

Trauma Advisory Council

December 11, 2008

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Clint Evans
Dr. Gary Petrus
Dr. James Graham
Dr. John Cone
Dr. Michael Pollock
Dr. Paul Halverson
Dr. Stan Burleson
Bridget White
James Carter
K.C Jones
Myra Looney Wood
Richard Bernard
Robert Williams
Jeremy Stogner

GUESTS

Dr. Douglas Ross
Dr. Timothy Calicott
Capt. Gloria Weakland
Denise Carson
Don Adams
Donnie Smith
Joe Hennington
John Senner
Kim Hall
Laura Guthrie
Lynda Lehing
Renee Mallory
Ricky Hogan
Sabrina Maham
Steve Smith
Terry Collins

STAFF

David Taylor
Roshada Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Mabry
Dr. Michael Mercer
Dr. Roger Cagle
Dr. Ronald Robertson
Dr. Sam Peebles
Ken Kelley
Colonel Winford Phillips

I. Call to Order:

The Trauma Advisory Council meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 3:01 p.m. by Chairman, Dr. James Graham.

II. Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. James Graham welcomed all guests and Council members.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 13, 2008 Meeting:

The Council reviewed the November 13, 2008 minutes. K.C. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Robert Williams. Minutes approved.

IV. Regional Interest Meetings:

Members discussed the upcoming Regional Trauma Informational Meetings. Dr. Graham stated that Council members will be introduced at the regional meetings and members of the community will also be recognized. He provided a copy of the slide show presentation that will be utilized during the meetings. A few modifications were suggested and incorporated. Children's Hospital's Public Relations Department will distribute press releases regarding the regional meetings when appropriate.

Dr. Graham informed the Council that Dr. Charles Mabry and Dr. Michael Mercer are planning to host a regional meeting in Pine Bluff, Arkansas around the first week in January of 2009.

V. American College of Surgeons Report:

The Council reviewed a report provided by the American College of Surgeons Trauma Systems Evaluation and Planning Committee based on their site visit to Arkansas. The report contained their evaluation, comments and recommendations for developing a statewide trauma system in Arkansas. David Taylor will email the report to all Council members and interested parties.

VI. Step Up Coalition Plans:

Dr. Graham discussed a press conference that was held at the State Capitol by

the Step Up Coalition. The Coalition announced its intention to seek an increase in tobacco taxes during the next legislative session. Funding raised by the tobacco tax could assist trauma system development within the state.

VII. Progress Report on Trauma EMS Assessment:

Myra Looney Woods stated that the assessment was not ready for distribution.

VIII. Open Discussion:

National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine: Dr. Graham and members of the Council reviewed the report and discussed the need for statewide trauma system development. The report gave an overall score of D-related to the state of emergency medicine.

Trauma Dashboard Update: David Taylor provided the report. The Trauma Dashboard system was activated on November 3, 2008. The Section of EMS & Trauma Systems received a usage survey shortly after activation of the system. The survey indicated that the Dashboard was helpful in the transfer of a patient. Training has been offered to all hospitals. Mr. Taylor stated he provided a presentation of the Dashboard system to Critical Access Hospital administrators and staff on December 9, 2008.

Election of Officers: Dr. Graham reminded members that election of officers will occur during the January meeting.

IX. Next Meeting date:

The next Trauma Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Freeway Medical Towers Building in conference room 801, Little Rock, Arkansas.

X. Adjournment:

Dr. James Graham adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.