

Trauma Advisory Council

October 9, 2008

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Clint Evans
Dr. Gary Petrus
Dr. James Graham
Dr. Michael Mercer
Dr. Michael Pollock
Dr. Ronald Robertson
Dr. Sam Peebles
Dr. Stan Burleson
Dr. John Cone
Bridget White
James Carter
Jeremy Stogner
Myra Looney Wood
Richard Bernard
Robert Williams

GUESTS

Dr. Judy Borland
Dr. Tom Kiser
Audra Arant
Ben Blankenship
Bo Ryall
Carolyne Park
Donna Parnell-Beasley
Gloria Weakland
J. T. Cantrell
Jon Swanson
Keith Edmonds
Kim Hall
Laura Guthrie
R. T. Fendley
Renee Mallory
Richard Davis
Ricky Hogan
Sabrina Maham
T. Osterholm
Terry Collins

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Mabry
Dr. Paul K. Halverson
Dr. Roger Cagle

TELE CONFERENCE

David Taylor
K.C. Jones
Ken Kelley

EMS STAFF PRESENT

Brian Nation
Roshada Taylor

I. Call to Order:

The Trauma Advisory Council meeting was called to order on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman, Dr. James Graham.

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. James Graham welcomed all guests and council members.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 11, 2008 meeting:

The Council reviewed the September 11, 2008 draft minutes. Myra Looney Wood made a motion to approve the minutes, followed by a second motion by Dr. Ronald Robertson. The Council approved the minutes.

IV. Review and Adoption of Proposed Bylaws:

Rick Hogan reviewed changes to the proposed bylaws for the Trauma Advisory Council. Following discussion the Council voted to approve the bylaws by acclamation.

When following the new bylaws' attendance policy, Trauma Advisory council members are asked to contact the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems, Brian Nation if they are going to be absent.

V. Trauma Regional Advisory Councils (TRACs):

Dr. James Graham briefly described the break down of potential TRACs by utilizing the Arkansas Hospital Association regional map. Council members discussed who might be in charge of each TRAC locally. Participation and possible starting times were also discussed by the Council.

VI. Should the TAC host regional interest meetings before the legislative session?

Dr. James Graham asked if members of the Council would be willing to host regional meetings to inform the public about the proposed trauma system. Dr. John Cone suggested utilizing members who lived in each region to set up the meetings. The following people volunteered to work within their home regions:

- K.C. Jones – North Central Region (Purple)
- James Carter- Northeast Region (Red)
- Michael Mercer- Southeast Region (Yellow)
- Dr. Judy Borland- Southwest Region (Green)
- Robert Williams- Northwest Region (Blue)

Bo Ryall with the Hospital Association offered his assistance to the people who volunteered in each of the different regions.

Volunteers for two regions are still needed.

VII. System start up issues:

Dr. James Graham questioned the practice of having hospitals collect data for six months before applying for trauma level designation. Members of the Council discussed the issue and then asked that the Finance Subcommittee review the situation.

VIII. Progress report on trauma registry software:

Purchase of a new trauma registry program will have to wait for future funding.

IX. Progress report on the dashboard system:

Renee Mallory presented a brief progress report on the proposed dashboard system. This system will allow hospital personnel to check the availability of care at another hospital before transporting a patient. ADH has contracted with Metropolitan EMS in Little Rock, Arkansas to develop the software and manage the system. The expected start date is November 1, 2008 and the program will run until June 30, 2008.

Training for the dashboard system will be conducted by video conferencing. Bo Ryall offered his assistance to let hospital personnel know about the training sessions.

X. American College of Surgeons Site Visit and Special Trauma Advisory Council Meeting:

Representatives from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) will visit the State of Arkansas on Monday, October 20, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m at 4815 W. Markham Street, Little Rock in the Director's Conference Room. They will provide the state with their recommendations regarding Arkansas' proposed trauma system. This will be a special meeting of the Trauma Advisory Council and members are asked to attend. A teleconference option may also be available.

XI. Open Discussion:

Myra Looney Wood provided the group with a survey update. She plans to have a web survey of EMS needs aimed at Trauma readiness in the near future.

David Taylor updated the group regarding the EMS Needs Assessment. A final draft is estimated to be in print by November's Trauma Advisory Council meeting.

XII. Next Meeting date:

The two remaining Trauma Advisory Council Meetings for 2008 will be on Thursdays, November 13th & December 11th, 2008 at 3:00pm. The meetings will be held at the Freeway Medical Towers Building in conference room 801.

XIII. Adjournment:

Dr. James Graham adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.