

Trauma Advisory Council

August 18, 2008

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James Graham
Dr. Paul Halverson
Dr. Michael Pollock
Dr. Stan Burleson
Dr. Gary Petrus
Bridget White
Jeremy Stogner
Ken Kelley
Myra Looney Wood
Richard Bernard
Terry Collins
Paul Halverson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Mabry
Dr. Clint Evans
Dr. Michael Mercer
Dr. Roger Cagle
Dr. Ronald Robertson
Dr. Sam Peebles
Robert Williams
James Carter
K.C Jones

GUESTS

Dr. Judy Borland
Bo Ryall
Charles McGrew
Don Adams
Donnie Smith
Joe Bates
Josh Joyner
Karen Konarski-Hart
Kim Hall
Laura Guthrie
Mary Leath
Renee Mallory
Ricky Hogan
Sabrina Maham
Scott Smith
Steve Boedigheimer

STAFF

Brian Nation
David Taylor
Roshada Taylor

I. Call to Order- Dr James Graham, Chairman:

The Trauma Advisory Council meeting was called to order on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 3:13 p.m. by Chairman, Dr. James Graham.

II. Welcome and Introduction- Group:

Dr. James Graham welcomed all guests and council members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

III. Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) System Review- Joey Branton and Dr. Chris Trevino:

Chairman, Dr. James Graham provided a brief summary of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) meeting and addressed some questions from Council members. The LERN program has only been active for approximately 45 days and is a voluntary system. The call center has received about 500 calls since activation. Their objective is to get the patient to the right place at the right time for care.

Dr. Paul Halverson, Director of Arkansas Department of Health, stated that the LERN system is similar to the system in Alabama and that both systems might set a good example for Arkansas.

David Taylor, Section Chief of EMS and Trauma Systems, stated that the guest speakers from Louisiana, Joey Branton and Dr. Chris Trevino, are willing to share data from their system.

IV. Approval of Draft Minutes from the July 10, 2008 meeting:

The Council reviewed minutes from July 10, 2008 meeting. Terry Collins motioned to approve the minutes, followed by a second motion by Myra Looney Wood. The Council approved the minutes.

V. Rules and Regulations Revisions - Public Hearing; September 18, 2008 at 1:30p.m Room 801 of the Freeway Medical Tower:

Dr. James Graham reviewed the Rules and Regulations process with the group. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 18th,

2008 at 1:30 p.m. in room 801 of the Freeway Medical Tower Building.

VI. Update- EMS Review and Focus Groups - Myra Wood:

Myra Looney Wood gave the Council an update on the EMS and Focus Groups. She will be concentrating on five focus groups by region in the near future. She stated that the review document is ready for final approval and that it will be going out within the next week.

Dr. Steve Bowman is in the process of preparing a draft report of the survey that was sent to EMS and hospitals regarding trauma call pay, ICU beds, and available services provided.

David Taylor reported to the Council on the EMS Needs Assessment, consisting of 70 questions related to communication, personnel, supplies, retention, and recruitment issues. He said that 70% of the services participated in the survey and that a report should be ready by October, 2008.

VII. Subcommittee Reports:

a. Data Subcommittee Report - Terry Collins

Terry Collins provided a report from the recent Data Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee reviewed data collection systems including Trauma Scan, National Tracs and Collector.

The subcommittee recommended to the Council to seek out a software product similar to National Tracs. The subcommittee felt that all of the desired reporting components were already in place with National Tracs and due to time constraints they recommended selecting a similar program rather than upgrading the Trauma Scan program. Terry Collins made a motion to approve the Data Subcommittee's recommendation, seconding by Dr. Gary Petrus, motion passed by the Council.

Mr. Taylor also announced that the existing EMS prehospital data collection system was being upgraded. He said that the program was being introduced at the end of August and five regional trainings would be held in the state to help familiarize ambulance services with the new web-enabled version. David Taylor stated that he did not want to change the EMS Prehospital Data collection program at this time. The Council agreed to maintain the current collection system.

b. Finance Subcommittee Report - Dr. Charles Mabry

Dr. Charles Mabry was not able to attend the meeting due to other obligations, so Dr. James Graham provided a brief summary of the items discussed at the Finance Subcommittee meeting. He described Dr. Mabry's hypothetical breakdown of the potential \$35 Million dollar funding amount. In his plan different amounts would be granted to verified trauma centers to achieve varying levels for readiness.

Dr. Paul Halverson added that he doesn't think the subcommittee can go any further until funding is awarded. This was followed by some discussion of on call pay. The concept of special tax credits for specialists taking call was discussed as a potential alternative to on call payments.

VIII. Review and Adoption of Proposed Bylaws – Group

Members were given copies of proposed bylaws for review prior to the next meeting date. Council will review and prepare for adoption during the September meeting.

IX. Election of Secretary - Group:

The Council elected a Secretary/Treasurer for the Trauma Advisory Council. Terry Collins made a motion to nominate Dr. Paul Halverson as Secretary; seconded by Dr. Gary Petrus. Ken Kelley made a motion to nominate Myra Looney Wood as Secretary/Treasurer; seconded by Jeremy Stogner. No other nominations were made. Myra Looney Wood withdrew her nomination and Dr. Paul Halverson was voted into the position by a unanimous decision.

X. Open Discussion:

Dr. James Graham discussed the article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette "Good Cause-Bad Idea". This article described the proposed trauma system in Arkansas as a good idea, but the author questioned the idea of funding the system with an additional tax on tobacco products.

XI. Next Meeting date:

The next Trauma Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 3:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Freeway Medical Towers Building in conference room 801.

XII. Adjournment:

Chairman, Dr. James Graham adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.