

4-13-23 RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board

Welcome: Dr. Pappas welcomed attendees.

Roll Call:

Trauma Chair/Orlando Health: Eric Alberts, Courtney Gleaton, Susan Ono

Trauma Co-Chair/Halifax Health: Not present

Level II/HCA Lake Monroe Hospital: Meghan Thomas

EMS Co-Chair/South: Chief Chris Kammel

EMS Co-Chair/North: Dr. John McPherson

EMS Central: Dr. Christian Zuver

DOH/St. Lucie: Clint Sperber, Lydia Williams

Acute Care Hospital/Sebastian River Medical Center: Not present

Extended Care/ Orlando Health and Rehab: not present

Municipal Government: Vacant

County Government/Orange County: Dr. Raul Pino

Seven members were present, and a quorum was reached

Other Stakeholders Present:

Dr. Alicia Buck, Lake EMS

Beverly Cook, CFDMC

Lynne Drawdy, CFDMC

Dr. Desmond Fitzpatrick, Orange County EMS

Courtney Gleaton, Arnold Palmer Hospital

Dr. Dustin Huynh, HCA Florida Osceola

Nichole McKee, Health First

Kimberly Wright, HCA Florida Osceola

Call to Order: The co-chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The February minutes were distributed with the meeting invitation. Dr. Zuver moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Chief Kammel seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Pappas recognized Dr. Huynh for recognition as Physician of the Year at HCA Florida Osceola. Dr. Pappas encouraged all to share other information, such as award, training opportunities, etc. within the trauma community.

The group discussed how to engage stakeholders. Suggestions included holding an EMS symposium to bring leaders together to discuss issues and share best practices. Each Medical Director could invite interested EMS and emergency medicine physicians, paramedics, etc. The

clinical leadership committee could send out a survey to the medical directors to ask for input on topics and speakers. The guidelines published need to have a review process. We can also add a section for EMS guidelines on the trauma web page to share resources and generate discussions.

CFDMC/RDSTF Update: There are no RDSTF updates. Lynne reported that we are finalizing plans for the April 20th regional medical surge full scale exercise. More than fifty hospitals in each county across the region will participate, with more than 1,900 students as victim volunteers. She advised that the Florida Division of Emergency Management Director and the new Florida Department of Health Emergency Coordinating Officer are coming to observe the exercise. We will share lessons learned at the June meeting. Lynne reported that Florida Hospital Association has funded the Juvare pilot, including EMResource and e-ICS for an additional two years, through April 2025. Eric advised that the UASI funded an ambu-bus for the metro Orlando area last year; however, costs have gone up and we have asked for additional funding to finalize that project. Lynne reminded the group that there will be a statewide virtual radiation surge tabletop exercise held on May 17th. The flyer with details and the registration link are on the coalition website.

Florida Department of Health/Office of Trauma Update: Kate Kocevar was not able to join the meeting. Dr. Pappas reminded the group that on August 31, DOH will release the updated assessment for trauma service centers and reminded the group of upcoming statewide trauma meetings.

Committee Updates:

System Support Committee: Courtney stated that Arnold Palmer and Orlando Regional Medical Center were the only participants on this month's call. She stated that the group is planning to meet in person every other meeting in the future. She stated that Lynne sent out a survey to the group and falls and motor vehicle crashes are the number 1 and 2 mechanisms for trauma injuries. The group will use this to establish goals and are looking at a regional event. They will capture data to see if projects make an impact. Dr. Pappas encouraged other committees to consider face-to-face meetings at least once or twice a year.

Clinical Leadership Committee: Dr. McPherson stated the group discussed engaging more EMS and physicians to participate in the committee. He has agreed to continue for another term as committee chair. He stated that he has begun a countywide study on head trauma and anticoagulation medications and suggested doing this regionally. We can also choose other research topics for the region. Dr. Zuver agreed this is a good idea. Dr. Pappas said trauma triage has changed a lot and getting data and regionalized standards would be a big help for emergency departments and trauma centers.

Preparedness Committee: the meeting was cancelled to focus on the April 20th exercise.

Extended Care Committee: Dr. Pappas will reach out for a report.

New Business:

New Terms: Dr. Pappas asked all Executive Committee members to confirm they will serve another term (April 2023 – April 2026).

