

8-11-26 RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee Minutes

Welcome: Dr. Pappas welcomed all attendees. Lynne reminded all that the CFDMC policy does not allow AI notetaker. Formal minutes are shared with all stakeholders.

Roll Call

- Trauma Chair – Orlando Regional/Orlando Health: Dr. Tracy Zito, Dr. Howard Smith, Jeana Swain, Eric Alberts, Sheryl Aldarondo
- Trauma Co-Chair – Halifax/Halifax Health: Rachael Hamlett
- Level II Rep – Lake Monroe Hospital/HCA: Melissa Ell
- EMS Chair – Martin County (South)
- EMS Co-Chair – Brevard (North)
- EMS Central Rep – Orange (Central): Dr. Christian Zuver, Dr. Desmond Fitzpatrick
- County DOH – St. Lucie County
- Acute Care Hospital – Nemours: Adela Casas Melley, Kari Ruble
- Extended Care: Annette Seabrook

Six of nine voting members were in attendance and a quorum was reached.

Stakeholders Present:

- Beth Boatwright, FDOH
- Carlos Rodriguez
- David Rubay, MD, HCA Florida Lawnwood Hospital
- Deborah Collinge, DOH-Orange
- G. Buerkle FDOH
- Heather Ouellette, Holmes Regional Medical Center
- Jenn Hulse, Cleveland Clinic Indian River
- JJ Henderson
- John Wilgis, FHA
- Kelley Jenkins, HCA Florida Lawnwood
- Kesha Cummings
- Lily Huong Nguyen, AdventHealth Central Division
- Lynne Drawdy, CFDMC
- Matt Meyers, CFDMC
- Meghan Thomas
- Michelle Rud, HCA Florida Osceola Hospital
- Olive Gaye
- Peter A Pappas MD FACS
- Rebecca
- Robert Ford
- Shauna Young, FDOH-Martin

Call to Order: Dr. Zito called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Dr. Zito asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the April and June minutes and if so, asked for a motion to approve these. Adela Casas Melley moved to

approve the minutes as submitted and Dr. David Rubay seconded the motion. There was no discussion or opposition and the motion carried.

Executive Director Update: Dr. Pappas provided an update on the state RMOCC (regional medical operations coordination center). The Florida Department of Health (FDOH), along with their consultant KPMG, recently provided an overview of the planning effort. A draft of the model will be sent out in the coming weeks. Dr. Pappas reported that the FDA approved use of freeze-dried plasma. He stated that Dr. Zito is looking into the literature on this and feels that it may be of benefit to EMS agencies and hospitals.

CFDMC/RDSTF Update: Lynne reported that she reviewed the draft materials on the RMOCC from KPMG and was impressed with the foundation they are providing in terms of research and a plan. The foundation emphasizes the need for broad stakeholder engagement. The draft materials will go out for broad stakeholder review in the very near future. She stated that she volunteered our region for the pilot.

Lynne announced that the G7 Pediatric Center of Excellence is facilitating a pediatric surge exercise with the three children's hospitals in Orlando on September 2nd at the City of Orlando EOC. If anyone is interested in observing, please let Lynne know. Even preparing for this event has been beneficial as during planning we realized that our regional evacuation caches did not include infant and toddler equipment; we are in the process of securing these.

FDOH Update: Gene Buerkle provided several updates. He stated that the Trauma Advisory Council Commons Hour call was held this week and stated these are used as an opportunity to share information. Gene stated they are still working through the trauma standards and preparing some, updates and are using older Commons Hour calls to include definitions and issues discussed. Gene reported that the State Trauma System Assessment has been prepared, meeting the FDOH statutory requirement to prepare the assessment; this is currently being routed for review and approval. Gene stated that the next FTSAC meeting will be held October 22nd at 4 pm at Tampa General Hospital with virtual access as well. He stated that FDOH is continuing its ongoing work related to the trauma standards and the trauma registry. He thanked the trauma centers for uploading information and they will close out Quarter 2 reporting on September 1st. He stated they are continuing to work on trauma center designations and survey activities. He stated that they continue statewide initiatives such as supporting Pulsara, and pre-hospital blood programs. Dr. Zito asked if he could provide any details on the pre-hospital whole blood status. Gene stated that FDOH is working to procure coolers to be issued to EMS agencies but does not have a final status on what has been approved or the number. He stated that the department is also helping to develop an educational component.

