

10-14-25 Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Voting Members:

Trauma Chair – Orlando Regional/Orlando Health: Dr. Tracy Zito, Jeana Swain, Eric Alberts, Sheryl Aldorando, Lina Chico
Trauma Co-Chair – Halifax/Halifax Health: Dr. Janeen Jordan, Rachael Hamlett
Level II Rep – Lake Monroe Hospital/HCA: Rick Ricardi
EMS Chair – Martin County (South): Not present
EMS Co-Chair – Brevard (North): Dr. Bobby Ford
EMS Central Rep – Orange (Central): Dr. Christian Zuver
County DOH – St. Lucie County: Not present
Acute Care Hospital – Nemours: Adela Casas-Melley
Extended Care: Annette Seabrook
Municipal Government – City of Palm Bay: Not present
County Government – Orange: Dr. Desmond Fitzgerald

A quorum was reached.

Other Stakeholders:

Dr. Ayanna Walker
Gene Buerkle
Heather Ouellette
Kathleen Lyons
Kelley Jemloms
Kristine Zonka
Lynne Drawdy
Dr. John McPherson
Marben Aquino
Matt Meyers
Dr. Peter A Pappas
Sandra Schwemmer
Dr. Scott Zenoni
Sean Sacco
Shauna Young
Susi Mitchell

Welcome & Call to Order: Eric Alberts welcomed all. Dr. Zito called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Adela Casas-Melley moved to approve the minutes; Dr. Zuver seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

- Welcome to Dr. Bobby Ford, Brevard EMS Medical Director: Dr. Pappas welcomed Dr. Ford to the Executive Committee. Dr. Ford thanked Dr. Pappas for inviting him and he looks forward to participating.
- Scheduling of Meetings: Dr. Pappas asked for a discussion about the schedule and organization of the 2026 meetings. Any thoughts can be shared now or via email, and we can formalize at the December meeting. Dr. Zito stated that she felt that she feels the committees meeting every other month is the right amount and feels a quarterly Executive Committee

meeting would be good. Lynne offered to reach out to each committee chair on their preference for meetings.

- **Revision of voting members of Executive Committee:** Dr. Pappas stated that he and Lynne are recommending that the municipal and county government representatives move from the Executive Committee to ad hoc members. This keeps the focus of the Executive Committee on the clinical stakeholders (trauma centers, acute care hospitals, EMS, public health and extended care). Dr. Zito agreed as long as we can get government officials at the table when we need them. Dr. Zito moved to reorganize the Executive Committee as stated; Rachael Hamlett seconded. There was no opposition and the motion carried.
- **Extended Care Committee Revisions:** Lynne reported that we reconsidered this group to focus on trauma rehab facilities. Annette Seabrook, President of Orlando Health Advanced Rehab Institute will chair this new committee. Annette stated that she is excited about this opportunity. She has been in Florida for four years working with the trauma community. Dr. Zito moved to appoint Annette and Rachael Hamlett seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried.
- **Preparedness Committee Completion:** Dr. Pappas stated that this group will transition into the new RMOCC project and will report out as needed to the Clinical Leadership Committee as appropriate. Dr. Zito said that workgroups will continue to work on preparedness projects, including a dedicated group working on creating an RMOCC.

CFDMC/RDSTF Update: Eric stated that the annual Coalition conference is Tuesday, December 2 (pre-conference meetings, including the Trauma Executive Committee meeting, trainings and exercises) and Wednesday, December 3 (full conference) at Valencia College School of Public Safety. An agenda and registration link will be sent out over the next week and he hopes all will join us at the conference. Eric reported that the Coalition has been fully funded for this fiscal year and the state has the funding and there will be no delays in payment. We are still waiting to hear about next year's funding. Eric advised that the Coalition Board has developed a contingency plan to sustain the Coalition and critical projects such as the Trauma Advisory Board and committees for the next five years. He stated that UASI voted on next year's projects and EMResource sustainment was ranked high and should be funded. Tomorrow is the State Homeland Security Grant Program meeting in St. Pete and Eric will attend.

