

Trauma Advisory Council

February 21, 2008

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald

Dr. Clint Evans

Dr. Michael Pollock

Dr. Ronald Robertson

Dr. Charles Mabry

Terry Collins

Robert Williams

K.C. Jones

Myra Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. James Graham

Dr. Roger Cagle

Jeremy Stogner

Ken Kelley

Richard Bernard

GUESTS

Dr. Joe Thompson

Dr. Gene Shelby

Donnie Smith

Laura Guthrie

Renee Mallory

Donna Parnell-Beasley

Kim Hall

Amanda Warren

Sabrina Mahan

Don Adams

STAFF

Brian Nation

David Taylor

Addie Grigsby-Roshell

I. Call to Order:

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald called the Trauma Advisory Council meeting to order on February 21, 2008 at 3:05 p.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Gruenwald welcomed the group and provided an opportunity for introductions. Two new members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Ms. Myra Wood and Mr. Richard Bernard were recognized.

III. Approval of December 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes:

Council members reviewed and approved minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting. A motion was made to remove Dr. Wendell Pahls name from the minutes since he is no longer a member.

IV. Proposed Rules and Regulations for Trauma Systems Changes:

Brian Nation and Terry Collins provided a report from the Rules and Regulations Working Group concerning the addition of an appeals process to existing Rules and Regulations.

Additional revisions to Section IX concerning ground transport times were proposed. K.C. Jones made a motion to change transport time from 30 minutes to 45 minutes to reflect actual transport times in rural counties. Members voted in favor of this revision.

Concerns were expressed regarding Section X concerning EMS Representation on trauma designation teams. Dr. Clint Evans made a motion to remove EMS Representation and members discussed the motion. A vote by members led to a tie, with the Chairman breaking the tie by voting to remove the representation.

Brian Nation presented a report on Joint Trauma Centers in Washington State to the Council. In Washington two or more facilities may apply for

one shared trauma level designation. Following a discussion by the Council, members of the Rules and Regulations Working Group agreed to meet again to draft an addition to the rules to describe rules for joint designation in Arkansas.

V. Open Discussion

During open discussion Donnie Smith asked the Council to form a Financial Working Group. Dr. Gruenwald, Dr. Charles Mabry, Dr. Michael Pollock, Terry Collins, and Myra Wood expressed interest in joining the working group. Don Adams with the Hospital Association offered representation from his organization. Department staff will pursue setting up a future date for the group to meet.

VI. Next Meeting:

The Trauma Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 801 of the Freeway Medical Building.

The Rules and Regulations Working Group will meet on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the University of Medical Sciences, Surgery Department Library, 7th Floor of the Shorey Building.

VII. Adjournment:

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.