

2-13-24 RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Dr. Pappas welcomed those present. Roll was called:

Voting Members Present:

Trauma Chair: Dr. Tracy Zito

Trauma Co-Chair: Rachael Hamlett

Level II Representative: Dr. Rick Ricardi

EMS Chair: Dr. John McPherson

EMS Co-Chair: Not present

EMS Central Rep: Dr. Christian Zuver

County DOH: Not present

Acute Care Hospital: Dr. Adela Casas

Municipal Government: Dr. Pappas advised that we are still recruiting for this position.

County Government: Not present

Extended Care: Not present

A quorum was reached.

Stakeholders Present:

Aaron Kissler	Dr. Dustin Hyunh	Lynne Drawdy
Alicia Buck	Dr. Gary Curcio	Matt Meyers
Amanda Freeman	Dr. Peter Pappas	Meghan Thomas
Beverly Cook	Dr. Scott Zenon	Michael Taylor
Chief Chris Spurlin	Georganne Cherry	Michelle Rud
Chief Kennett	Jeana Swain	Patrick Cassell
Chief Kevin Captain	Jennifer Mills	Sandra Schwemmer
Dawn Chery	John Maze	Sheryl Aldarondo
Dr. Aaron Kissler	John Wilgis	Steve Civitelli
Dr. Ayanna Walker	Julie Frey	Suzi Mitchell
Dr. David Rubay	Kelley Jenkins	
Dr. Donald Plumley	Kim Foley	

Call to Order: Dr. Zito called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Dr. Pappas reminded attendees that the December minutes were previously sent out. Dr. Zuver moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Dr. Adela Casas seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

CFDMC/RDSTF Update: Matt stated that we need volunteers to support the April 25th full scale regional exercise; flyers for evaluators/controller and volunteer management are on the website.

Florida DOH Trauma Update: There was no DOH Trauma representative present. Dr. Pappas shared that the Council is being reconstituted and Dr. Zito is on it. Dr. Zito said they are in the final stages of the standards review and making changes; Laura is doing a crosswalk. The trauma system advisory council is waiting for DOH to pull the group together but there has been no official contact yet.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Pappas thanked all who turned out for the face-to-face annual conference in December and we will continue to hold a face-to-face at next year's conference, as well as a virtual option. He noted new executive committee members and stated that there is still an open seat for a municipal government representative and encouraged members to let him know of any potential candidates,

Committee Updates

System Support Committee: Sheryl Aldarondo reported on the activities discussed at their meeting. Trauma centers are working on activities including Stop the Bleed training, falls prevention, helmet training, Best Foot Forward, burn prevention, safe driving for seniors and teens, and other injury prevention activities. She stated the committee is working with the Coalition on a statewide SHSGP-funded project for Stop the Bleed and the committee will meet to identify the target population for the training. Dr. Pappas thanked Sheryl for her efforts in Stop the Bleed training for Florida Highway Patrol across the state. He asked about the new paramedicine programs and if there are opportunities to partner with them on injury prevention. Sheryl said that there is definitely the opportunity to partner and they are a great asset in the community. Dr. Zuver agreed and stated that it may depend on the structure of the individual programs.

Preparedness Committee: Lynne reported that the Preparedness Committee will be working with hospital training departments to develop an online training for acute care hospitals and free standing emergency departments on handling trauma and burn patients during an MCI. The committee will also work on a statewide MCI coordination plan with the FCOT disaster committee and the other Florida healthcare coalitions.

Clinical Leadership Committee: Dr. McPherson reported the committee discussed adoption of Pulsara, and whole blood in the field. Dr. Zuver stated that he is working with Orange County Fire Rescue on implementing whole blood for both adults and pediatric patients beginning in March. They are partnering with One Blood, ORMC and other hospitals. Orange County Fire Rescue will start with a few units, based on data on incidents over an 18 month period, and will increase these units over time. They will track data and look at outcomes. Dr. Curcio stated they are starting their whole blood program today and had questions on limitations for women of childbearing age. Dr. Zito stated that she will share information on how ORMC handles this. Dr. Plumley said they have the same protocol as ORMC but not for young children. Dr. McPherson stated that Dr. Woodson is meeting with Brevard County agencies regarding participation in Pulsara.

