

## 10-10-23 RTAB Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

### Executive Committee Members Participating:

- Orlando Regional/Orlando Health: Eric Alberts, Sheryl Aldorando, Jeanna Swain, Dr. Tracy Zito
- Halifax Health: Rachell Hamlet
- HCA Florida Lake Monroe: Dr. Rick Ricardi
- EMS North: Dr. John McPherson
- EMS Central: Dr. Desmond Fitzpatrick, Dr. Christian Zuver

A quorum was not reached

### Stakeholders/Guests Participating:

- Dr. Alicia Buck, Lake County Fire Rescue
- Lynne Drawdy, CFDMC
- Kim Foley, HCA Florida Osceola
- Dr. Dustin Hyunh, HCA Florida Osceola
- Dr. Peter Pappas, RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive Director
- John Wilgis, Florida Hospital Association

**Call to Order:** Dr. Pappas called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** This will be pended until the next meeting.

**Executive Director's Report:** Dr. Pappas reminded the group that the next meeting will be held on December 12 as part of the Coalition annual conference. He stated that we are working on filling the acute care hospital and city official executive committee slots. Dr. Pappas advised that the Florida Committee on Trauma business meeting was held last week and Dr. Zito gave a great presentation on the Stop the Bleed training. Dr. Zito thanked Sheryl Aldorando for her work in this initiative and stated that we are working on a statewide MCI exercise in Florida.

**CFDMC/RDSTF Update:** Lynne Drawdy reported that the project to sustain EMResource across the region ranked as the #3 priority for UASI funding. She stated that we have submitted a statewide project for Stop the Bleed through the State Homeland Security Grant Program and thanked Sheryl Aldorando and Dr. Zito for their assistance with the project. Lynne reminded all that the December Conference agenda and registration have gone out and is also posted on the website. The keynote will be Medical Response to Terrorist Attacks and Multi-Casualty Incidents - "The Israeli Experience" by Guy Caspi - EMT-P, M.EM, MCI Chief Instructor, Director Of HAZ MAT Exercises And Operational Training Department, Magen David Adom In Israel

**Florida DOH Trauma Update:** Dr. Pappas reported that the trauma service area report from DOH has been submitted to leadership. He stated that we are seeing traction on the state trauma standards and thanked Dr. Zito for her efforts on this. He stated that the proposed revisions to the trauma standards are posted to the DOH and trauma website and are open for comments.

**Committee Updates:**

**System Support Committee:** Sheryl Aldorando advised that Courtney Gleaton has taken a new position. The committee met and each facility provided updates. Most are doing stop the bleed trainings, including new training for younger children, falls prevention training, pedestrian safety training, and burn prevention. DOH also presented on their breast cancer screening program. Dr. Pappas thanked the committee for their great work. He also thanked Sheryl for taking the lead on the Stop the Bleed training for the Florida Highway Patrol. He asked if there were any cross stakeholder initiatives? Sheryl advised that HCA Florida Lake Monroe is working with EMS agencies and the group will discuss opportunities for these at the next meeting.

**Preparedness Committee:** Eric Alberts reported the committee met Monday and had a guest from the Hillsborough Trauma Agency. The group discussed the lack of engagement and agreed to target trauma directors and managers, and hospital emergency management and ED personnel. The new Trauma Director at HCA Florida Osceola was introduced. The group discussed the need for all hospitals to be prepared for MCIs that produce a large volume of trauma patients. The committee has agreed to take the lead on working with the Florida Healthcare Coalitions and the Florida Committee on Trauma to develop a statewide patient movement process and exercise. Eric stated that the Florida Department of Health has purchased Pulsara, a communications/patient tracking platform. We looked at a patient movement process in Texas and they use Pulsara. Eric was asked if Pulsara works with EMResource; we are not sure but will raise this issue. Dr. Pappas stated that David Summers used to be with the Palm Beach Trauma Agency and he is now the lead for the Pulsara project. Lynne will schedule a presentation on Pulsara for the group.

**Clinical Leadership Committee:** Dr. McPherson stated that the committee met Monday and the main topic was encouraging EMS engagement in the trauma advisory board. He stated that the committee is comprised of Trauma and EMS medical directors and the focus is on developing regional clinical best practice protocols. The committee is also struggling with engagement. Dr. Zuver has reached out to the EMS medical directors and will be scheduling a meeting. Dr. McPherson stated two main focus areas are pre-hospital administration of whole blood and sharing protocols. He stated that he would like to include his assistant medical directors and EMS chief in these discussions.

**Extended Care Committee:** Dr. Pappas stated that Tino Manco is unable to lead this committee and we will be searching for a new chair.

