

8-12-25 RTAB Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Members:

Trauma Chair – Orlando Regional/Orlando Health: Dr. Tracy Zito
Trauma Co-Chair – Halifax/Halifax Health: Rachel Hamlett
Level II Rep – Lake Monroe Hospital/HCA: Rick Ricardi
EMS Chair – Martin County (South): Not present
EMS Co-Chair – Brevard (North): Not present
EMS Central Rep – Orange (Central): Dr. Christian Zuver
County DOH – St. Lucie County: Not present
Acute Care Hospital – Nemours: Not present
Extended Care - Vacant
Municipal Government – City of Palm Bay: Not present
County Government – Orange: Not present

A quorum was not reached

Other Stakeholders/Guests:

Eric Alberts
Sheryl Aldorando
Lynne Drawdy
Eric Gentry
Dr. Dustin Huynh
Kelley Jenkins
Aaron Kissler
Kathleen Lyons
Dr. Peter Pappas
Michelle Rud
Sean Sacco
Jeana Swain
Angelica Sugrim
Michael Taylor
John Wilgis (ex-officio)
Dr. Scott Zenoni

Call to Order: Dr. Pappas welcomed the group. Dr. Zito called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Review and Approval of Minutes: As there was no quorum, this was pended until the next meeting.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Pappas advised that Tom O'Neill, Chair of the Extended Care Committee, has resigned. We are recruiting for this role. We are also reaching out to other participants such as the Orange County representative and the Palm Bay representative. DOH was unable to join today for an update.

Spotlight Discussion: The Future of ASPR: Lynne reported that the White House budget for 2026 eliminated the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funding which funds the Coalition. We signed a contract with the Florida Department of Health for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Immediately after, the state learned that its allocation for this fiscal year is only 70% of last year's funding. There is a potential for additional risk-based funding later in the year. We do not yet know what the Coalition funding cut will be for this year but we have prepared for a 30% cut, while maintaining all critical projects, including the Regional Trauma Advisory Board and its committees. Last week, we saw that the Senate budget proposal has kept HPP, renaming it to Healthcare

Readiness and Response with a slight increase in funding. She reminded the group that we are a long way from the finish line but this is more promising than what we had seen earlier. Over the past week we have also seen that the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding to the state has almost doubled so things are looking better at the local level. The Coalition Board, including Eric Alberts, Clint Sperber and Dr. Pappas, developed a contingency plan in June and we are confident that we can sustain the Coalition and critical activities such as the Trauma Advisory Board, for at least five years. Dr. Zito stated that is good news. Dr. Pappas asked when we can expect further updates. Lynne stated that we are not sure but are monitoring and will share as we receive updates. John Wilgis stated that we will know when Congress passes a budget this fall.

Committee Updates:

System Support Committee: Sheryl Aldarando reported on injury prevention activities. ORMC has a robust Stop the Bleed (STB) program, and is retraining Orange County Public Schools, and training Osceola school nurses, as well as other locations. ORMC, Arnold Palmer and Holmes all participated in the Best Foot Forward program for back to school safety at cross-walks. For burn prevention, Orange County Fire Rescue open houses will take place in the fall, and they will provide training at Valencia Culinary Arts. They participated in and distributed MADD videos. There are two falls prevention groups underway. Arnold Palmer received a new car seat grant and expanded the program to South Lake and Lake Mary hospitals. They provided helmets and helmet fittings at back to school events in Longwood and the Safety Village. They created a water safety strategic plan in Orange County as we lead in drownings. Holmes reported in June they provided 4,000 safety lights at running events and another event tonight as part of their Be Seen, Be Safe campaign. They are working with Palm Bay Aquatic and did the world's largest swim lesson (130) people. They did a STB skills camp for 15 students, are providing ACLS for physicians and have another church event today. They are working with Space Coast TPO and Palm Bay Police Department to do helmet fittings and gave out 60 helmets. They have a falls prevention program on August 20th. Dr. Pappas thanked her for the report and said that it is good to see such a robust program for STB. Sheryl said we are also waiting for SHSGP funds for training 14 faith-based organizations.