Extended Care Committee: There was no representative in attendance. Lynne said she has provided a list of committee members but does not believe they have met yet.

Old Business:

- EMS Engagement: Dr. Zuver said he is happy to see EMS representative at today's meeting. He will keep the EMS Symposium on his radar and plan for later this year.

New Business:

- Dr. Pappas discussed data available that may be of benefit. He stated that he has one of the physician seats on the EMS Advisory Council. At the January meeting, he spoke with a DOH representative regarding EMSTARS data. Dr. Pappas asked for and received trauma data for the nine counties in Region 5, such as trauma alerts by county; these are posted on the website at: <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/trauma> (left column). This information may be useful to members for projects, such as pediatric readiness. Dr. Plumley stated that he is going to attend a pediatric readiness initiative tomorrow and will look at the data on the website. Dr. Pappas asked members to let him know if there are any other data needs and stated that he would invite DOH to present on the data at a future meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Dr. Pappas noted the next meeting will be in April; Lynne will send out calendar invitations.

Adjourn: Dr. Zuver made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Curcio seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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Attendees: Dr. Alicia Buck, Beverly Cook, Dr. Danielle DiCesare, Lynne Drawdy, Dr. Desmond Fitzpatrick, Kim Foley, Chief Kennett, LeeAnne Lee, Dr. John McPherson, Matt Meyers, Dr. Peter Pappas, Dr. Christian Zuver

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes were previously distributed. Dr. Zuver moved to approve these as submitted. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

CFDMC Update: Lynne said we are promoting Pulsara across the region. She thanked Dr. Zito and Dr. Zuver for their leadership in this and stated that we are planning a pilot during the April full scale exercise with Orlando Fire Department and Orlando Regional Medical Center. The Trauma Preparedness Committee will work with FCOT and the other Florida healthcare coalitions to draft a statewide MCI coordination plan and a statewide exercise. Dr. Zuver stated that he has discussed with this Orange County EMS providers and feel the drill is the best way to begin

Lynne reminded the group that the Crisis Standards of Care tabletop is scheduled for the morning of February 14 at Horizons West Hospital. Dr. DiCesare stated that she will try to attend. Lynne recognized Dr. DeCesare for serving on the workgroup that developed the regional crisis standards of care plan. All are welcome to attend and the flyer with a registration link is on the website.

Old Business:

- **Whole Blood in the Field:** Dr. Zuver reported Orange County is rolling out new protocols on March 6th for adults and pediatrics and he shared the protocols. Dr. McPherson asked if these could be posted to the website. Dr. Zuver stated that he is working with fire rescue, ORMC and One Blood to make this happen and they will study the results.
- **EMS Engagement:** Dr. Zuver will work on the event. Dr. McPherson asked if we could include assistant medical directors, and Dr. Zuver was in favor of this. Dr. McPherson asked about fire/EMS Chiefs and Dr. Zuver stated that the initial meeting will be with EMS Medical Directors and we can expand later.
- **ACS Guidelines:** Dr. Pappas stated that the EMS Advisory Council has voted unanimously to ask DOH for adoption of the guidelines. He stated that it is best that these are at the grass roots level as guidelines. It is not far from what Florida is already doing and breaks down trauma alerts by severity. He stated that the Florida Committee on Trauma is a resource for trauma centers.

New Business:

- The group agreed to continue bi-monthly meetings and reassess in six months

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Fitzpatrick.

