

Trauma Advisory Council

February 22, 2007

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Williams
Dr. Johannes Gruenwald
Dr. Clint Evans
Michael Pollock
Terry Collins
Ken Kelley
Dr. Wendell Pahls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. James Graham
Dr. Roger Cagle
Ronald Robertson
Randall Fale
Jeremy Stogner
K.C. Jones

GUESTS

Rod Barrett
Donna Parnell-Beasley
Dr. Judy Borland
Kim Hall
Dr. John Theus
Renee Mallory
Bo Ryall
Dr. Paul Halverson
Donnie Smith

STAFF

Brian Nation
David Taylor
Roshada Taylor
Addie Grigsby

I. Call to Order:

The Trauma Advisory Council meeting was called to order on February 22, 2007 at 3:04 p.m.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed minutes from the January 25, 2007 meeting. Corrections were noted and minutes were approved.

III. Progress on House Bill 1575:

The Council discussed the filing of House Bill 1575. Bo Ryall with the Arkansas Hospital Association described the process of filing the Trauma Bill. Mr. Ryall was questioned regarding the filing of the Bill without language for funding and stated that the Bill would be amended at the appropriate time to include such language. Committee members were told the Public Health Committee will discuss the Bill as a Special Order of Business on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 10:00 am in Room 130 at the Capitol. Mr. Ryall encouraged everyone to attend and to let House and Senate members of the Committee know of their support for the Bill. It was agreed that e-mail was the best way to communicate support. He also stated that he and others met with Governor Beebe on February 22, 2007 to discuss the Bill. A response from the Governor's Office is expected back within 24-36 hours regarding the Governor's opinion on the Bill.

IV. Endorsement Letters:

Council members were encouraged to send in letters of endorsement from the associations that they represent. Dr. Gruenwald asked that the letters be written on association letterhead and mailed to him.

V. Open Discussion:

The Council reviewed the steps ahead:

- ❖ Support House Bill 1575

- Members of the Council were asked to contact their Senators and Representatives to support the Bill. Members of the Council stated

that they would ask their associations to send e-mails and make phone calls. Bo Ryall distributed contact lists for the House and Senate Public Health Committees. He requested that Brian Nation distribute the list electronically to all Council members as soon as possible.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 801 of the Freeway Medical Building, Little Rock, AR. (This Meeting was Canceled)

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.