Preparedness Committee: Dr. Zito said there was only three people on the call yesterday. Regarding the RMOCC, she and Lynne discussed a Lean Six Sigma approach to creating this. Lynne is a Black Belt and drafted a plan and we have identified a working group and will send out a request for participation. The free standing emergency department (FSED) workgroup met earlier this week. They developed a video on triage and will add this to the FSED best practice document. The FSED workgroup also asked that she review the red/yellow/green MCI cart lists and identify a list for one cart for FSEDs. Dr. Zito will work with others, including ER nurses. The trauma/burn/pediatric training, a resource for acute care hospitals and FSEDs who may need to hold trauma and burn patients during an MCI is underway. Dr. Smith has completed burns, Dr. Zito is completing trauma and we have some subject matter experts who have completed pediatric issues. We will then identify a group for a pilot training, refine based on feedback and then record as a resource. We have received an update on hospitals and EMS agencies using Pulsara daily. Pulsara is very pleased with the region's progress.

Clinical Leadership Committee: Dr. Zito stated the committee met yesterday and had good attendance. They discussed EMS engagement; Dr. Zuber has reached out to the region's EMS medical directors regarding a meeting. He has heard back from a few and will reach out again. There was a robust discussion on the whole blood program. Dr. Husty is watching the Orange County program; they have a lot of support and are working on logistics. Lake County does not have the ability to start a program at this time and expressed concern re blood exchange. Dr. Zito will follow-up with Lake County. They discussed the concept of X-CAB resuscitation, stopping

exsanguination, restoring circulation by airway and breathing. This is a new concept and at the next meeting, they will discuss this in the context of the whole blood program. This has significant potential for increasing survival in our population. The group discussed pelvic binders in the field and a couple of counties have or are getting these. Dr. Husty expressed interest. They also discussed abdominal junctional tourniquets which the FCOT EMS committee will look at. Dr. Zito will share some papers on this with the RTAB and FCOT.

New Business: Dr. Zito recommended combining the Preparedness and Clinical Leadership Committees. They discuss many of the same issues and she feels it would increase participation. Dr. Pappas suggested adding Preparedness as a standing agenda item at the Clinical Leadership Committee. Dr. Zito will draft this motion and Lynne will send this out to the Executive Committee for an email vote. If approved, we will realign the October meetings.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 14, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

8-11-25 RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Clinical Leadership Committee Minutes

Participants: Dr. Alicia Buck, Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Dr. Todd Husty, Dr. Peter Pappas, Rick Ricardi, Dr. David Rubay, Dr. Ayanna Walker, Mark Yassa, Dr. Scott Zenoni, Dr. Tracy Zito, Dr. Christian Zuver

Welcome: Dr. Pappas welcomed all. Dr. Buck introduced Mark Yassa, their EMS Fellow (UCF/HCA) for this year.

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

CFDMC Update: Lynne advised that the state has been notified by ASPR that there will be a 30% reduction in the Hospital Preparedness Program allocation to the state this fiscal year; with the potential for additional risk-based funding later in the year. The Coalition is waiting to hear what this reduction means to our region's funding. The Coalition is prepared for a 30% reduction if required with no impact to high priority projects, including the Trauma Advisory Board and its committees. She stated that the White House budget for next fiscal year eliminated the Hospital Preparedness Program. However, the Senate budget renames the Hospital Preparedness Program to Healthcare Readiness and Response and provided a little over level funding for next fiscal year. A question was raised about how other coalitions will handle loss of funding. Lynne stated that many have said they will simply shut down in the loss of funding. She emphasized that Region 5 has a plan to sustain the Coalition for a minimum of five years without funding. although some projects, such as the hospital equipment project, would be lost.

Old Business:

EMS Engagement: Dr. Zuver sent an email to the region's EMS medical directors; he has heard from several and will follow-up.

