

6-11-24 R5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Members Present:

Trauma Chair – Orlando Regional/Orlando Health: Eric Alberts, Patrick Cassell, Jeana Swain
Trauma Co-Chair – Halifax/Halifax Health: Rachel Hamlett
Level II Rep – Lake Monroe Hospital/HCA: Dr. Rick Ricardi
EMS Chair – Martin County (South): Chief Kammel
EMS Co-Chair – Brevard (North): Dr. John McPherson
EMS Central Rep – Orange (Central): Not present
County DOH – St. Lucie County: Clint Sperber
Acute Care Hospital – Nemours: Not present
Extended Care – Orlando Health and Rehab: Not present
Municipal Government – Vacant
County Government – Orange: Not present

Ex-Officio/Stakeholders/Guests:

Lina Chico, Arnold Palmer Hospital (System Support Chair)
Lynne Drawdy, CFDMC
Kim Foley, HCA Florida Osceola Hospital
Matt Meyers, CFDMC
Heather Ouellette, Holmes
Dr. Peter Pappas, Trauma Advisory Board Executive Director
John Wilgis, Florida Hospital Association
Dr. Scott Zenoni, Health First

Six of the eleven Executive Committee members were present for a quorum

Call to Order: Dr. Pappas welcomed all and the trauma chair called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The February minutes were previously distributed. Chief Kammel moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Rachel Hamlett seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

Dr. Pappas stated that we received interest in the municipal government seat that has been vacant for almost two years. Dr. Christine Zonka, Director of the Department of Health in Brevard County introduced Rob Medina, Mayor of the City of Palm Bay. Mayor Medina expressed an interest in serving. Chief Kammel moved to approve Mayor Medina's appointment to the municipal government seat and Dr. McPherson seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

Dr. Pappas will contact missing members to determine their continued commitment to serving on the Executive Committee.

CFDMC/RDSTF Update: Lynne reported that the Division of Emergency Management held exercises in each region to identify response gaps and the Region 5 exercise was held on April 18th. Gaps include regional coordination and communication plans and we will share the after action report

when it is received. The April 25th regional full scale medical surge exercise was successful and the after action report has been sent out to stakeholders. Lynne advised that the SHSGP and UASI funding cycles for this year have kicked off.

Committee Updates

System Support Committee. Lina Chico reported the committee met this morning and participants shared their injury prevention activities, including Stop the Bleed, pedestrian safety, teen driver safety, fall prevention, and use of social media. She advised that there is a state SHSGP project for Stop the Bleed funding and each region will receive dollars to purchase kits. The committee will take the lead in planning for this region and will target faith-based communities.

Preparedness Committee: Eric Alberts reported that the committee met on Monday and debriefed on the April exercise. They will be working on trauma/burn training for hospitals and will be working on a statewide MCI coordination plan/MOCC.

Clinical Leadership Committee: Dr. McPherson advised the committee met on Monday and discussed engaging EMS medical directors/assistant directors; they will discuss this at the upcoming EMS Advisory Council meeting. The group also discussed the whole blood program at ORMC and ORMC shared their protocols. All agreed that whole blood is beneficial and we should encourage implementation. He advised that there was a debrief on the April full scale exercise and Pulsara pilot.

Old Business:

Dr. Pappas stated that the Trauma Advisory Board should continue to promote whole blood programs. He recognized Chief Kammel for developing the toolkit. Chief Kammel advised that Martin used whole blood on a recent helicopter transport with success and stated this is a game changer. He stated that he is waiting for Lawnwood to implement this program so they can develop a trade program. Dr. Zenoni stated that their health system has been carrying it for some time with great success and have expanded it to four units in trauma bays. They have been working with the blood bank and with ORMC on criteria and are following the data. Jeanna Swain stated that ORMC air care also carries whole blood and are seeing good outcomes. Dr. McPherson stated that Dr. Antebi and Dr. Schepke are working with him to establish ground units to provide whole blood. He asked about logistics, how distributed, trade-off programs and if resources could be posted to the website. Lynne advised that the toolkit is posted and any other resources can be posted.

New Business:

Jeanna advised that the Orlando Health annual trauma center is August 19th at the Renaissance Sea World. She will share the flyer. CMEs and CEUs are available. Dr. Pappas thanked Jeanna and encouraged others to share these types of opportunities.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2024 at 9:30 am

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.

6-10-24 RTAB Clinical Leadership Committee Minutes

Participants: Lynne Drawdy, Kim Foley, Dr. Dustin Huynh, Matt Meyers, Dr. John McPherson, Dr. Peter Pappas, Dr. Rick Ricardo, Dr. David Rubay, Dr. Scott Zenoni, Dr. Tracy Zito

Call to Order: Dr. McPherson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the February minutes as submitted. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

Old Business:

EMS Engagement: Dr. Pappas stated that he has not received an update and we will follow up with Dr. Zuber. Dr. McPherson stated that he is inviting the assistant directors to participate in these meetings and encouraged others to do so. Dr. Pappas agreed, and Dr. Zito suggested we also include EMS Fellows.

Whole Blood in the Field: Orlando Health has been piloting this in Orange County and Seminole County. Dr. Pappas stated they have implemented this for the past few months and anecdotal data shows this to be very beneficial. He stated that he would like to see a study with all the Level 2 trauma centers. Dr. Zito agreed and stated that the data is very exciting. Dr. Huynh stated that HCS Osceola was the first to implement use of whole blood. Dr. McPherson asked if it is on all rigs and Dr. Pappas stated just selected ambulances. He stated the biggest concern is if the blood banks can keep up with the supply. Dr. McPherson asked if the protocols can be shared, and Dr. Zito previewed these and stated they will be reviewing and updating the criteria. She provided links to these protocols:

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New Business

Exercise Planning/MOCC: Lynne reported on the April 25th full scale exercise and the Pulsara pilot project. The after action report for the exercise has been distributed to all stakeholders. She stated that the Pulsara pilot went very well. Orlando Fire Department crews got just in time training and were able to perform well and liked the product. Orange County is moving ahead with the implementation of Pulsara. The Trauma Preparedness Committee will be drafting an MCI coordination plan using Pulsara.