### **Conclusions/Motions:**

Dr. Pappas encouraged all to register for the December annual conference. The regional trauma advisory board will meet on December 12<sup>th</sup> during the conference. He will do a presentation on the ACS guidelines for EMS trauma triage.

Dr. Zuver will poll the group to determine a date for the EMS Medical Directors' meeting. Dr. Pappas advised that the next EMSAC meeting is in January in Orlando and that might be an opportunity. Dr. Zuver stated that is at the same time as the national EMS conference. Dr. Pappas thanked Dr. Zuver for organizing this and stated that he and Lynne are happy to provide any support needed.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:** December 12, 2023

## **RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Clinical Leadership Committee**

**Attending:** Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Kim Foley, Janeen Jordan, Dr. John McPherson, Matt Meyers, Dr. Peter Pappas, Dr. Mark Pessa, Dr. Rick Ricardi, Dr. Traci Zito

**Call to Order:** Dr. Pappas called the meeting to order and thanked all for attending. He explained the purpose of the clinical leadership committee is to guide the Trauma Advisory Board and develop best practice clinical guidelines.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The August minutes were previously sent out with the calendar meeting Invitation. Janeen Jordan moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Pessa seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition.

### **Coalition Updates:**

Lynne advised that the December CFDMC conference agenda and registration has been sent out. Dr. McPherson stated that the keynote presentation on Israeli response to terrorism and MCIs will be beneficial. Dr. Pappas reminded the group that the Regional Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> as part of the conference.

Lynne announced that Dr. Zito is spearheading an effort for a statewide patient movement process and exercise. The Florida coalitions and the FCOT disaster committee will partner in this effort. She stated that the state has purchased a patient tracking system, Pulsara, and we will learn more about this at a statewide meeting in October. She stated that we have been looking at the Texas patient movement process and they also use Pulsara. Dr. Pappas said this was discussed at last week's trauma business meeting. He championed this idea and was pleased to learn that David Summers is the new DOH lead for Pulsara.

Dr. McPherson stated that at the last meeting, Dr. Fitzgerald volunteered to be on the planning committee for the crisis standards of care exercise and asked if there were any updates. Lynne stated that we are still putting together the planning team and they will be meeting in the near future. The region has a crisis standards of care plan, and a template for hospitals to use in developing their plan. The state plan simply mentions allocation of scarce resources and does not provide any guidance. Lynne advised that all trauma stakeholders will be invited to participate in the exercise. Dr. McPherson asked if there were any other volunteers and stated that he will call Lynne about this.

**EMS Engagement:** Dr. Pappas stated that there is an exercise at Orlando International Airport on December 12 & 13 so we cannot hold the EMS Symposium during the conference. This will be discussed during tomorrow's Executive Committee call and we will try to find a time that is agreeable for all. Dr. Zuver has most of the EMS medical directors on board. Dr. McPherson asked about including assistant directors and EMS chiefs and Dr. Pappas stated that the medical directors can invite others.

**EMS Trauma Guidelines:** Dr. Pappas advised that at last week's EMSAC meeting, the group agreed to look at the ACS 2022 update to the EMS trauma guidelines. This is the beginning of the process and there will be many opportunities for review and input. Dr. Pappas will present these at the December meeting.

**Whole Blood:** Dr. McPherson asked if there were any updates on adoption of whole blood. Dr. Pappas stated that at a minimum, all agree but additional studies are being done. Dr. McPherson said it is expensive to initiate the program and asked about grants. Lynne advised that grant information is included in the resource document provided by Chief Kammel. Dr. Zito said Orange County is going to roll this out in three units shortly. Dr. McPherson asked if Orange County has published their protocol and Dr. Zito suggested that he speak with Dr. Zuver.

**Next Meeting:** December 4, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm

## 10-9-23 RTAB Preparedness Committee

**Participating:** Eric Alberts, Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Matt Meyers, Michelle Rud, Jeana Swain, Michael Tayler, Dr. Traci Zito

Michael Tayler introduced himself. He is from the Hillsborough County Trauma Agency and said he reached out to Lynne to see what the Region 5 trauma advisory board does and she invited him to these meetings.