Committee Updates

System Support Committee: Sheryl Aldarondo reported out on updates from each trauma center's injury prevention program. ORMC has a robust Stop the Bleed program, completing two FCOT requests at UCF, partnering with HCA, and for the Coalition for the Homeless. They are retraining at Orange County Public Schools and charter schools and re-training Osceola Public School nurses. Burn prevention has been taught at Valencia Culinary Arts three times this year, did training for Orange County Public Schools kitchen staff and several other venues. Fall prevention courses are running. Motor vehicle safety uses MADD video, and working with Best Foot Forward, Back to School and Crosswalk focused on pedestrian safety. Arnold Palmer has a robust helmet program, focusing on e-bikes as we are seeing more injuries in younger populations. They are also doing water safety training. HCA Lake Monroe partnered with training at UCF and will be working with schools for Stop the Bleed. They are also looking at e-bikes and are doing motor vehicle safety using intoxication goggles. They are doing falls prevention with partners focusing on balance. Holmes reported that they are working on bike safety, Stop the Bleed, motor vehicle safety, pedestrian safety providing safety lights, watching e-bikes and for falls prevention, engaging other partners.

Clinical Leadership Committee: Dr. Zito reported that the group welcomed Dr. Bobby Ford, discussed whole blood programs in the region and offered assistance to trauma centers and EMS agencies regarding implementation of this program. Many are interested in getting this off the ground. There was discussion regarding the regional medical operations coordinating centers (RMOCC) and will be working with Lynne on this project. There is no consensus on the pelvic binders at this time.

New Business: None was raised.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: December 2, 2025

10-13-25 Trauma Advisory Board Clinical Leadership Committee Minutes

Participants: Eric Alberts, Dr. Danielle DiCesare, Dr. Robert Ford, Dr. John McPherson, Matt Meyers, Jessica Walsh O'Sullivan; Heather Oulette, Dr. Peter Pappas, Rick Ricardi, Dr. David Rubay, Stephanie Schiffert, Dr. Scott Zenoni, Dr. Tracy Zito, Dr. Christian Zuver,

Review and Approval of Minutes: Dr. Zuver moved to approve the minutes; Dr. Rubay seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

CFDMC Update: Eric Alberts announced that the Coalition has been fully funded for this fiscal year and the state has received funding so there is no delay in payment for the first quarter. There is still uncertainty over next year's funding but the Coalition has a contingency plan to support the Coalition, and priority projects like the trauma committees for at least five years. Eric stated that UASI has ranked continuation of EMResource very high and this should be funded next year. Eric advised that the Coalition conference is scheduled for December 2nd (pre-conference training) and December 3rd (the annual conference). The agenda and registration will be sent out soon.

Old Business:

- **EMS engagement:** Dr. Zuver stated that Lynne offered space on December 2nd for this meeting and Dr. Zuver has sent out an email to the region's EMS Medical Directors to see if they are interested in meeting that day. He also sent out an invitation to a stroke conference.
- **Whole Blood Programs:** Dr. Zito asked if we have a list of hospitals participating in whole blood programs. Dr. Pappas stated that he feels it is mostly Orange County. Dr. Zenoni stated that their EMS agencies are interested in participating and hoping to continue discussions and see Brevard County start to participate. Dr. Zito asked how we can help. Dr. Zenoni stated that he has the protocols from South Florida, and Dr. Zuver offered his protocols. Dr. Zenoni stated that he needs to meet with EMS Chiefs to target which area. He stated that he is excited that the blood bank is on board. Dr. Zenoni will follow-up with Dr. Zito.
- **RMOCC:** Dr. Zito and Dr. Pappas attended national Committee on Trauma and this was a big topic. Dr. Zito said that at the national level, the regional seems to focus on the state. For our region, she stated that because we had put together a trauma coordination center, Lynne leapfrogged off that and put together a draft project plan for developing an RMOCC. Dr. Zito said that she would like to talk to Michael Leffler and the Florida Department of Health about hurricane response and use that structure to create an RMOCC. Eric, Dr. Pappas and Dr. Zuver volunteered to participate. Dr. Zito will work with Lynne and by next meeting bring a project plan.
- **Preparedness Committee:** : Dr. Pappas stated there were emails to close out the Preparedness Committee, and we incorporate these actions into the RMOCC project, reporting to the Clinical Leadership Committee.
- **Pelvic Binders:** Dr. McPherson asked if a decision had been made. Dr. Pappas said it is still open as part of the overall discussion regarding improving patient care.