Beth Boatwright with FDOH stated that they are also working on instructions for alternate reporting and that guidance will soon be sent out to trauma centers. Gene stated that trauma centers may either participate in TQIP or send a quarterly report. All are currently participating in TQIP. Gene stated that a memo was previously sent out about this, but he will send it again. Trauma centers will be asked to volunteer for dates.

Committee Updates

System Support Committee: Sheryl Aldarondo reported on the committee's meeting earlier today. For Orlando Regional Medical Center and Arnold Palmer Hospital, they received the Buckle Up for Life Gift of Safety Grant again and received 50 car seats and received the \$12,000 AAA e-bike helmet grant which will provide 200 e-bike helmets to children in need. Sheryl reported that Orlando

Health now has a pediatric injury prevention needs email (r-keepingkidsafe@orlandohealth.com) that can be used for collaborations, event requests, etc. Sheryl reported that they are providing age-appropriate, top five mechanism of injury to pediatric offices so that they can attach that to their aftercare summaries. They provided and fitted 296 bike helmets at various back-to-school events. They continue to provide Stop the Bleed training and over the past few months have trained 600 individuals at hospitals and schools. For pedestrian safety, Best Foot Forward just wrapped up their back-to-school crosswalk enforcements (41 crosswalks and 516 traffic stops). Orlando Health is also providing burn prevention initiatives, such as training at Valencia culinary arts program and Orange County Public Schools kitchen staff. They are providing falls prevention courses. They are currently exploring the micro-mobility codes in e-bike injuries. Holmes Regional reported on their back-to-school initiatives, including teen driver education. They are providing Stop the Bleed classes, and have a Be Seen, Be Safe program that distributes safety lights. They did helmet fittings at summer camps. They are also doing falls prevention at local facilities. HCA Florida Osceola has a new injury prevention coordinator who has already been working on distributing e-bike safety kits and community education events. For Falls Prevention Month in September, she will hold lunch and learn activities. Sheryl advised that HCA Florida Lake Monroe also has a new injury prevention coordinator who is providing Stop the Bleed training with nursing students, a community outreach campaign, a falls prevention program, and some back-to-school events such as giving out 300 bike helmets.

Clinical Leadership Committee: Dr. Pappas stated that the committee discussed the RMOCC plan, the G7 pediatric tabletop and the freeze-dried plasma. Dr. Zito stated that the committee will have a focus on freeze-dried plasma at the next meeting. She stated that she is very excited about this opportunity.

Extended Care Committee: Annette Seabrook stated that there was a small group at yesterday's meeting but there were several new members and a robust discussion. She advised that a survey was sent out to the trauma centers in June to get guidance on how extended care could support them. She advised that the input was minimal. She stated that one question was about the availability of post-acute beds. She reported that Orlando Health is adding inpatient rehab beds at Sebastian River Hospital, as well as adding inpatient beds in Lake County, so there will be a few additional inpatient rehab beds coming in the late summer/early fall of 2027. In addition, the Select LTAC has now opened in Dr. Phillips for an LTAC level of care and an SNF level. Health Central Park is also adding a high-acuity unit to help also manage some vent patients. Annette stated that one issue commonly cited is that insurance is often a barrier for inpatient rehab. All of these organizations and the professional associations lobby around issues such as insurance denials and barriers. She asked if this issue could be raised to FCOT for their support, and Dr. Pappas agreed to take this to FCOT. He will follow up with Annette to get additional information. Dr. Zito agreed that stated that in addition to trauma, there are others such as stroke patients, and we may be able to get other groups such as ACS or the Florida Medical Association involved. Dr. Pappas agreed and stated that FCOT can be a bridge to those groups, including Florida Hospital Association. Annette stated that they also asked System Support how they can engage in injury prevention activities. Annette stated that the committee also discussed whether there is a need to develop a list of post-acute facilities with specific certifications or capabilities, or if that information is already available to the trauma centers. Dr. Pappas and Dr. Zito suggested that the group take this back to their trauma center CNOs or case managers to see if this is needed. Dr. Pappas and Dr. Zito thanked Annette for her leadership in this committee.