Eric thanked all for attending. The August minutes were sent out with the calendar invitation and he said at the last meeting the group discussed lack of engagement, why this is important and how to address this. Lynne was asked to reach out to members to determine their willingness to serve, and to invite all hospitals and trauma centers to participate. Michelle stated they have a new trauma director and asked who should participate. Eric suggested that we target trauma medical directors and program directors, hospital emergency department and hospital emergency management staff. Lynne stated that the 2023 trauma meeting schedule has a mission statement for each committee and she will send that out. Eric stated that it is critical that all hospitals be prepared to respond to an MCI event that produces large numbers of trauma patients. Lynne stated that having a project helps to engage partners. She stated that when we were developing the regional trauma coordination plan, there was a lot of engagement. Dr. Zito has been an advocate for a statewide patient coordination process and exercise. The Florida Healthcare Coalitions and the Florida Committee on Trauma disaster committee are going to partner on this project. Lynne asked if the Preparedness Committee could take the lead on this, and Dr. Zito and Eric both agreed. The state has purchased a patient tracking system called Pulsara. We are looking at the Texas patient coordination process and they use this system. Lynne will send a link to this presentation. Michelle asked if Pulsara will work with EMResource and Lynne stated that she believes that it does. Michael said that the state began with Pulsara as a telemedicine platform for rural health but it has other functions such as patient tracking. He stated that this was presented at last week's EMSAC meeting and the state is going to present at his meeting next month. Lynne advised that there will also be a presentation at the Florida Healthcare Coalition Task Force meeting this month, and we will then schedule a follow-up meeting in the region. Michael stated that there will be no requirement for the use of Pulsara and the group discussed the need for all to use this consistently for the best outcomes.

Lynne advised that the agenda and registration link for the December conference has been sent out and encouraged all to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

## 10-10-23 RTAB System Support Committee

**Attending:** Sheryl Aldarondo, Kathy Diaz, Lynne Drawdy, Ingrid Londono, Matt Meyers, Kristin Shinner, Jeanna Swain

**Welcome:** Sheryl welcomed the group and advised that Courtney Gleaton has taken another position in the organization. Sheryl stated that the minutes from August meeting were distributed with the calendar invitation. There was a motion to approve the minutes and a second and no opposition.

**ORMC Updates:** Sheryl stated they have a robust Stop the Bleed program. They have finished training Orlando Police Department and are working with biomedical and pre-college students. She stated they are also working with the Florida Committee on Trauma to train Florida Highway Patrol troops and thanked all who help with this. She stated that a lot of organizations are reaching out. They are working on a new falls program, are still doing burns prevention training and have a cooking class/grill safety class coming up. They are working on Best Foot Forward with crosswalk education and enforcement.

**HCA Florida Lake Monroe Updates:** Kristin Shinner stated that is anyone has the coordinator for the burns clinical training. Sheryl advised Pam Michelly is new burns coordinator and Jeanna Swain asked Kristin to contact her and she will coordinate this. Kristin reported she is continuing Stop the Bleed training at local churches. She is working with the new free standing ED which just opened in Mt. Dora. There have been a lot of walk-throughs with EMS crews to figure out the needs and she is doing education to EMS groups there. She stated that they broke ground on a new building in Casselberry. National Night Out is in early October and they will team up with police in Sanford and Lake Mary, which provides an opportunity for relationship building with community. She stated that they are doing recordings for National Safe Teen Driving week. If teens watch the webinar and do the survey they are entered into a drawing. She asked others this, which is on the Florida Safe Teen Driving website, as much as possible. She has some younger children doing Stop the Bleed classes with coloring books and storybooks and it is going well. They are still filling the PI position and she asked the group to let her know of any potential applicants.

**HCA Florida Osceola Updates:** Ingrid Londono stated they have not had a lot of events recently. They are partnering with a Denver trauma center in a national initiative for Stop the Bleed training for younger children at the Children's Safety Village. She has materials for these classes and can provide these to others. She stated that they are also working with the Children's Safety Village on pedestrian training, are participating in a health fair at a senior living facility and doing Stop the Bleed training at the hospital this weekend. They will participate in a Halloween Trunk or Treat event. Ingrid stated that she is working on a teen project and will share more details early next year.

**DOH Updates:** Kathy Diaz stated that she represents five county health departments. October is breast cancer awareness month and the health departments are doing pre-screening for the uninsured or underinsured, mostly age 50 to 64, with a special project for those under 50. She stated they will see anyone with symptoms or a first generation family history and can get patients on Medicaid within 24 hours if breast cancer is detected. She stated that hospitals can call their local health department and they can put you in touch with your region's coordinator.

**CFDMC Updates:** Matt reminded the group that they can share information on the Coalition website. Lynne advised that we have the potential for \$300,000 statewide for Stop the Bleed training through the State Homeland Security Grant Program. She thanked Sheryl for her assistance in preparing our region's portion of this grant; we will purchase training kits and kits. We should hear by the end of October if the project is approved. The group agreed they would be willing to champion this project.

**Next meeting:** December 5<sup>th</sup>.