Engagement: Dr. Pappas said the concept of engagement and engaging EMS will be a priority focus.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 13, 2023

4-10-23 RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Clinical Leadership Committee Minutes

Attendees: Dr. Alicia Buck, Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Dr. Desmond Fitzpatrick, Dr. John McPherson, Matt Meyers, Dr. Peter Pappas, Dr. Tracy Zito

Welcome: Dr. McPherson called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm

Review and Approval of Minutes: Dr. Zito moved to approve the February minutes; the motion was seconded by Dr. Fitzpatrick. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

CFDMC Updates:

- **April 20th Regional Full Scale Medical Surge Exercise:** Lynne stated that we are just over a week away from the exercise. There are more than 50 hospitals in each county of the region participating, with more than 1,900 students acting as victims. A few hospitals are using paper victims only, and a few hospitals are not participating. We have a good number of evaluators but are still struggling with volunteer management personnel and are pushing out requests via social media. Dr. Zito asked if we have defined goals for exercise. Lynne stated that there are several defined objectives in the exercise plan; she will share that. Matt advised that we will post all exercise materials on the website prior to the exercise. Lynne stated that we have set up a special Everbridge group to send out injects via text and email. Appropriate injects will also be sent out through EMResource.
- **May 17th Radiation Surge Tabletop:** Lynne encouraged Trauma leaders to participate in this statewide virtual tabletop. The flyer with details and registration is on the website. CFDMC has taken the lead in developing the new radiation surge annex and the tabletop and the other coalitions around the region have joined our planning.

New Business:

Community and Hospital Recognitions. The group congratulated Dr. Dustin Huynh for being chosen as physician of the year by his institution. Dr. Pappas stated that it is important that we share this type of achievement.

Old Business:

- Dr. McPherson reported that Dr. Zuver shared the Orange County Trauma grey criteria at the last meeting, and Dr. Plumley shared information on pediatric trauma guidelines for children and button battery suggested protocols. Discussion and the documents were included in the February minutes.

New Term 2023 – 2026: Dr. Pappas thanked Dr. McPherson and Dr. Zito for their continued leadership.

Engagement: Dr. Pappas stated that the group has accomplished a lot, including guidelines for whole blood on ambulances, pediatric trauma, geriatric trauma and others. Dr. McPherson stated that it has been difficult in getting the EMS Medical Directors engaged. The group discussed strategies to engage this group. Dr. Fitzpatrick suggested sending out literature reviews and recommendations. Dr. Zito stated that she is not sure that the group knows what guidelines are available, such as the trauma grey criteria and geriatric head injury criteria, how to access these, of what to do with them. She asked how we get these out to the ender users. Dr. Fitzpatrick suggested identifying what the areas with which the EMS agencies are grappling. Dr. McPherson agreed and stated that we can share resources; for example, TBI and TXA videos were recently released. These can be posted to the trauma page on the website. Dr. Pappas stated that we need to review and make any needed updates to the guidelines. Dr. Zito suggested an annual webinar to review and update these. Dr. Buck stated that we need to clarify the mission of the group. Dr. McPherson shared at email to Dr. Pappas with recommendations:

1) Resource for EMS Medical Directors for development of the “dreaded” medical protocol updates/training that we all are required by statute to provide every 2-3 years.

+sharing current evidence-based quality research supporting best practice EMS trauma protocols the have recently updated or need to update

+sharing video lectures and webinars , and PPT training presentations they have recently developed/utilized to support best practice EMS trauma protocols they have recently updated

+sharing new evidenced based best practices protocols developed by the National Association of EMS Physicians for care of the trauma patient

2)Development of and participation in Region 5 EMS prospective/retrospective trauma research for validation of state and national guidelines for field triage of the trauma patient.

3) Utilize the RTAB/CFDMC website as a repository for EMS trauma related protocols currently developed, to be developed and annually updated based on evidence based best practice EMS care.

4) This committee does not have adequate representation from trauma surgeons or EMS medical directors throughout the region.

+It is important to identify and invite/include young trauma surgeons in R5 with an interest in EMS care of the trauma to join the Clinical Leadership Committee. We can solicit a reference for young trauma surgeons from the Trauma Directors in R5 that do not participate with the RTAB. I have one in mind in Brevard County that was a paramedic, and is now is trauma surgeon recently joining the Holmes Regional Medical Center trauma service.

5) Many busy EMS systems are now utilizing assistant medical directors. I have an assistant medical Director that also is an EMS medical Director for a municipality in Indian river county that I have in mind to invite to join the Clinical Leadership Committee. I would suspect that the county EMS medical directors in R5 that do not participate in the CLC are quite busy, but know and could recommend EMS Medical Directors for smaller municipalities in their county that may have more time and interest in joining the CLC.

I have been fortunate to recruited a medical director team recently in Brevard County that includes a nationally known pediatric EMS physician/lecturer (Dr Peter Antevy), the EMS medical director for Palm Beach County and the Florida Assistant Surgeon General for the DOH also recognized for excellence in EMS Medical Direction and best practice protocols, receiving State and National awards for “Medical Director of the Year” (Dr Ken Scheppe) and internationally recognized leader in EMS researcher developing who leads a weekly video conference with EMS medical directors of large metropolitan areas throughout the world (Dr Paul Pepe).

I may be able to convince them to provide virtual Trauma/EMS lecture for the CLC or attend a meeting to discuss controversial protocol changes supported by evidence based EMS trauma research (“the Eagles”). Dr Zuver is a member.

The group agreed to continue to identify ways to engage EMS in the next meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 12th at 3 pm