New Business: Dr. Pappas congratulated the Coalition on exceeding 1,000 members; this is a milestone! Dr. Pappas thanked the Coalition and the Trauma stakeholders for their efforts in making the Central Florida Coalition the biggest and best.

Eric Alerts raised an area of concern regarding an increase in teen takeovers. This typically involves a social media post with teenagers rallying to take over a site, sometimes in the hundreds or thousands, often with fights and vandalism. Law enforcement responds and some have been hurt. This has already happened in Central Florida, including sites downtown and on International Drive. John Wilgis stated that one recently occurred on a beach in Pinellas and there was a shooting. Eric stated that there was a recent teen takeover in Orlando involving e-bikes. This can cause traffic issues which could block patient access to hospitals. Dr. Pappas stated that in Western Europe they call this hybrid warfare and it certainly needs awareness. Dr. Zito stated that she will take this to the FCOT DMEP committee and at the regional level the Clinical Leadership Committee will address this. Dr. Pappas asked Eric if he could provide additional information prior to that meeting. Lynne stated that we also hold monthly calls with all hospitals within the region and we can raise this there as well.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 13, 2026

Adjourn: Adele Casas Melley moved to adjourn and Dr. Zuver seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

8-10-26 RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Clinical Leadership Committee Minutes

Participants: Dr. Janeen Jordan, Dr. John McPherson, Dr. Peter A Pappas MD FACS, Dr. Sanjiv Gray, Dr. Scott Zenoni, Lynne Drawdy

Welcome/Call to Order: Dr. McPherson called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Lynne apologized for the delay in getting the April minutes out. The April and June minutes were attached to the calendar invitation. Dr. McPherson asked if there were any questions or corrections and there were none. The minutes were approved.

CFDMC Updates:

- **FDOH and RMOCC:** Lynne advised that the draft materials developed by the consultant were sent out for a limited review and it is very detailed, very comprehensive, with a very aggressive timeline. She stated that she thinks this is all very doable, and she is excited about the progress made. She stated that the materials will be sent out soon to all stakeholders. Dr. McPherson asked if this is just for our area or statewide. Lynne stated this is a statewide initiative, but she has volunteered our region for the pilot.
- **September 2nd G7 Pediatric Exercise:** Lynne advised that the G7 is the ASPR-funded pediatric center of excellence and they are going to facilitate a pediatric surge tabletop for the three children's hospitals in Orlando on September 2nd. It is scheduled for the morning of September 2nd at the City of Orlando EOC. She stated that in preparing for the exercise, we realized that our evacuation caches did not contain infant and pediatric equipment, and we will be adding those. Lynne will share the invitation and if anyone is interested in observing, please let Lynne know. Dr. Pappas stated that this will help get people connected locally in terms of what our resources are for pediatric trauma and management of pediatric disasters.

Old Business

EMS Transfusion Programs: Dr. Pappas stated that over the past month, FDA has approved freeze-dried plasma for use by EMS. Lynne sent out an article about this from EMS World. Dr. Pappas stated that Dr. John Holcomb, one of our visiting professors at the Florida Committee on Trauma, was one of the authors on the practicality of freeze-dried plasma and the steps needed if an EMS agency is considering use in the field. Dr. Pappas stated this could be very beneficial in terms of logistics. This is considered a blood product by the FDA and there are standards in terms of handling the product. This has been used in France and by the French Armed Forces for quite some time now, and our own armed forces have used these under special circumstances. Dr. Pappas suggested that the committee pull together some resources for local EMS agencies and the trauma centers. Dr. McPherson asked if the temperature and maintenance of plasma is different from RBCs and Dr. Pappas stated that it must be kept cold, so some form of refrigeration is needed. Dr. McPherson asked if this is being used in Orlando and Dr. McPherson stated that he did not think so. He stated that Dr. Zito is doing some literature research on this.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2026

8-10-26 Trauma Extended Care Committee Minutes

Participants: See list below

The group welcomed Rebecca Nave and each member introduced themselves.