Whole Blood Programs: Dr. Pappas stated that the FCOT research committee has data on use of whole blood and wants to collaborate with EMS re efficacy and logistics. He thanked Orange County for their leadership. Volusia, Lake, Seminole and Osceola have expressed interest. Zito raised some issues she heard at last week's trauma conference last week, including resuscitation X CAB, stopping hemorrhagic shock, and circulation, airway and breathing. She feels these should be included in discussion of a whole blood program and these will benefit survival rates. Dr. Zuver agreed and stated that it was a great lecture. Dr. Zito said we need to create guidelines to include in the whole blood field guidelines. She asked the status in other counties. Dr. Husty stated that they are watching Orange County. There is a lot of support for this but they are working on logistics. There was discussion regarding coordination with air care. Dr. Husty stated that the concerns for that is limitations on landing zones. They do coordinate in entrapment situations. Dr. Zuver stated that this needs collaboration between EMS and hospitals. Dr. Buck stated that Lake County has reviewed this and do not feel it is feasible at this time and that they would need a trauma center in the county. Dr. Zito stated that hospitals can also be part of the blood exchange. Rick Ricardi asked if it is common for hospitals to have whole blood. Dr. Buck stated that she reached out to their hospitals several years ago and most did not. Dr. Zito stated that this not out of reach for most hospitals and we can explore this. Dr. Zito will talk to Dr. Buck offline and Dr. Zuver volunteered to be part of the discussion.

RMOCC: Dr. Zito stated that she met with Lynne and we have a draft project plan and identified potential workgroup members to begin to develop a regional plan for patient movement.

Pelvic Binders in the Field: The group discussed usage and Dr. Pappas stated that he has heard a lot of advocacy for these. Dr. Husty agreed and stated that they have seen missed opportunities and are retraining on this. Dr. Buck said they are using these. There was discussion regarding ankle placement/taping. Dr. Pappas stated that this is another strategy in managing hemorrhagic shock.

AAJT-S in the Field: Dr. Pappas reported that the FCOT EMS Committee has agreed to look at this.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Next Meeting

October 13, 2025

8-11-25 Trauma Preparedness Committee Minutes

Participating: Eric Alberts, Lynne Drawdy, Dr. Tracy Zito

FSED Workgroup Update: Lynne reported that the FSED workgroup met Monday; they are updating the best practices document. She will send Dr. Zito the minutes. The group also asked Dr. Zito if she would review the red/yellow/green MCI carts lists and identify one list for FSEDs. Dr. Zito agreed.

Trauma/Burn Training Update: Dr. Zito is working on the trauma portion of the training. The workgroup will meet in two weeks and next steps are to identify a pilot training date and group. We will record the training and make any adjustments needed. The final training video will be posted as a resource.

Pulsara Update: Lynne sent out the update on hospitals/EMS agencies who are using Pulsara daily.

Statewide MCI Coordination Plan Update: Lynne sent a draft project plan and potential workgroup members to Dr. Zito. Dr. Zito will follow-up with Lynne.

Burn Kit: Eric said this was mentioned at last week's trauma conference. Dr. Zito will ask Dr. Howard Smith about this. If we develop a list, we can include it in both the trauma/burn training and in the FSED best practice document.

Committee Engagement: The group discussed how to increase engagement and the potential for combining this committee with the Clinical Leadership Committee.

Dr. Zito will report out at the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday.

Next Meeting: October 13th

8-11-25 Trauma System Support Committee Meeting

Participating: Sheryl Aldorando, Lynne Drawdy, Jess Henwood

Arnold Palmer Hospital: Sheryl reported on APH programs including a new car seat grant, helmets and helmet fittings, and a water safety program.

Orlando Regional Medical Center: Sheryl reported on ORMC programs including Stop the Bleed (re-training Orange county schools, training nurses in Osceola County and providing kits so they can train in their schools, and trainings at FDOT, the FBI, the homeless coalition, and five sessions at least week's trauma conference. She taught 20 classes and 370 individuals in one week in June. Other programs are the Best Foot Forward for back to school, distributing MADD videos focused on car seat and seat belt safety, burn prevention at Valencia Culinary Arts, and fall prevention for seniors.

Holmes: Jess reported on Holmes programs including safety lights at night/early morning events as part of Dr. Zenoni's Be Seen, Be Safe campaign (distributed 4000 safety lights in 2025). They partnered with Palm Bay Police Department and the Aquatic Center for a swim safety event with 130 children. They did Stop the Bleed training for a church group. They also provided skills training for high school students and a two-day ACLS course for surgeons. They are doing Best Foot Forward with the Safety Coalition for back to school crosswalk events and have partnered with the Transportation Pedestrian Coalition on events. They partnered with Space Coast and Palm Bay to provide 60 bike helmets and are working on falls prevention.