

Trauma Advisory Council

July 10, 2008

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Charles Mabry
Dr. Clint Evans
Dr. Gary Petrus
Dr. James Graham
Dr. Michael Pollock
Dr. Sam Peebles
Dr. Stan Burleson
Bridget White
James Carter
Jeremy Stogner
Myra Looney Wood
Richard Bernard
Robert Williams
Ronald Robertson
Terry Collins

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Michael Mercer
Dr. Roger Cagle
K.C Jones
Ken Kelley

GUESTS

Dr. Joe Thompson
Dr. Paul Halverson
Rep. Gene Shelby
Bo Ryall
Donnie Smith
Jon Swanson
Renee Mallory
Ricky Hogan
Steve Bowman

STAFF

Brian Nation
David Taylor
Roshada Taylor

I. Call to Order:

The Trauma Advisory Council meeting was called to order on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 3:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Dr. James Graham.

II. Welcome and Introduction - Group:

Dr. Graham welcomed all guests and council members and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He then asked Dr. Halverson to speak on the events that occurred at the Governors Office regarding a Press Conference.

Dr. Paul Halverson thanked everyone for attending the Trauma Advisory Council meeting. He discussed the press conference that took place at the Governors Office. During the press conference Governor Beebe presented the Arkansas Department of Health with a check for \$200,000 to help implement a statewide trauma system. The Governor expressed that he felt it was important to have a functioning Trauma System in the state.

Dr. Halverson also talked to the group about e-mails he had received regarding Council member absences. He stated that he would have bylaws drafted to establish guidelines for members to follow.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 24, 2008, May 20, 2008, and the June 13, 2008 meetings - Group:

Council members reviewed the draft minutes from the April 24, 2008, May 20, 2008, and the June 13, 2008 meetings. Myra Looney Woods made a motion for approval all minutes, seconded by Dr. Michael Pollock, motion passed.

IV. The Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) Presentation - Brian Nation and David Taylor:

Brian Nation and David Taylor presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the State of Louisiana's LERN system (Louisiana Emergency Response Network). Lake Charles and Shreveport, Louisiana have fully implemented this system to create call centers that utilizes a computer system which is capable of listing available hospital resources. This system facilitates the routing of trauma patients to appropriate care facilities. The Council members and guests were provided handouts

with examples of how Oklahoma, Louisiana and Little Rock's Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) are using similar systems.

MEMS uses phrases such as "Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Charlie Temp, & Delta" in their system. Alpha stands for open and Bravo stands for over capacity. If a patient is taken to a facility that is on Bravo status, they may experience a delay in treatment. Delta is for psychiatric diversion/round table.

There are two different versions of "Charlie":

- "Charlie Temp" meaning the facility is temporarily not capable
- "Charlie" means the facility is permanently not capable.

Joey Branton, Program Director and Dr. Chris Travino, Medical Director for LERN will provide a program overview of system to members of the Trauma Advisory Council members and guest on Monday, September 18, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

V. Rules and Regulations - Proposed Changes- Group

Dr. Graham reviewed with the group some additional proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations for Trauma Systems that were received during the public comment period. Dr. Charles Mabry motioned for the approval of the revisions, seconded by Myra Looney Wood, motion passed.

The Council discussed various ways to incorporate revisions to the Rules and Regulations. A discussion regarding a proposed revision to page 32 for Otorhinolaryngologic whether to make it "Required" or "Desired" occurred. Dr Charles Mabry suggested to the Council that it is easier to raise the bar at a later time when proposing rules and regulations, than it would be to lower the bar because the rules were too difficult to reach.

Dr. Halverson suggested that the Council think of creative ways to address this situation. He asked members to stick to the ACS criteria and then use the Council's discretion to achieve the requirements. He stated that the state should allow flexibility to allow facilities to meet the requirements. The Council made a motion by acclamation to allow Dr. Halverson to draft language for flexibility in the standards that will address situations as previously discussed.

The Council reviewed and approved the following proposed changes:

- Page 42- Regarding removal of out-of-state requirements. Council decided not to change this section.
- Page 43- Changing the name of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) to Trauma Regional Advisory Council (TRAC). A motion made by Dr. Mabry to accept, seconded by Myra Looney Wood, motion passed.
- Page 46- Requiring facilities to send in trauma data on a quarterly basis instead of on a monthly basis. Motion made by Terry Collins, seconded by James Carter, motion passed.

VI. New Business for Consideration- Dr. James Graham

a) Election of Officers

Dr. Ronald Robertson made a motion to nominate Dr. James Graham for Chairman of the Trauma Advisory Council. Terry Collins seconded the motion. No other motions were received to nominate another member for the position. Bob Williams moved to close the motion and Dr. James Graham was then elected unanimously.

Following this election process Terry Collins made a motion to nominate Dr. Ronald Robertson for the position of Vice Chairman. Dr. Gary Petrus seconded the motion. No other motions were received to nominate another member for the position. Bob Williams moved to close the motion and Dr. Ronald Robertson was then elected unanimously.

b) Terms of Office

Terms will be placed in the by-laws.

c) Regular Meeting Times

The group discussed meeting on a regularly basis on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. A motion was made by Richard Bernard to meet regularly at this time. The motion was seconded by Myra Looney Wood. The motion was passed unanimously by the group.

The Council agreed to conduct their August meeting on Monday, August 18, 2008 following a special presentation of the LERN program.

VII. Open Discussion- Group:

The following Subcommittees were formed:

Finance Subcommittee

Chair- Dr. Charles Mabry
Myra Looney Wood
Terry Collins
James Carter
Dr. Joe Thompson
Dr. Gary Petrus

Data Subcommittee

Chair- Terry Collins
Jeremy Stogner
James Carter

VIII. Next Meeting Date:

The presentation for LERN will be held on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Trauma Advisory Council at 3:00 p.m. These meetings will be held in the Freeway Medical Towers Building in conference room 801.

IX. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.