

**ARIZONA TRAUMA SYSTEM
QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (AZTQ) COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 31, 2008

150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A

Members Present:

Charles Allen (Chairman)	Philip Johnson
Debbie Johnston	Brenda Sutton
Richard Porter	Michelle Ziemba
Bill Ashland	Linda Worthy
Pam Goslar	Jane Burney
*Kelly Silberschlag	Michele Guadnola
Victor Garcia	

Members Absent:

Charlann Staab
Jeff Farkas

Senate Attendance

Scott Petersen
Marc Matthews
Marcia Barry

I. CALL TO ORDER

Charles Allen, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Arizona Trauma System Quality Assurance and System Improvement Committee to order at 8:40 a.m. A quorum was present. *Note: Kelly Silberschlag attended by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION and Action on September 20, 2007 Minutes

A motion was made by Michelle Ziemba and seconded by Pam Goslar to approve the minutes of September 20, 2007 with one clarification. Item III – last bullet – Vicki Conditt will not be taking the Assistant Bureau Chief position. She will remain the Trauma Section Chief and will only be handling Trauma. **Motion carried.**

III. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ITEMS:

A. Trauma Day at the Capitol – Reminder

- Today, January 31, 2007 is Trauma Day at the Capitol and after today's STAB meeting we will be walking over to the Senate Lawn. There will be a registration table where you can check in and sign in. Please check in by 11:45 a.m. The luncheon is scheduled for noon. They are expecting 80 people today so we were reminded to bring our badges.
- Senate Bill (SB)1149 will be heard in the Senate Health Committee right after the Senate presentations this morning. There will be individuals speaking for the bill.

B. New Trauma Registry Rulemaking – Effective Date January 12, 2008

- The new rules took effect on January 12, 2008

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Arizona State Trauma Registry – Anita Ray

1. TRUG Update

- The Arizona State Trauma Registry is in the middle of several important registry projects. State and hospital databases are in process of being updated to align with the new state and national trauma data standards. Data entry of ED Arrival Dates Jan. 1, 2008 forward will be captured using the new data specifications.
- The Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG) met on January 17th and made some final updates to the 2008 data element drop down lists. We reviewed the new 2008 inclusion criteria and some of the key changes for 2008. The final 2008 ASTR Data Dictionary will be emailed to TRUG. A detailed 2008 User Manual

will be drafted and discussed at the next TRUG meeting.

- We are also working on a document that will assist the software vendor with hospital data exports to the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB). Per confidentiality restrictions, data from the state system cannot be sent to NTDB, but individual hospitals can report their data to NTDB. As soon as the new systems are implemented, we plan to set up software training for users. We also want to put trauma registry information online in one location for easier access.

2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Tracking Spreadsheet

- Included in today's packets is a table tracking hospital submission of 2007 trauma data to ASTR. All trauma data has been imported except the Banner Good Samaritan data file. The hospital did turn in their 3rd quarter data but the cases cannot be imported until we get the new system. Data is submitted quarterly based on ED Arrival Date. Trauma data is submitted by hospitals several months after the arrival date. The last quarter of 2007 data is due on April 1st, after which time the spreadsheet will be updated.
- 10 hospitals have submitted 2007 data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry. 7 of these facilities are designated Level I trauma centers. Phoenix Children's Hospital and Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center have been provided with trauma registry software and are beginning their data entry. Currently, ADHS is covering the costs of reporting hospital's software licenses, technical support, software training, and cost of the state-required 2008 system upgrades. BEMSTS is hoping to encourage more facilities to report trauma data to ASTR.
- The Bureau of EMS and Trauma System is currently focusing on a road show. We visited Show Low last week to do a presentation for Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center. The hope is that even if a facility chooses not to become designated they will at least choose to voluntarily submit data and/or become a level IV.
 - The goal is to visit 10 facilities in 2008 to get other facilities to formally participate.
 - We would either supply an Excel spreadsheet or Trauma One® software
 - The difficulty in getting facilities to submit data is a staffing issue.
 - Some hospitals are not aware that if they are designated as a trauma center they can bill under the Uniform Billing Code under the trauma response O68X (trauma activation). Even the Level IV's can bill under the trauma activation to help support the trauma readiness costs.
 - Level IV facilities do not have to have a trauma surgeon or have to be ACS verified.
 - Another major focus is to develop statewide quality assurance standards and processes. We need to create an internal document and form a workgroup.

3. 2007 Audit Filter Reports

- As mentioned, the final quarter 2007 data is expected April 1. Quality checks will be run on the 2007 data so corrections can be made. Feedback from AZTQ and STAB will be needed to help determine the best audit filters for evaluating Arizona's trauma system.

B. ASTR Data Reports

- The next major ASTR project is to work with the software vendor to create a

comprehensive data validation tool. Once this is set up, the quarterly data will be checked at hospital export and at ASTR import. This will allow the data to be available much more quickly for state reporting purposes.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Pam Goslar commended ADHS (Vatsal Chikani) on the development of the Trauma Fast Facts document sent to the members. The facts consisted of injuries, charges, payor mix and cause of injury by legislative district and county.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – April 17, 2008

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Approved by: AZTQ Committee

Date: April 17, 2008