Kimberly Waters reported they have changed their EMR and are happy with the new one. The group discussed facilities' response to the new CMS final rule and the four-day interdisciplinary team conference. All felt that there were potential problems, such as admissions on Thursdays, late afternoons, etc.

The group reviewed the data from the recent survey. Lynne reported that only one member responded to the meeting poll and stated that this time was good. Lynne asked if it would be helpful to include trauma discharge planners in the committee. The group reviewed the data from the trauma survey; there was only one response and only one new issue was presented - disposition of foreign patients with no power of attorney. Lynne stated that she can ask the Trauma System Support Committee about how the Trauma Extended Care Committee can engage with the trauma center injury prevention programs.

Annette stated that at the last meeting, the group discussed compiling a list of facilities with relative certifications and any unique capabilities. The group felt this information is readily available.

The group asked for an overview of the other Trauma Committees. Lynne explained that the Trauma Advisory Board was created about eight years ago. The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) asked our region to pilot development of a trauma agency. Stakeholders met and the consensus was that we did not want a formal trauma agency but did want a method for bringing trauma stakeholders that would allow collaboration and development of best practices. That group created the Trauma Advisory Board and its committees with the mission to improve the continuum of care for trauma patients, for the best outcome. The Trauma Clinical Leadership Committee is comprised of the Trauma Medical Directors and the county EMS Medical Directors, and they focus on standardizing clinical policies across the regio, such as adoption of whole blood and plasma in the field. They meet following the Trauma Extended Care Committee at 3 pm. The Trauma System Support Committee meets the following day at 10 am. This group includes the injury prevention coordinators, and they report on their injury prevention programs such as car seats and bike helmets, Stop the Bleed, fall prevention, burn prevention, etc. and also issues impacting trauma, such as e-bike injuries. There was a Preparedness Committee which followed up on some of the gaps from the annual mass casualty exercise, including development of a free standing emergency department best practice guidance document, and trauma/burn training to help hospitals stabilize and hold trauma and burn patients until they can be transferred to a trauma or burn center. Lynne reported that this training is being presented as a best practice at the national healthcare coalition conference in December. The Preparedness Committee has now been sunset and there are work groups for specific issues from the exercise. The Trauma Executive Committee represents the voting members of the Trauma Advisory Board. They meet at 11 am following the System Support Committee and all trauma stakeholders are invited to attend. There are updates from the Florida Committee on Trauma, the Coalition, the Florida Department of Health, and the other committees. There is typically a spotlight presentation; the last one was on a trauma agency from another state. The Trauma Extended Care

Committee was created along with the other committees, and it has been challenging to get this committee up and running. Lynne stated that this group has achieved more in the past few months than we have in the past seven years. She stated that we did reach out to other trauma agencies but could not find another group focused on extended care.

Annette asked if there were any other thoughts on how the Trauma Extended Care Committee can make an impact. She stated that one common barrier is insurance authorization for rehab. Leigh Anne agreed and stated that this issue also impacts home care. The group discussed how they can impact this and discussed peer-to-peer reviews and expedited appeals. Lynne suggested that this issue be brought to the Trauma Executive Committee who might be able to raise this issue to the Florida Committee on Trauma. Annette agreed to raise this at the Trauma Executive Committee and also ask them for any other areas of focus for the Extended Care Committee.

Participants:

- Annette Seabrook
- Kimberly Waters
- Leigh-anne Dowdle
- Lynne Drawdy
- Rebecca Nave

8-11-12 Trauma System Support Committee Minutes

Participants: Lynne Drawdy, Jess Henwood, Matt Meyers, Nicole Manley, Shawn Treloar, Sherl Aldarondo

Sheryl Aldarondo welcomed all and explained that Lena could not attend today so she will facilitate the meeting and report out at the Trauma Executive Committee.

