



# Trauma Advisory Council

September 18, 2012

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Mary Aitken  
Dr. James Graham  
Dr. Charles Mabry  
Dr. Barry Pierce  
Dr. Janet Curry  
Dr. Paul K. Halverson  
Dr. Clint Evans  
Dr. Ronald Robertson  
Dr. Michael Pollock  
Dr. Viviana Suarez  
R. T. Fendley  
Kathryn Blackman  
Terry Collins  
Jon Wilkerson  
Freddie Riley  
Robert T. Williams  
John Gray  
Keith Moore  
Carrie Helm

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Victor Williams  
Dr. John Cone  
Dr. Alvin Simmons  
John E. Heard  
Christi Whatley  
K. C. Jones  
Colonel J.R. Howard (rep. by  
Sr. Cpl. Karen E. Clark)

## GUESTS

Dr. Talmage M. Holmes  
Dr. James Booker  
Michelle Murtha  
Donald Reed  
Debbie Moore  
Don Adams  
Jon Swanson  
Carrie Vickers  
D'borai Cook  
Cathee Terrell  
Carla Jackson  
Sidney Ward  
Jeff Tabor  
Cheryl Vines  
Kim Brown  
Terri Imus  
Donna Ward  
Kathy Gray  
Monique Ingram  
Tim Vandiver  
Melissa Morgan  
Barbara Riba  
Carla McMillan  
Laura Guthrie  
Joe Hennington  
Johnnie Schaumleffel  
James Smith

## STAFF

Dr. Todd Maxson  
Donnie Smith  
Bill Temple  
Renee Patrick  
Renee Mallory  
Teresa Belew  
Diannia Hall-Clutts  
Joe Martin  
Austin Porter  
Marie Lewis  
Margaret Holaway  
Rick Hogan  
Terry Love  
Melissa Foust  
Jim C. Brown

## **I. Call to Order – Dr. James Graham, Chairman**

The Trauma Advisory Council (TAC) meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 3:01 p.m. by Dr. James Graham, Chairman.

## **II. Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Graham welcomed all guests and members. He asked those on the phone to send an e-mail to ensure their attendance is recorded for the minutes.

## **III. Approval of Draft Minutes From August 21, 2012.**

The TAC reviewed the August 21, 2012 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. T. Fendley and seconded by Dr. Ronald Robertson. The minutes were approved.

## **IV. Trauma Office Report – Bill Temple**

### **Personnel**

- Mr. Temple introduced Terry Love as our new Injury Program Manager, and said he has impressive credentials in injury prevention. Mr. Love shared some of his background.
- He noted that the Branch's third Registered Nurse/Trauma Nurse Coordinator position should be posted soon.

### **Hospital Designation**

- Fifty-six hospitals have now been designated: five Level Is, five Level IIs; 18 Level IIIs, and 28 Level IVs. One additional hospital has completed its site review and is awaiting designation. Thirteen hospitals have site reviews scheduled through the end of March 2013. Five hospitals have not yet requested their surveys. The deadline for requesting the site review is October 1, 2012. This brings us to the 75 hospitals that have submitted intent applications.

### **Contracts**

- The Quality Improvement Organization review process is in the final stages. The notice of award should be placed on the Office of State Procurement's website this week.

### **Webinar**

- Next Wednesday, September 26, 2012, Katy Allison, our summer intern and now one of our "extra help" employees, will be presenting "A Case Study of the Landmark Public Health and Safety Achievements of the 2009 Arkansas Legislative Session." This includes discussion of Arkansas' trauma system, our primary seat belt law, graduated

drivers license law, no texting while driving law, and others. The extensive audience is expected to include the Safe States Alliance membership, all CDC Regional Networks, The Children's Safety Network and all CDC CORE VIPP grantees. Dr. Graham requested that we send an announcement out to the TAC members and interested parties for participation in the webinar.