New Business:

- **Welcome to Dr. Bobby Ford:** Dr. McPherson stated that Dr. Ford will take over as Medical Director for Brevard Fire Rescue, and Dr. McPherson will serve as associate medical director. The group welcomed Dr. Ford.
- **Meeting Scheduling:** Dr. Pappas asked about the cadence of the trauma meetings and asked for input on the schedule for the coming year.
- **Revision of voting members to Executive Committee:** Dr. Pappas stated that Lynne has been working with rehab facilities that trauma centers move patients to, and we will be launching a new extended care committee. Dr. Pappas will recommend at the Executive Committee to move the city and county representatives to ad hoc members vs. voting members. This focuses clinicians as voting members.

Next Meeting: December 1, 2025

10-14-25 Trauma System Support Committee Minutes

Participants: Sheryl Aldarondo, Lina Chico, Lynne Drawdy, Monica Howington, Matt Meyers, Heather Oulette

Updates:

Stop the Bleed Update: Lynne reported that Florida Division of Emergency Management asked for another form last week which we signed and submitted. We are hoping that the dollars will be released soon. Lina said that once the funding is received, they will schedule these classes and invite the group to participate.

Orlando Regional Medical Center: Sheryl Aldarondo stated that they continue to provide a lot of Stop the Bleed training. She partnered with Monica to do two UCF classes, doing schools in Osceola and Orange, and an upcoming class at the Homeland Coalition. She worked on back to school, with Best Foot Forward and seat belt events. Also doing a lot of education for Warden Burn Center, including classes at OTPS kitchen staff, at Valencia Culinary program.

Arnold Palmer Hospital: Lina Chico stated that APH has a strong car seat program using multiple grants. Feel free to refer people to them. They participate in fitting events throughout the region providing training and helmets. They continue to see children without helmets getting hurt so they are trying to get into schools. Just had one successful event at a school with over 200 in attendance, partnering with Orange County Fire and Orange County Sheriff. There have been some updates to ordering from the bike ped resource center. She has also been providing water safety education at a maternal health summit and with their families. The Central Florida area is leading the state in drownings so we need to continue to educate.

HCA Lake Monroe: Monica Howington stated that she is continuing to provide Stop the Bleed education, partnering with Sheryl at UCF, and working with local schools. She did some helmet fittings and radios for back to school. They are seeing more e-bike injuries and in younger children. For fall prevention week, they are focusing on balance and slips, and held an internal event focused on balance, with partners such as cardiologists. They are also working on motor vehicle safety using intoxication goggles. She would be interested in hearing other's ideas.

Holmes: Heather Oulette reported that the new injury prevention coordinator has been very active with the same type of events that others are. Keeping up with volume is where they are struggling. She stated that she thinks many don't understand that wearing a helmet is state law. They are looking at e-bike injuries. They will be partnering with school system for Stop the Bleed and Distracted Driving. They are also doing fall prevention outreach with partners. It's Pedestrian Safety Awareness month and they are handing out safety lights. She did not know that Central Florida is leading in drownings so she will take that back to her hospital. Lina stated that most feel it is tourists but it is not, it is local residents. And the data is just deaths, not submersions so it is not a true picture. They have safety messaging throughout the hospital.

Next Meeting: Lynne asked the group to decide about the December 2nd meeting. Lina asked about in person vs. virtual. The group asked would it be – at Valencia School of Public Safety in Orlando. All agreed that they could be there in person. We will update the location in the calendar invitation.

Lina stated that we are missing representatives from HCA Osceola and Lawnwood. Monica stated there is a new injury prevention coordinator at HCA Osceola who will be shadowing her this week and she will forward the calendar invitation to her. She will also forward the invitation to the contact at HCA Lawnwood.