2-12-24 RTAB Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Eric Alberts, Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Kim Foley, Julie Frey, Dr. Dustin Huynh, Matt Meyers, Dr. Peter Pappas, Michelle Rud, Jeana Swain, Dr. Tracy Zito

Rural Trauma Training: Lynne reminded the group that at the last meeting, they agreed we need to develop a virtual course for acute care hospitals and free standing emergency departments to prepare them to accept and stabilize trauma and burn patients in an MCI. The group discussed using the training experts at the trauma centers to develop this training. Dr. Huynh asked if the course materials were available or do we have to create it? Michelle stated that there are courses available that we can pull from, including the rural trauma training course. Dr. Pappas stated that we are trying to build a disaster management culture. The group agreed that we need to identify the training experts at hospitals and then put together a workgroup to develop the training with trauma and burn experts, EMS, and hospital emergency management. The Coalition will send out a request for these individuals and the workgroup will convene following the April exercise.

Pulsara: We have a commitment from the FCOT disaster committee and the Coalitions across Florida to work together to develop a statewide MCI coordination plan. We have learned that Pulsara will close a lot of the gaps and adoption of Pulsara by hospitals and EMS is being promoted across the state. Lynne reported that we are doing a small pilot during the April exercise; Orlando Fire Department will use Pulsara for 40 patients being transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center, and the City of Orlando Emergency Management will open an MCI event for these patients. Lynne shared the Texas MCI plan using Pulsara. We developed the regional trauma coordination plan but patient tracking was a gap. She suggested that we look at both the Texas plan and the regional trauma plan to develop a draft of the state MCI coordination plan. Dr. Zito agreed and the Coalition agreed to draft the plan and send to the group for review prior to the April meeting.

Announcements: Eric announced that Orlando Health has two new facilities opening, including one in the Lakeland area. He will discuss with Lynne including the facility in this year's regional full scale exercise. Lynne stated that this is the first year Region 4 is doing a regional exercise and we can look at partnering with them in the future to hold the exercises on the same date.

2-13-24 RTAB System Support Committee Meeting Minutes

Attending: Sheryl Aldarondo, Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Matt Meyers, Mandy Robinson

Welcome: Sheryl welcomed the group and advised that she would lead the group in Lina's absence.

ORMC Updates: Sheryl stated that they have a robust Stop the Bleed program and are working to get Florida Highway Patrol troopers trained and they are coordinating statewide. She stated that they participated in Best Foot Forward twice last week and others are coming up. Other activities include car fit next month and how to make seniors safer in their vehicles, burn prevention at fire stations, and looking for locations for a falls prevention program at cooking class.

Arnold Palmer Updates: Sheryl shared that Lina Chico is the new injury prevention coordinator. She completed helmet fitting training, participated in Best Foot Forward, certifying new technicians, and has multiple injury prevention events coming up.

Holmes Regional Updates: Mandy noted that she has joined the National Injury Prevention Network, a falls prevention evidence-based national program. She is conducting teens driving education courses and is working on safety lights in community for bicycles/pedestrians and is restarting Stop the Bleed internally and will then expand. She is a member of the FDOT bicycle safety coalition and they met in January.

Statewide Stop the Bleed Project: Lynne suggested we use this committee to roll out this project in Region 5. Sheryl asked Lynne to provide information on the project. Lynne advised that our region was asked to submit a statewide project for State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding. We submitted the project to purchase Stop the Bleed kits and trainer kits across the state, and the project was approved for \$300,000 statewide, divided among all the regions. The funding should be available in September or October and will come to each Coalition. The dollars cannot be used to supplant ongoing initiatives so we need to focus on a population that has not yet been targeted, such as the faith-based community. Region 5 identified that it will use the \$43,000 funding to purchase eight training kits (\$8800), 62 8-pack kits (\$34,100). Sheryl asked how we can identify the target population. Lynne said UASI does a project every year with the faith-based community with a high-risk profile and she can share that list. Sheryl stated that we will schedule a separate meeting to discuss this project.

Sheryl said she will report out at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting.