

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
January 22, 2009
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

Members Present:

Bentley Bobrow (Chair)	Terry Welker
Scott Petersen (Vice-Chair)	Charles Allen
*Peter Rhee	Nathan Avery
Michelle Ziemba	Laurie Wood
Roy Ryals	Linda Worthy
Martyn Fink	Michael Pfleger
*Leonard Kirschner	Debbie Johnston
Philip Johnson	Jeff Farkas
Mark Venuti	*Kelly Silberschlag
Stewart Hamilton	Bill Ashland

Members Absent:

David Notrica
Georgia Butler
Anthony Rhorer
Dave Ridings

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present. Leonard Kirschner, Peter Rhee, and Kelly Silberschlag participated by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON November 6, 2008 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Stewart Hamilton to approve the minutes of November 6, 2008 as presented. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Philip Johnson to approve the Executive Session minutes of November 6, 2008 as presented. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS

A. Dr. Ben Bobrow

1. Membership Update – Ben Bobrow introduced and welcomed new member Terry Welker, Representative from a Tribal Health Organization from the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
2. Ben Bobrow announced the reappointments of Stewart Hamilton, Jeff Farkas, Debbie Johnston, Michael Pfleger and Mark Venuti, and distributed signed reappointment letters from the Director.

B. Bureau Chief – Terry Mullins

1. Budget Issues - We are awaiting official direction from the State Legislature. We anticipate identifying specific cost-saving activities for the remainder of this fiscal year and also for FY 2010 later during the session. We don't know how this will impact the Bureau or the EMS and trauma community. It is possible that we will ask the Level I Trauma Centers to share maintenance costs of the State Trauma Registry for their particular facility.

2. ADHS Administration Changes - Terry Mullins introduced Elizabeth Roig, the new Senior Rules Analyst for the Bureau. January Contreras, Acting Director for the Department of Health Services resigned last week. Governor Brewer has appointed Will Humble as the Interim Director while she is conducting a search for a permanent Director.

C. Trauma System Section Chief – Vicki Conditt

1. Trauma Center Designation – Update

- We now have officially designated a total of three Level IV trauma centers.
 - Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center
 - Northern Cochise Community Hospital
 - Banner Page Hospital
- Little Colorado Hospital in Winslow has applied for Level IV designation. We are looking at conducting a site survey in early March.

2. Trauma System Media Article – AZ Republic

- The reporter from the Arizona Republic, Joanna Allhands, has spent several months learning about Arizona’s trauma system in order to write a series of articles. The series is scheduled to run beginning this Sunday, January 25, 2009 in the Viewpoints section of the Valley and State. There will be additional articles throughout the week in the community section of each newspaper.

D. Data and Quality Assurance Section – Joel Bunis

1. Needs Assessment

- The BEMSTS will be conducting a Needs Assessment to try to quantify the incidence of trauma around the state first by zip code and then by county to see where trauma is occurring in order to determine how trauma patients’ needs are being met.
- The BEMSTS is undertaking a project to develop scientifically validated performance measures.
- We are going to form a committee to develop a quality assurance process for data being submitted by the hospitals. Pam Goslar has volunteered to be on this committee. Joel will be sending an e-mail asking for volunteers to participate on this committee.

Item: Form Data – QA Committee
Follow up: Send email
When: ASAP
Who: Joel Bunis/Vicki Conditt

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. AZ Trauma System Resource Management Program – Demonstration of EMSsystem

- We periodically review the recommendations from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to identify those we are have been able to make progress on and the ones we still have not. We wanted to see if the EMSsystem resource may be helpful in reducing the length of time or difficulty associated with transferring trauma patients.

Tim Singleton provided a mock up presentation on the EMSsystem and discussed some of the advantages of using EMSsystem for trauma transfers. He explained the capabilities of the system including the patient tracking system. It would require that all trauma centers agree to ensure that the information is updated in real time. There were some concerns voiced about liability issues associated with it. This system is in every Emergency Department in the state. It could serve as a one call system for trauma transfers. Others voiced the need to still make phone calls to the trauma centers. A workgroup will be formed to discuss the possible use of this system and report back to STAB.

Item: Form Workgroup – EMSsystem
Follow up: Send email
When: Before the next STAB Meeting - April 16, 2009
Who: Vicki Conditt

- There is concern that this system may be at risk of elimination due to budget cuts. It was also stated that maybe if the system was used more it would be less likely to be subject to a budget cut.

B. Regionalization of Trauma Care

- The workgroup met in October. The December meeting was cancelled due to lack of participation. As mentioned at the October meeting, as the statutorily mandated body, STAB needs to be the forum to discuss trauma system issues. Some of the resulting recommendations are already moving forward; i.e. increasing the number of trauma centers throughout the state, and using the state trauma data to generate reports and evaluate over and under triage.
- Terry Mullins recommended developing a state resource document that would provide guidance as to which patients are appropriate for care at Level III and Level IV centers and which patients should be sent to Level I and Level II's.
 - We also need to revise the Triage and Transfer Guidelines so they provide more specific direction to emergency medical services providers.
 - The four regions could review to make sure they are appropriate for their region and for partnership with the hospitals in their region.
- A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Philip Johnson to form a standing committee to develop interfacility protocols and draft prehospital triage and transfer guidelines taking into account all trauma centers (Levels I – IV).
Motion carried.
- Roy Ryals added a friendly amendment to include non-designated facilities as well. Mark Venuti accepted this amendment. **Motion carried.**

Item: Form Committee – Develop Interfacility Protocols and draft Prehospital Triage and Transfer Guidelines
Follow up: Send email
When: ASAP
Who: Vicki Conditt

C. AZTQ Bylaws – Amendments – Addition of Representative from Phoenix Children’s Hospital to AZTQ

- A motion was made by Roy Ryals and seconded by Scott Petersen to approve the changes in the AZTQ Bylaws which include changing the number of members from 18 to 19, and to change the minimum number of meetings per year from four to three. **Motion carried.**

D. Report from AZTQ Meeting

1. Update on State Trauma Registry

- The reduced data set spreadsheet and data dictionary were completed and sent out to the new Level IV designated hospitals.
- Clarification on reporting has been added to make the ATV crashes more descriptive so they can sort out what type of ATV was involved.

2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Tracking Spreadsheet

- The document was reviewed.

E. Trauma System Reports

1. Performance Measures Report

- There were no new performance measures reports due to the other reports that had previously been requested.

2. Golden Hour

a. TBI

b. Air Transport

c. Hospital Discharge Database - Under/Over-triage

- The golden hour analyses were reviewed and discussed. More information is needed and recommendations were made during the AZTQ meeting to look at the information closer - specifically, lived/died, unnecessary transports and over and under triage. It was noted that some believe that the golden hour is not necessarily an appropriate measure in all situations. There are many variables that we are unable to review at this time, but should be able to account for once the EMS (pre-hospital) database is available.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No discussion brought forward from the public.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- January 30, 2009 - Crest - Basic Disaster Life Support Course being held in Tucson, Arizona
- St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center
February 2009 in Phoenix – Trauma Symposium
- 12th Annual Society of Trauma Nurses Conference
April 8 – 10, 2009 in Phoenix - Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel

- 2009 Current Concepts in Emergency Medicine Conference
February 6, 2009 - Sheraton Crescent Hotel - Phoenix, Arizona

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB Meeting will be held on April 16, 2009.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: April 16, 2009