### **Grant**

- Our Injury Prevention Section was awarded a grant from the National Governor's Association to fight prescription drug abuse. It is a one-year grant for \$45,000 awarded to seven states. The purpose is to develop and implement strategies to address perscription drug abuse in Arkansas. We expect to work closely with Fran Flenor, Arkansas Drug Czar, and others here in Arkansas and nationally to make a positive impact on this problem.
- We were notified yesterday that we are one of only four states selected to attend the national meeting of the American Public Health Association in San Francisco in October, where we will receive training regarding the evaluation of public policy initiatives. The attendees will include three ADH branch staff and one Injury Prevention Center (Arkansas Children's Hospital) staff member. As a result of this, we will work over the next year to evaluate the effectiveness of some of the motor vehicle injury prevention legislation passed in 2009.

### **Trauma Brochure**

- We continue to work on the trauma brochure and hope to have it ready for the TAC retreat meeting next month.

### **Rules and Regulations Revisions**

- Level IV Rules are completed and the Level III Rules are in the final stages of completion. We understand that that American College of Surgeons expects to have their Level I and Level II Rules out by the end of October. We have a goal of getting these rule revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health at their January, 2013 meeting. Rick Hogan explained that once the revisions are complete they will go to the Board of Health where they will vote to send it out for public comment. The notice of public hearing will involve publishing in the press and on our website for easy access. Once the public hearing concludes it will go to the Legislative Rules Committee and then before two additional legislative committees. After this process, they will come back to the Board of Health for final approval and filing with the Secretary of State. After filing with the Secretary of State's office they usually become final within days of the filing.

### **TAC Retreat Meeting**

The retreat meeting will be held at the Agora Conference Center in Conway, Arkansas on the usual TAC meeting day, October 16, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending by 4:00 p.m. Dr. Graham will prepare the agenda and asked that suggested items to be included be sent to him. He also asked the Council to endorse the idea of having an annual retreat meeting on the third Tuesday in October of each year. Without objection, the TAC agreed with Dr. Graham's request.

### **Other**

Mr. Temple noted that he had talked with the Governor's office today and that Dr. Graham has been reappointed to serve on the Trauma Advisory Council.

### **ATCC Report – Jeff Tabor**

Mr. Tabor reported that since inception 27,335 patients have been coordinated through the ATCC. For this calendar year through yesterday, the number is 13,703. This includes 9,100 scene calls and approximately 4,500 transfers. He noted that the ATCC is participating in a Mass Casualty Incident drill with Arkansas Children's Hospital next week. The ATCC will have additional meetings this week regarding a large biker event in Northwest Arkansas.

### **Scorecard Report – Austin Porter**

Mr. Porter shared a hard copy report with those present at the meeting and pointed out some specific noteworthy items. The report generated much discussion and interaction. Mr. R. T. Fendley expressed concern about the data collection/coding issues and encouraged improvement in this area. Dr. Graham thanked Mr. Porter for his work and the report data that was shared. (The scorecard report is attached.)

### **Performance Improvement (PI) Process**

Mr. Temple mentioned the PI process. He noted that Branch staff are gaining a real appreciation for the process and said we are encouraged that problems and issues are being brought to the forefront and that the PI process is working both at the TRAC and State levels. He specifically mentioned Paula Lewis in the Northeast TRAC and the work she is doing on PI.

### **V. ADH Medical Consultant Report – Dr. Todd Maxson**

Dr. Maxson recently attended The American Association of Trauma, an international meeting where the State of Arkansas had three presentations. During the event, he received numerous inquiries about the progress of the Arkansas trauma system.

Dr. Maxson asked Terri Imus to share a brief report with the TAC on the progress of the Trauma Image Repository. Ms. Imus said as of today 58 sites have actually registered with the Repository. About 35 are actually sending image files through the Repository. We still have much work to accomplish but we are making progress as we have received over 4,000 images to the Repository. The key is to educate hospitals and encourage those that have the capability to send image files and then to demonstrate the value of the system. Much discussion about the process ensued.

The spring trauma conference on April 12-13 is coming up and Dr. Maxson again asked sponsors to support the conference so we can maintain the level of professional speakers that have spoken at previous conferences. We have had some problems in obtaining adequate financial sponsorship. We need to find a way to support this conference in order to keep the cost low and continue to have great speakers. He asked for the TRACs to consider supporting the conference.

