



State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting

Minutes

Date/Time: April 20th, 2016, 11:30 A.M
Location: Millis Education Center
High Point, NC

Chair: Mark Shapiro, MD
Recorder: Jordan Toole

Members Present:

Amy Douglas, Hayluri Beckles, Dr. Paige Gesing, Dr. Cyndi Mastropiere, Dr. Mark Shapiro, Ginger Wilkins, Dr. James "Tripp" Winslow

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 20th, 2016

Welcome and call to order by Dr. Mark Shapiro.

Recognize and congratulate Claudia McCormick for her years of service and thank her for being such an icon and a resource to all individuals around her.

STATE REPORT:

Amy Douglas speaking for Chief Mitchell:

- Tom Mitchell was named Chief, effective March 1st; in process of hiring assistant chief
- Update on Community Paramedicine Pilot Project:
 - Legislative system in 2015, allocated \$350,000 for three grants:
 - \$210,000 was directed to the New Hanover Regional EMS
 - McDowell and Wake County EMS were each awarded \$70,000
 - Next legislative session begins on April 25th, 2016; the discussion of the C.O.N. will arise again, but we doubt that it will go away, quite yet
- Rules go to the Medical Care Commission on May 20th, 2016; after approved, will open for public comment and hope to have them in place by late 2016, early 2017
 - Includes:
 - Trauma Rules where we are referencing ACS criteria
 - Changes in EMS levels

Amy Douglas:

- Contacts on OEMS website updates need to be addressed; make updates where need be
- Site visits are being scheduled:
 - Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center has their level three initial designation on May 3rd, 2016
 - University of North Carolina in September 2016
 - Carolina's Medical Center in December 2016

- Joined TCAA at the state level for a year to see what benefits we receive
- EMS for Children Program: Airway Continuing Education Program will be coming out online and will be two hours in length; beta tested this summer; considered to be a very robust and professional program
- Helmet Extraction course held in at the Wake Forest football field in August; agencies will be provided tool kits for helmet extraction

Dr. Tripp Winslow:

- Many NC counties are expanding use of naloxone, which has been very positive; many success stories, such as five reversals in over a twenty-four hour period, which has now happened twice
- New EMS protocols are now active on the website, such as spinal immobilization and airway protocols
- Some EMS systems are beginning to give antibiotics for open fractures in trauma patients or using pelvic binders or sheeting's for open fractures
- Pediatrics Airways: only around 150 pediatrics incubations in North Carolina this past year, with only nine critical care agencies; low-frequency/high-risk procedure

Disaster Program

- The committee did not meet. No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Injury Prevention: Leigha Jordan

- Safe Kids Conference being held May 24th-26th at the Great Wolf Lodge in Concord, North Carolina; now open to all individuals interested in injury prevention
- Discussion on naloxone and how it is being more widely used with law enforcement and fire departments; Kim Bailey (Duke) has training kits being offered to any individual interested
- Colleen Mistovich will now be the new Chair and the Vice Chair will be Theresa Campbell
- Firearms and children:
 - ASK Program, "Asking Saves Kids": Promotes parents to ask about firearms in locations where their children will be present
- Gang Violence with Colleen Mistovich: Putting on a full reenactment of what occurs after a gunshot wound occurs to the final stages, such as bringing in a casket; parents bring their children to understand the ramifications
- Dr. Toschlog addresses the political restraint we face regarding gun safety; we need to bring this issue back to the hands of public health/safety
- Dr. Clancy addresses the importance of media taking a part; media in Wilmington were involved in a story of deaths in young children in daylight; media brings it to the forefront, which helps launch activities of prevention in the area; start with local television, radio, and newspaper

Trauma Program Managers: Cyndi Mastropieri

- The group met today, April 20th
- Talked about TXA and how most centers are using it; we are still trying to work on protocols to get it up and running and how determining how we will track it

- TPN Mentorship Orientation Program where we create a manual to help the trauma program managers
- Continued reviewing ACS Standards
- PI Database: Since we went ICD 10, we do not have imports from the DI Registry into the PI Database; consensus is that we will share the cost of it, in order to get it working
- Beacon Course: covers bleeding control, which is supported by Homeland Security; most EMS agencies have tourniquet control and are trying to put out educational efforts to stop the bleed due to terrorism/shootings; can tie this to a CPR course while also putting tourniquet packages into the AED's
- New evidence-based practice for open fractures, such as antibiotic changes within one hour
- GCS40: Looks at years of data from GCS and recommendations to change the categories

Trauma Registrars: Becky Ward

- Training day in Charlotte on May 4th, 2016; the state is trying to put out a new data dictionary with some updated definitions and clear guidelines, which will answer many questions to our discussions
- Registrar Symposium in Greensboro on May 20th, 2016
- Discussed the possible need of training in "Report Writer"

PI Subcommittee: Carolyn Foley

- Three new members present this morning in our meeting to total seven members
- Discussion the proposed questions regarding site visits and processes

Committee on Trauma Report: Dr. Mark Shapiro

- Learned a great deal about the responsibilities that come with being Chair:
 - Site visits: I am responsible to help with anything that is needed; if anyone needs anything from the State, please inform me and I will do the best I can to assist
- TQIP: will go further into detail regarding what we discussed at the TQIP meeting following STAC
 - Information is very wide and interesting and we would appreciate everyone's input
- Dr. Fischer presented in San Diego the "Needs Assessment for the COT":
 - Project looking at where trauma centers are needed for the state:
 - Could potentially be used nationally
 - Aid in delivering the care where it is most needed
- North Carolina/South Carolina Resident Paper Competition that will be held in Myrtle Beach on July 15th, 2016
- Education/Research:
 - Dr. Toschlog: Steering committee will look at what projects are going on right now and be able to prioritize them so that we have deliverables at each meeting
- Advocacy:
 - Dr. Christmas submitted his report:
 - Need to make sure that as many people as possible can contribute to aid the trauma funding; it is not about cost, but about number of individuals contributing
 - TCA: Amy Douglas announced that we as a state are subscribed to this; she will work with grants and lobby issues and be sure to prioritize those

- Quality: Dr. Vaslef expressed the need to reorganize the subcommittees to ensure they are getting their deserved times to meet
 - Possibility of restructuring the meeting day:
 - Subcommittees meet at 9:00am at High Point locations
 - COT would meet after at 10:00am at High Point Millis Regional Education Center
 - STAC would follow at 12:00pm at High Point Millis Regional Education Center
 - Importance of ordering food for these meetings, since we will be making the day longer
 - Funding would occur through an increase in ATLS course fees per student; currently discussing the amount that the courses should increase per student, such as going from \$35/student to \$40, \$45, or \$50 per student
- Helicopter transport was discussed and the issues revolving around; more information to come in later meetings, but something us as a state need to figure out
- Chief Mitchell accepted the Chief of OEMS and an assistant chief will be named shortly
- Electronic forms (known as MOST forms) are potentially the future for our EMS hospital providers; discussed how they would fit with our programs in the state

North Carolina American Trauma Society: Ginger Wilkins

- Five very strong applications for the ATS grant have been reviewed, which cannot be announced quite yet but will go out shortly
- Awarded two grantees this year due to \$2,000 additional funding from the ATS
 - Additional funding due to many of the renewed memberships from individuals or centers, which is greatly appreciated

CLOSING

- Dr. Shapiro gives thanks to everyone who attended and would like to recommend individuals to stay for the TQIP meeting that will be run by Dr. Chang

Meeting Adjourned.