

# Trauma Advisory Council

February 12, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Charles Mabry  
Dr. Clint Evans  
Dr. James Graham  
Dr. Michael Mercer  
Dr. Michael Pollock  
Dr. Paul Halverson  
Dr. Ronald Robertson  
Dr. Stan Burleson  
Bridget White  
James Carter  
Jeremy Stogner  
Ken Kelley  
Myra Looney Wood  
Richard Bernard  
Robert Williams

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Gary Petrus  
Dr. John Cone  
Dr. Roger Cagle  
Dr. Sam Peebles  
Colonel Winford Phillips  
K.C Jones

## **GUESTS**

Dr. Timothy Calicott  
Denise Carson  
Don Adams  
Doug Ross  
Joe Hennington  
Laura Guthrie  
Mark Warford  
Sabrina Maham  
Steve Smith  
Terry Collins

## **STAFF**

Donnie Smith  
Renee Mallory  
Rick Hogan  
Brian Nation  
David Taylor  
Roshada Taylor

## **I. Call to Order:**

The Trauma Advisory Council meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 3:04 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Dr. Ronald Robertson.

## **II. Welcome and Introduction:**

Dr. Ronald Robertson welcomed all guests and Council members.

## **III. Approval of Draft Minutes from the January 8, 2009 Meeting:**

The Council reviewed the January 8, 2009 minutes. Dr. Michael Pollock made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeremy Stogner. Minutes approved.

## **IV. Proposed Legislation:**

Proposed legislation (HB1204) to increase the state tobacco tax to fund health care initiatives in Arkansas has passed. It is thought legislation to amend the trauma bill will be discussed in the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

## **V. Press Event - House Bill 1204:**

Dr. Paul Halverson thanked everyone for their hard work. He gave special recognition to Dr. James Graham, Trauma Council Members, interested organizations, and parties for their dedication and stated that he is looking forward to working with all the hospitals and EMS personnel.

## **VI. Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report, "Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients: Recommendations of the National Expert Panel on Field Triage:**

David Taylor provided an overview of the changes to protocols included in the report from the Centers for Disease Control. Since most of the changes involve simple alterations, the revisions will need to be included during the next update of the Arkansas Rules and Regulations for Trauma Systems. This document is available from the following web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

**VII. Proposed Trauma System Budget:**

Council members discussed a handout (Attachment A) outlining a proposed Trauma System Development Budget for FY2010 - FY2011.

Dr. Halverson provided an overview of the items in the planned budget. He described start-up and sustaining grants that may be available from the funding for hospitals and EMS services.

**VIII. Open Discussion:**

James Carter provided an update on the condition of Dr. Trent Pierce, who was injured recently. He informed members and interested parties that Dr. Pierce is recovering and stated a need for physician volunteers to staff his clinic. Several members offered to provide assistance in notifying physician groups of the need.

Trauma Registry Program - Lynda Lehing, Hospital Discharge Section Chief provided an update on purchasing a trauma registry system.

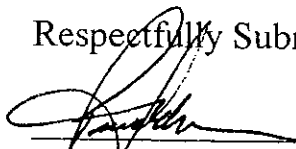
**IX. Next Meeting date:**

The next Trauma Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 3:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Freeway Medical Towers Building in conference room 801, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**X. Adjournment:**

Dr. Ronald Robertson adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Paul K. Halverson, DrPH, FACHE

Secretary Treasurer of the Trauma Advisory Council

Director and State Health Officer, Arkansas Department of Health

**Attachment A:**

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
TRAUMA SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT BUDGET  
FY2010 - FY2011**

PURPOSES	FY2010	FY2011	USE OF FUNDS
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>	\$2,315,000	\$2,500,000	Readiness Grants covering training and equipment needs. Requires participation in Regional Trauma Advisory Councils, Call Center, and trauma registry for pre-hospital data submission.
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>	\$5,000,000		Supports EMS Enhancement, including defibrillators. Collaborative effort between ADH, Trauma Advisory Committee, Arkansas Ambulance Association, and the Arkansas EMT Association.
<b>HOSPITAL START UP &amp; SUSTAINING GRANTS</b>  IN STATE LEVEL I (\$3,000,000) OUT OF STATE LEVEL I (\$500,000) LEVEL II (\$5,000,000) LEVEL III (\$2,125,000) LEVEL IV (\$1,350,000) SPECIALITY CNTRS-BURN/HAND (\$500,000) SUSTAINING GRANTS	\$13,465,000	\$20,340,000	Will provide funding to prepare hospitals to participate in the Trauma System, and to sustain participation. Requires Call Center participation upon implementation with directed patient transfer; trauma registry data submission; staff development and continuing education; participation in Regional Trauma Advisory Councils; 24/7 on-site ER Physician coverage for all but Level IV Centers.
<b>QUALITY REVIEW INITIATIVE</b>	\$175,000	\$250,000	Will establish and monitor quality measures for funded groups. Will also support work of Regional Trauma Advisory Councils in developing system improvement initiatives.
<b>REHABILITATION (SYSTEM OF CARE)</b>	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	With input from the rehabilitation community will address current service gaps and systems of care to improve the coordination of appropriate services available to Arkansans.
<b>TRAUMA SYSTEM COORDINATION/SUPPORT</b>	\$3,545,000	\$3,910,000	Covers staffing for program coordination and support, injury prevention outreach; trauma registry software and operation; Call Center development, implementation, and management; support for Regional Trauma Advisory Councils.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000,000</b>	<b>\$28,000,000</b>	