Orlando Health Updates: Sheryl reported that Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children (APH) received the Buckle Up for Life Gift of Safety grant again, providing 50 carts seats, and also received a \$12,000 AAA grant that will provide 200 e-bike helmets. She stated there is a new inbox for pediatric injury prevention needs - r-keepingkidsafe at orlandohealth.com. She stated APH is providing the age-appropriate top five mechanisms of injury to pediatrician offices now, so that they can attach this to an after-visit summary. She stated that they provided and fitted 296 bike helmets at various back to school events. Sheryl stated that for Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC), they have been supporting a lot of Stop the Bleed events, at hospitals and in public schools and have trained about 100. She stated they did babysitting CPR course training for about 150 and also at United Way where they trained 100 more. She stated that she just trained Orange County Sheriff's Office and a safety class at the security officers at the hospital. They have been working with Best Foot Forward for back to school. They have also been working with Orange County Fire Rescue providing burn prevention at open houses. The last one was in May, and they will start again in September as it is too hot to do these in the summer. She is providing burns training at Valencia culinary arts this month and also works with kitchen staff at Orange County Public Schools. She does a support group for South Lake Hospital's cancer support group, providing burn prevention education. She is providing falls prevention training.

HCA Florida Osceola: Nichole Manley stated that she has only been in her position for two months, but she learned that August is e-bike safety month, so she has been having an activity almost every other day. She stated they are rounding on all the schools with the Osceola County Sheriff's Department and local fire and police departments, providing e-bike safety campaign kits to the schools and to parents. She is also hosting events at the hospital and going to community fairs with this information. She stated that September is falls prevention month and they have several activities planned including lunch and learns at community centers.

Holmes Regional: Jess Henwood stated that they are kicking off back to school teaching Stop the Bleed and they have received requests from teachers re impacting drivers. They have some races coming up over the next few months where they will distribute safety lights for the Be Seen, Be Safe campaign. She stated that they did a helmet fitting at a summer camp, fitting 17 kids with helmets. Their falls prevention has been great, teaching at local Health First facilities. She will be looking at additional falls prevention courses in September. She stated that she has been doing Stop the Bleed classes non-stop. She stated that she already has the schedule for next year's falls and Stop the Bleed classes and hopes to get into the public schools.

HCA Lake Monroe: Shawn Treloar stated that he has been in his position for about a month now. He retired from Sanford Fire after 30 years, 20 as the EMS chief, so he is still learning injury prevention. He has done a few Stop the Bleed classes with nursing students and with the fire department. He has been dropping offer flyers with local businesses. He has gotten into one and hopes they will spread the word

to others. He stated that he has a fall prevention class coming up at a mobile home park in Debary. He stated that it is difficult to get people to sign up for an eight-week class. Sheryl asked what program he is using. She stated that there are several different courses, including Tai Chi, Bingo, a Matter of Balance, etc. Shawn stated that he is using a Matter of Balance but may look at shorter versions. Sheryl stated that she ran into that with Bingo as it was a 10-week course. Shawn stated that Monica is still with the hospital in a new role, so he is learning from her. He stated that they did a back-to-school bike helmet fitting with Bike Walk Central Florida in Deltona and gave away about 300 helmets. They have another one scheduled in two weeks at a bike store in Sanford.

Coalition Updates: Lynne advised that we are still waiting for the statewide Stop the Bleed grant, and she has asked that regional representatives to an upcoming SHSGP meeting ask about these funds. Shawn asked how these funds will be distributed and Lynne stated that these are specifically targeted at not-for-profit religious institutions which have been designated as high-risk targets. Shawn asked if Lynne could share the list so they know which ones are in their area.

Lynne reported that the Trauma Extended Care Committee met yesterday. They focus on post-acute care provided by rehab facilities and skilled nursing facilities. They are looking for ways to partner with and support injury prevention programs and support groups. Sheryl asked that she share the contact information for that group.

E-Bike and E-Scooter Data: Sheryl suggested that they hold the e-bike and e-scooter data discussion until the October meeting, as new micro-morbidity codes just came out so we can do a deeper dive into the data.