

Trauma Advisory Council

May 14, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Alvin Simmons
Dr. Charles Mabry
Dr. Clint Evans
Dr. Gary Petrus
Dr. James Graham
Dr. John Cone
Dr. Ronald Robertson
Dr. Stan Burlison
Carrie Helm
Colonel Winford Phillips
(Represented by Capt. Gloria Weakland)
James Carter
K.C Jones
Robert Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Michael Mercer
Dr. Michael Pollock
Dr. Paul Halverson
Dr. Roger Cagle
Dr. Sam Peebles
Bridget White
Jeremy Stogner
Kelly Evans
Ken Kelley

GUESTS

Representative Gene Shelby
Barbara Kumpe
Bo Ryall
Cathee Terrell
David Fox
Denise Carson
Don Adams
Donald Reed
Jimmy Sheffield
Joe Hennington
Keith Moore
Lynda Lehing
Melissa Masingill
Scott Edwards

GUESTS (Cont)

Steve Bowman
Terry Collins
Dr. Mike Moon
Claude Watts
Doug Ross

STAFF

Brian Nation
David Taylor
Donnie Smith
Renee Mallory
Ricky Hogan
Roshada Taylor

I. Call to Order:

The Trauma Advisory Council meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman, Dr. James Graham.

II. Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. James Graham welcomed all guests and Council members. Everyone introduced themselves. Dr. Graham welcomed Carrie Helm and Dr. Alvin Simmons who are the new members of The Trauma Advisory Council.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 9, 2009 Meeting:

The Council reviewed the April 9, 2009 minutes. Dr. Charles Mabry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by K.C. Jones. Minutes approved.

IV. Status of Hospital Designation Process:

Report from the Arkansas Department of Health: Renee Mallory reported to the Council that the application packets were mailed out to hospitals on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Completed applications are due back by July 1, 2009 so decisions on grant funding can be made by September 1, 2009. Applications that come in after the due date will be reviewed on a bi-monthly basis.

The subcommittee report: Jamie Carter, Chairman of the Hospital Designation Subcommittee, reported on the status of the subcommittees' progress. They have not yet met. The subcommittee is trying to give the applications a chance to get distributed. The subcommittee will probably meet next month.

V. Definitions of "Hand Center" and Burn Center":

Hand Center

Dr. Keith Moore, a hand surgeon from The Hand Center gave the Council a brief, but in-depth description of his profession, and stated the dire need for more surgeons in his field. Procedures performed for hand injuries include

mutilated hand injury, microsurgery, and thumb and forefinger replants. These surgical procedures are very demanding and require extensive attention. Dr. Moore informed the Council that \$250 thousand dollars mentioned as a possible grant is not the answer, saying that the state needs need more trained professionals to handle hand surgery. The Council discussed various options:

1. The State of Arkansas can team up with Louisville, Kentucky and negotiate with their Hand Center to send Arkansans with severe injuries to their facility.
2. The State of Arkansas can organize its own Hand Center with trained professionals to treat severe cases and keep Arkansans in Arkansas.

Dr. Moore stated that from a patient's standpoint, it would be in their best interest to have a Center here in Arkansas.

The Council discussed how much would cost might be to have Louisville, Kentucky handle Arkansas patients versus keeping them in the state. The possibility of developing a triage and clearance center to determine if a patient's injury is severe enough to transport them to Louisville was considered.

The Council also discussed waiting until there is a facility that wants to operate as a Hand Center, and have them write a proposal on how they will handle replants, amputations, etc. from minor to major situations. K.C. Jones made a motion to form a subcommittee for hand issues, seconded by Dr. Charles Mabry. Motion approved. Subcommittee members for Hand Center issues will include:

- Dr. Clint Evans
- Dr. John Cone
- Dr. Keith Moore
- Steve Bowman

Burn Center

The need for definition and criteria for a Burn Center was discussed. Dr. John Cone made a motion to adopt the American Burn Association's criteria as is or be modified if necessary. The motion was seconded by Dr. Charles Mabry and approved by the Council.

VI. Status of EMS issues:

Donnie Smith reported for ADH that an announcement had been made regarding a change in EMS funding for the trauma system. Donnie explained the \$20 million of the funding for the system for the first year is in category A and will be fully funded by the State. The one time \$5 million was placed in category B1. On July 1 this category (B1) will only be funded at 18%.

Subcommittee Report: Dr. Clint Evans, who replaced Myra Wood as the Chair for the EMS/ Prehospital Issue Subcommittee, stated that he feels the Committee is making progress.

VII. Status of Trauma Registry:

Lynda Lehing reported on behalf of the Department the purchase order to buy the software package has been received faxed to Digital Innovations on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. The software and hardware, which cost around \$250,000, should be delivered in 30 days. The process for hiring personnel will come later. Once the software is delivered, another purchase order for training will be issued after July 1.

David Taylor stated that the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems will have to work with the EMS software vendor and Digital Innovations to link the two collection systems together.

Subcommittee report: No issues were reported to the Council.

VIII. Discussion of Quality Improvement Program/ Set up Regional Councils

The Council discussed issues related to implementation:

- ❖ Who should be on regional councils?
- ❖ Timing?
- ❖ What should be reported to councils?
- ❖ What reporting will we expect from regional councils?

Donnie Smith stated that the Council should focus on the process of working

with hospitals and EMS personnel and identify players in the system and then decide the individuals involved in the specific TRACS.

K.C. Jones suggested the Council should gather various surveys from different portions of Arkansas to help determine membership for the regions. He said that surveys may have to be conducted to determine who the stakeholders might be in each region of the state.

David Taylor will prepare an information page describing the role of the Trauma Regional Advisory Councils for the group to review at the next meeting.

IX. Discussion of Injury Prevention Planning

Dr. James Graham made a suggestion to pass over this topic, unless other members had something to discuss on this issue. There was no further discussion.

X. Other Business:

Dr. Gary Petrus made a motion for the Council to prepare a letter of appreciation to Myra Looney Wood and Richard Bernard for serving on the Council, seconded by Dr. Ronald Robertson. Motion passed.

Dr. Charles Mabry announced that the Quality Convention will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas on the morning of Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

David Taylor, Section Chief of EMS and Trauma Systems, announced and invited everyone to the EMS Week celebration that will be held at the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Mr. Taylor gave a brief description of the events during EMS Week: Parade of Lights at the Arkansas State Capitol, A Tour of the EOC, refreshments at the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems' office, followed by the Governors EMS Advisory Council meeting.

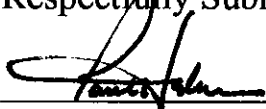
XI. Next Meeting date:

The next Trauma Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Freeway Medical Towers Building in conference room 801, Little Rock, Arkansas.

XII. Adjournment:

Dr. James Graham adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul K. Halverson, DrPH, FACHE

Secretary Treasurer of the Trauma Advisory Council

Director and State Health Officer, Arkansas Department of Health