Announcements:

Dr. Pappas advised that the EMS Advisory Council meeting is this week in Ft. Lauderdale and he will provide an update on the next meeting.

Next Meeting/Adjournment: The next Clinical Leadership Committee meeting is August 12th. The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

6-10-24 RTAB Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes

Participants: Eric Alberts, Patrick Cassell, Lynne Drawdy, Kim Foley, Julie Frey, Rachel Hamlett, Dr. Dustin Huynh, Matt Meyers, Heather Oulette, Michelle Rud, Dr. Scott Zenoni, Dr. Tracy Zito

Minutes: Dr. Huynh moved to approve the February minutes as submitted and Rachel Hamlett seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion passed.

April Full Scale Exercise/Pulsara Pilot Debrief: Eric Alberts stated that the exercise was very challenging and we learned a lot from the full scale exercise and the after action report was sent out for review and has been approved by the Coalition Board. He stated that the Pulsara pilot also went well. ORMC had no issues. Orlando Fire Department liked it but did find that it works better on cell phones vs. tablets. We will need to research how other states have handled use of personal cell phones. He stated that funding is secured in statute and the Domestic Security committees want to learn more so they can advocate to protect the funding.

Eric asked others to share lessons learned. Rachel stated that burn training would be helpful and emphasis on maintaining trained decon teams. Michelle stated that hospitals need to be realistic about transfer times to trauma centers during an MCI.

Trauma/Burn Training: Lynne stated we have not made any progress on this as yet as we have been focused on the full scale exercise. She stated that the plan is to reach out to the trauma centers and engage their education departments. Michelle Rud agreed to be the clinical advisor and Heather Oulette and Rachel Hamlett also agreed to serve on the workgroup. Eric stated that he would review any portions on MCIs.

Statewide MCI Coordination Plan: Lynne advised that following the success of the Pulsara pilot, we will continue to advocate for implementation of Pulsara across the region. She has asked for a report on the status of this across the region. She stated that we will use the Texas model and integrate with the regional trauma coordination plan to draft a statewide MCI coordination plan. Dr. Zito will work with Lynne on this. We will try to get a draft out to the group before the next meeting.

Whole Blood: Eric asked if any counties are implementing use of whole blood. For now, it is just Orange County. Dr. Zito stated that the data shows this is beneficial and we hope to get other counties moving on this.

Announcements: Dr. Zito stated that Orlando Health will be hosting a trauma conference at Sea World in August, with CEUs / CMEs.

6-11-24 System Support Committee Minutes

Participants: Lina Chico, Lynne Drawdy, Kim Foley, Matt Meyers, Heather Oulette

Welcome: Lina Chico introduced herself as the Injury Prevention Coordinator at Arnold Palmer Hospital and stated that she is happy to serve as the new System Support Committee Chair. She asked the others present to describe their injury prevention programs and activities and share any trainings they can offer or train others on.

Holmes: Heather Oulette stated that Holmes has a Be Safe campaign and hand out lights to pedestrians and bikers. They have a Stop the Bleed program. They partner with Brevard Fire Rescue in a fall prevention program for older adults. Brevard Fire Rescue can go into homes to do an assessment. She stated they are trying to break into schools for safe driving and may begin with private schools this summer. Lina mentioned the Teen Safe Driver Coalition as a partner and stated there is a meeting on June 27 and 28.

HCA Osceola: Kim Foley stated that their injury prevention coordinator is out on leave. She stated that they have a Stop the Bleed program and are a member of the Teen Safe Driver Coalition. She stated they want to start working with local EMS to do some community education, and they are in the process of developing a falls prevention program and want to take this to nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Arnold Palmer: Lina stated that they focus a lot on child passenger safety and offer car seat check appointments to all in the community. They partner with fire departments and libraries to host car seat events throughout the community. She is a certified child safety instructor and can certify technicians if anyone is interested. She became a helmet fitter in February. They participated in national back to school day. She is mapping activities needed at the hospital and in the community to address the top injury mechanisms.

Social Media: Lina asked if anyone is using social media for injury prevention messaging. Heather stated they have Trauma Tuesdays with a new message each week, such as tourniquets, water safety, etc. Lina stated that she is scheduling an internal meeting to start promoting injury prevention messaging on social media. Kim stated that she has a meeting with marketing regarding getting an injury prevention page.

Stop The Bleed Grant: Lynne advised that the SHSGP funding typically is released around November. The funding will become to the Coalition to purchase the STB kits. She stated that our region agreed to target the faith-based community and we have a list of priority organizations from UASI with which we can begin. She suggested that we begin planning in the fall.

Other Issues/Announcements:

Lina stated they are seeing a lot of teens not wearing helmets, drownings, and motor vehicle crashes. The others agreed. Lina said the Teen Safe Driving Coalition can help get into schools and have materials. She asked if anyone had a distracted driver simulator and none did. Lina stated they have an old one and she will test it this week and will look at applying for a grant to update it.

Lynne advised there is a place on the Coalition Trauma web page for the committee to post resources and best practices. Lina will review and update this.

Lina suggested the committee continue to look for activities we can share to reduce injuries. The others agreed.