

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 16, 2009
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

Members Present:

Bentley Bobrow (Chair)	Terry Welker
Scott Petersen (Vice-Chair)	Charles Allen
David Notrica	Anthony Rhorer
Michelle Ziemba	Laurie Wood
Roy Ryals	Linda Worthy
Martyn Fink	Michael Pflieger
Leonard Kirschner	Debbie Johnston
Philip Johnson	Bill Ashland
Mark Venuti	*Kelly Silberschlag
Stewart Hamilton	

Members Absent:

Georgia Butler
Nathan Avery
Peter Rhee
Dave Ridings
Jeff Farkas

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. Kelly Silberschlag participated by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON JANUARY 22, 2009 MINUTES

A motion was made by Leonard Kirschner and seconded by Philip Johnson to approve the minutes of January 22, 2009 as presented. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS:

A. Dr. Ben Bobrow

- We are now on the third and final leg in the process of our EPIC grant which is our prehospital traumatic brain injury grant that has been submitted to the Department of Defense. We are waiting to see if it will be funded.

B. Bureau Chief - Terry Mullins

1. ADHS/Bureau - Update

- Budget Cuts - About a month ago, the Governor directed every agency to push submit proposed budget cuts using the current budget as the baseline and projecting additional cuts of 5%, 10% and 20% for next fiscal year (2010). The Department has submitted this but we don't yet know at what level the Bureau will be affected. There may be an impact on our contract with the trauma registry provider. As mentioned at the January 2009 meeting, it is likely that we will have to ask hospitals to contribute some of the costs associated with the trauma registry. We will keep you posted.
- Will Humble, previously our Deputy Assistant Director, was appointed Interim Director for the Arizona Department of Health Services for a period of 30-90 days. We have no information about a new Director at this point. Will Humble has been a champion for EMS and Trauma System development in the state of Arizona.

C. Trauma System Section Chief - Vicki Conditt

1. Trauma Center Designation – Update

Leadership for a Healthy Arizona

- Little Colorado Medical Center in Winslow was designated as a Level IV trauma center.
- We have two applications pending for La Paz Regional Hospital in Parker and Tuba City Regional Medical Center. They should receive their site reviews in May and possibly June.
- There are other hospitals that continue to contemplate designation as Level III and Level IV trauma centers.

Philip Johnson reported:

- Summit Regional Healthcare is happy with the economics of becoming a Level IV trauma center. He will try and get more official data so we can use the information to show other hospitals the benefit of becoming a Level IV trauma center.
- They have formed a committee with fire chiefs to work towards getting centralized dispatch.
- They are identifying problems and coming up with solutions. It has been a very good experience.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Approval of Amendments to STAB Bylaws

- A motion was made by Leonard Kirschner and seconded by David Notrica to accept the amended Bylaws as written. **Motion carried.**
- The Committee briefly discussed changing the STAB and AZTQ meetings to meet the same day as EMS Council and MDC (Medical Direction Commission).
- The Bureau will consider whether this is feasible. It was suggested that we send out some type of questionnaire or survey to all committee members. It was noted that MDC and AZTQ need to meet prior to EMS Council and STAB, respectively. We recognize that it would be more convenient for members serving on multiple committees to attend these meetings in one day, particularly if they drive a long way. We aren't sure whether four meetings in one day is feasible.

B. Review of Standing Committees Recommendations - Subsequent Workgroup Meetings

a. Ground vs. Air Field Transport

- Dr. Chris Salvino – May 8 – 9:00-11:30
- It was recommended that we look at developing a consensus document with the other statutory committees related to air medical safety guidelines based on Dr. Salvino's attendance at the National Transportation Safety Board Air Medical hearings in Washington, DC.

Item: Consensus document
Follow up: Decide when to meet to discuss
When: Ground Vs. Air Field Transport - May 8, 2009
Who: Terry Mullins

b. QI and Training

- Deb Brown/Vicki Bennett – May 8 – 1:00-3:00

- c. **Triage and Transport Guidelines (for all Trauma Center Levels)**
 - Dr. Anthony Rhorer – May 18 – 12:00-3:00
 - It was recommended that we look at the new CDC Triage Guidelines.
- d. **EMSystem Status Report**
 - Tim Singleton made changes to the EMSystem trauma page for the central region hospitals. The pages were sent to the trauma managers asking to update their hospital's information. It appears that the trauma pages contain up-to-date information.
 - Based on the discussions at the March 12, 2009 Standing Committee meeting, we are not going to use the EMSystem any further than what has already been done.

C. Review of ACS Recommendations and ADHS Accomplishments

- It was recommended that the ACS Recommendations and ADHS Accomplishments be posted on our website.

Item: Review of ACS Recommendations and ADHS Accomplishments
Follow up: Post on website and send out electronically
When: Before the next meeting – September 17, 2009
Who: Vicki Conditt

D. Report from AZTQ Meeting - Dr. Charles Allen, Chair

1. Update on State Trauma Registry

- The deadline for NTDB (National Trauma Database) is May 15, 2009.

2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Tracking Spreadsheet

- There is still some data that will be added to the 2008 data.

***E. Trauma System Reports - Data and Quality Assurance Section - Joel Bunis**

- We developed a matrix for the Under and Over Triage cases and one of the corners of the matrix showed people admitted to a non-designated hospital who subsequently died (34) and those admitted to the ED (Emergency Department) of a non-designated hospital (non-trauma center) who also subsequently died. We looked into this to find out more information about the 34 patients admitted to non-trauma centers with significant injuries who subsequently died: which hospitals they were admitted to, and each patient's injury severity score. The report presented reflects these cases by region. Of the 34 cases, almost half of the patients were in the southeastern region.

Item: Data and Quality Assurance Section
Follow up: Address at the regional level
When: Before the next meeting – September 17, 2009
Who: Joel Bunis

- In Table 2, the patients who died in ED's, the injury severity scores are much higher.
- It was recommended that we use this data to try and convince non-designated hospitals that they may have a need to become designated as a trauma center and show them the economic advantage.

- It was also suggested that we look at length of stay (LOS) as to where trauma centers are located by region. A question was asked whether we could use the Hospital Discharge Database to find out how long they were in the ED.
- We are rolling out the EMS Premiere Agency Program which is a voluntary quality assurance initiative with four components.
- Everything should be on the website by May 11, 2009.
- There are 8 or 9 hospitals lined up so far. Some are urban and some are rural.
- We are developing quarterly trauma reports that are specific to the hospitals reporting to the State Trauma Registry.
- We want to send out to trauma centers for feedback.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A question was asked whether there are any federal medical facilities represented on this Board. Discussion ensued regarding the state working with the Department of Defense as their medical facilities have the potential to see a lot of trauma cases. It was also recommended that we work with Indian Health Services.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- SATNET Conference will be held on August 6 - 7, 2009 in Tucson.
- AEMS Odyssey will be held on May 28 - 29, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel in Mesa.
- AZTrACC Trauma Conference in Scottsdale on November 5 - 6, 2009.
- Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference in Flagstaff August 3 - 4, 2009.
- Annual Arizona Public Health Association Conference September 10-11 in Flagstaff.
- The AZTrACC Conference conflicts with the AZTQ and STAB meetings currently scheduled for the same day (November 5th).

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next STAB meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2009.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: September 17, 2009