trauma care system.

- **Trauma Care System Corrective Action Plan**

- Education/Injury Prevention Sub-committee
  - Discussion occurred about Dr. Mayur Narayan to be an advisor/consultant. Dr. Narayan has spoken at the Coastal Trauma Region Symposium the last few years and has helped the State of Maryland with Trauma Education and Prevention. There is still a need for other members for this committee. Discussion occurred about researching the availability for grants and use of other funding for education and injury prevention.
- Unified Data System – Street Traffic Records Coordinating Committee – Dr. Miller reported from a recent meeting of this committee. Officers need more training on how to identify different types of injuries. It will improve trauma registry data if the person is transferred to the right hospital the first time.

### **New Business**

- **MHA Systems of Care Committee Reports**

- Kevin Holland discussed the White Paper. There is a cost analysis section that shows the direct financial impact of the trauma program on hospitals and the funding shortfall.

- **Bureau Update**

- MS Code 45-11-281 – was updated in 2013 but started in 2007. This referenced the burn injury form from the State Fire Marshal's office. It is to be completed by all Emergency Departments that sees patients who have been burned.

- **Open Session**

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- **Adjourned at 12:10 p.m. - Next scheduled meeting is August 12, 2015.**
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