

Trauma Advisory Council

June 22, 2006

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Clint Evans

Dr. James Graham

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald

K.C. Jones

Dr. Wendell Pahls

Ronald Robertson

Dr. John Cone

Terry Collins

Randall Fale

GUESTS

Renee Mallory

Kim Hall

Laura Guthrie

Dr. Judy Borland

Don Adams

Jared Henderson

Loretta Duncan *w/ AR Medical Society*

Donnie Smith

Monica Kimbrell

Dr. Paul Halverson, AR DHHS Director

Dr. Timothy Calicott

STAFF

Brian Nation

Addie Grigsby-Roshell

Roshada Taylor

Norajean Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sheila Taylor
Dr. Michael Pollock
Dr. Roger Cagle
Bo Ryall
Ken Kelly
Robert Williams

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald called the Trauma Advisory Council meeting to order on June 22, 2006 at 3:35 p.m.

Brian Nation reviewed the June 6, 2006 minutes.

Minutes were motioned for approval by Dr. Clint Evans and K.C. Jones.

Legislative Working Group Report:

Dr. Graham briefly summarized the discussion of The Legislature Working Group meeting.

Dr. Graham also announced the upcoming completion and distribution of the survey by June 30, 2006, which will include a cover letter and a postage paid envelope for easy return.

A group suggestion was also made to send out multiple copies to CEO's and CFO's along with follow up emails and telephone contacts.

Review of the Survey Instrument:

K. C. Jones summarized the sample Ambulance Survey provided by Myra Wood-Looney.

Laura Guthrie volunteered to collect a "hospital death toll" from the coroners' office. The Coroners Association will meet on July 13, 2006.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Paul K. Halverson, Director of Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services:

Dr. Halverson commended the group for their dedicated efforts and expressed how important it is that we do whatever we can to push this program along.

Dr. Halverson also commented that this program is well needed to establish trauma centers and hopes to make this issue a “*front burner*” in the states. This is going to be one of the most important projects in the health system.

Another key focal point of the group should be looking at good models from other states, “Coping the Best and Leaving the Rest”.

Dr. Graham made a statement on how diverse the group is, having members that can think “*outside the box*”. He also assures they will be able to collect a variety of data, meanwhile a lot of the work is already in place and we have a good steady flow.

Voices from the group commented on having people tell their story, whether it was good or bad. Whether they lost someone due to lack of hospital technique or if they happen to have a good outcome, possibly coming upon a trauma unit by being in the right place at the right time. This will be the key point in presenting information to the legislature.

The group discussed the possibility of a tax increase on cigarettes and/ or alcohol to cover the revenue.

The group also may want to build a coalition of people from all walks of life to arouse awareness about trauma centers. Examples of these groups may include the Parent and Teacher Association or Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The Trauma Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.