

# Trauma Advisory Council

December 14, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Minutes

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald  
Dr. Ronald Robertson  
Randall Fale  
Jeremy Stogner  
Dr. James Graham  
Terry Collins  
K.C. Jones  
Robert Williams

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Clint Evans  
Dr. Roger Cagle  
Dr. Michael Pollock  
Ken Kelley  
Dr. Wendell Pahls

## **GUESTS**

Dr. Paul Halverson  
Don Adams  
Bo Ryall  
Donnie Smith  
Renee Mallory  
Kim Hall  
Laura Guthrie  
Scott Smith  
Dr. Judy Borland  
John Neal

## **STAFF**

Brian Nation  
Roshada Taylor

## **I. Call to Order**

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald called the Trauma Advisory Council meeting to order on December 14, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

## **II. Approval of November 29, 2006 Minutes**

The group reviewed minutes from the November 29, 2006 meeting. Since several members of the council were absent during the last meeting minutes from the October 18, 2006 meeting were also reviewed.

The Trauma Advisory Council approved minutes for both meetings.

## **III. Report: Washington State Trauma System Visit – Dr. James Graham**

Dr. James Graham made a presentation about a visit that he made with Brian Nation and David Taylor to Washington State to review their trauma system. Key staff members from the Washington Trauma Office discussed their system with the team from Arkansas describing positive benefits and obstacles that they had worked through over time. Dr. Graham discussed the importance of each region in Washington State and how they had reduced trauma related deaths by 40 percent.

## **IV. Report: Mississippi Trauma System Visit – Dr. Gruenwald**

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald made a presentation about a visit that he made with Laura Guthrie to review the trauma system in Mississippi. He stated that the model in Mississippi is very good, but that their system seems to be on the verge of failing. He pointed to funding issues and the lack of EMS involvement as possible contributing factors for the problems in Mississippi's system.

## **V. Open Discussion**

Members of the group discussed the upcoming legislative session and possible funding streams to mention for the trauma system.

The group discussed the pros and cons of General Funding versus funding based on violation fees.

Members of the group examined the funding needed to promote the trauma system in Arkansas.

Dr. Paul Halverson presented the following eight guiding principles for the council to consider.

1. State System
2. Use Current Rules and Regulations
3. Grant Program to support readiness of hospital trauma centers and affiliated providers
4. Funding to support trauma registry and injury prevention and control at Division of Health
5. Patient supplement fees to help offset provider costs
6. Blended revenue stream to provide stability
  - a. Fees
  - b. General Revenue
  - c. Insurance Supplement
  - d. Etc.
7. Need to provide incentives for participation, especially for physicians
8. Need flexibility for adjustment over time

## **VI. Adjournment**

The Trauma Advisory Council Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

## **VII. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was set for January 11, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 801 of the Freeway Medical Tower