## **VI. Trauma Registry – Marie Lewis**

- We continue working on getting out second quarter PI reports to the hospitals and the TRACs.
- We are working with Austin Porter on the scorecard and we continue to discover opportunities to improve the quality of the data. We will be looking at doing some quality reports.
- We are working with DI to develop reports that will be available for all hospitals to run on demand through the web portal.
- Our annual users meeting will be held December 18, 2012. We are currently working on the agenda. We are hoping to have a speaker from the American College of Surgeons to discuss data validation.
- The next submission deadline will be November 30, 2012 for third quarter (July, August and September) data.

## **VII. TAC Subcommittee Meeting Reports**

(Note: Summaries are attached; only official action and additional information provided to the TAC is documented in this section.)

- Finance Subcommittee (R. T. Fendley – Chair) (See attached report)

On behalf of the Finance Subcommittee, Mr. Fendley shared that the Subcommittee met on September 11, 2012. We have determined that meetings will need to be more frequent in order to handle all the topics and issues that are coming before the Subcommittee. Work continues on the pay-for-performance project. On behalf of the Finance Subcommittee, he moved to recommend to ADH to support amending the current contract with the ATCC to allow the addition of two FTEs to handle the volume. The recommendation was passed by the TAC.

- Hospital Designation Subcommittee and Site Survey/System Assessment Panel. (Dr. James Booker, Chair) (See attached report)

Dr. Booker said the Subcommittee met today. They continue working on revision of the Rules and plan to have them ready to be distributed at the meeting next month. The goal is to have all four levels completed so that they may go to the Board of Health at their January, 2013 meeting.

St. Bernards Hospital in Jonesboro has completed their review and the recommendation to ADH is that they be approved as a Level III trauma center. The motion was approved.

- EMS Subcommittee (Dr. Clint Evans - Chair) (See attached report)

Dr. Evans reported progress on the AWIN helicopter radio issue. Progress is also being made on backfill agreements. He complimented the ADH EMS Section for their work on data submission and quality improvement. The 13 voting members of the EMS Subcommittee have been determined and officers have been elected. Dr. Evans will continue to be Chairman, K.C. Jones will be Vice-Chairman, and Cathee Terrell will be Secretary.

- Rehabilitation Subcommittee (Jon Wilkerson – Chair) (See attached report)

Mr. Wilkerson reported that planning has begun on next year's trauma rehabilitation conference on May 2-3, 2013 at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock and we hope to build on last year's success. An ad hoc group has been convened to review methodology as to designation of rehabilitation hospitals. Work continues on other long-term goals and objectives.

- QI/TRAC Subcommittee (Dr. Charles Mabry – Chair) (Did not meet) (No report)

Dr. Mabry, on behalf of the Subcommittee, reported they did not meet this month but had a QI meeting last month, during which a specific case was discussed. The QI process was very thorough. It was handled very positively with a good discussion of the case. Confidentiality agreements were executed at the beginning of the meeting. System-wide recommendations are:

- Institute a trauma transfer protocol for institutions involved and use this as a template throughout the state;
- Revise backfill agreements to require agreements with EMS services in contiguous counties;
- ATCC should become proactive in assisting more with transferring patients;
- Resource enhancements dealing with the scope of work for the ATCC;
- Recommend to the Arkansas Trauma Education and Research Foundation (ATERF) to hold more Rural Trauma Team Development Courses (RTTDC); and,

- TAC should develop a Medical Oversight Subcommittee to review existing treatment guidelines and standards of care and work to develop new/revised guidelines when necessary.

Dr. Mabry requested that the TAC support the efforts toward protocol and guideline development and that it be handled within the QI/TRAC Subcommittee. He said the Subcommittee could handle this initially with the addition of members with the needed expertise.

- Injury Prevention Subcommittee (Dr. Mary Aitken – Chair) (See attached report)

Dr. Aitken shared that the Subcommittee met on September 13, 2012. Six of the seven TRACs participated in the meeting and all have begun to focus on injury prevention. Five TRAC Injury Prevention Subcommittees also reported. Activity and SIPP reports were distributed to the TAC membership by e-mail yesterday. Education and training sessions continue.

Dr. Halverson noted that as we begin to look toward the new legislative session we need to remember that sometimes the best prevention strategy can be a policy change (i.e., either a change in rule or a change in law.) We have seen the impact of some of those changes (i.e. the graduated driver's license law). Dr. Halverson encouraged close coordination with the IP Subcommittee and other subcommittees as we contemplate next year's legislative session. Opportunities are there to make system-wide improvements through constructive change. He noted that this could be addressed at the retreat meeting next month.

### **VIII. Next Meeting Date**

The TAC Retreat will be Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at the Agora Conference Center in Conway. This will be our annual Retreat and take the place of our regularly scheduled October meeting. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end by 4:00 p.m. Dr. Graham again solicited ideas for retreat agenda items and asked that they be sent to him.

### **IX. Adjournment**

Without objection, Dr. Graham adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paul K. Halverson, DrPH, FACHE  
Secretary Treasurer of the Trauma Advisory Council  
Director and State Health Officer, Arkansas Department of Health

## ED LENGTH OF STAY INFORMATION CY 2011

	Major	Moderate
Prior to Transfer Request - All	56:12	1:40:41
Prior to Transfer Request - Level III	56:10	1:38:58
Prior to Transfer Request - Level IV	54:22	1:39:55
% exceeding 1:00 prior to transfer request among major/moderate	46.09%	
% exceeding 1:30 prior to transfer request among major/moderate	32.98%	

	Major	Moderate
EDS LOS prior to transfer	2:19:19	2:59:12
ED LOS Level III	2:22:16	3:05:16
ED LOS Level IV	2:12:29	2:49:32
% exceeding 2:00 ED LOS among major/moderate	55.64%	

## OUTCOMES CY 2011

	Statewide		NTDB	
	All	Level I and II	All	Level I and II
Mortality by ISS				
1-8	1.02%	0.80%	0.68%	0.72%
9-15	2.11%	2.10%	2.00%	2.07%
16-24	5.51%	5.46%	5.40%	5.46%
>24	32.06%	30.92%	29.64%	30.00%

	Statewide		NTDB	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Mean/Median ISS among				
Children (0-14 years)	6.04	4.0	6.95	5.0
Adults (15+ years)	8.17	5.0	9.01	8.0

Mortality by TRAC	
AR Valley	3.50%
Metro	3.15%
Northcentral	2.27%
Northeast	3.46%
Northwest	3.89%
Southeast	3.62%
Southwest	2.67%

Mean/Median ISS by TRAC		
TRAC	Mean	Median
AR Valley	7.39	5.0
Metro	8.06	5.0
Northcentral	6.27	4.0
Northeast	8.88	5.0
Northwest	9.38	8.0
Southeast	7.33	5.0
Southwest	7.24	4.0

Hospital Discharge Status by ISS-Statewide	1-8	9-15	16-24	>24
Expired	1.00%	2.09%	4.93%	31.26%
Discharged home	59.54%	44.77%	42.07%	20.23%
Transferred to hospice	0.21%	0.49%	0.10%	0.99%
AMA	0.50%	0.33%	0.30%	0.42%
Transferred to SNF	2.08%	3.30%	1.58%	1.56%
Transferred to ICF	4.15%	3.50%	3.15%	4.38%
Transferred to home health	4.33%	6.67%	8.18%	4.24%
Transferred to short term hospital	8.96%	10.07%	9.46%	8.77%
Transferred to rehab	6.86%	15.60%	17.34%	17.26%

Hospital Discharge Status by ISS-NTDB	1-8	9-15	16-24	>24
Expired	0.36%	1.55%	4.11%	21.66%
Discharged home	62.62%	57.84%	56.11%	27.38%
Transferred to hospice	0.12%	0.37%	0.40%	0.98%
AMA	0.69%	0.52%	0.63%	0.27%
Transferred to SNF	5.92%	15.17%	9.43%	7.96%
Transferred to ICF	0.87%	2.86%	4.17%	6.45%
Transferred to home health	3.18%	4.48%	4.37%	3.11%
Transferred to short term hospital	0.77%	1.39%	2.20%	2.93%
Transferred to rehab	3.15%	9.66%	12.70%	17.87%

Hospital Discharge Status by ISS-Level I/II- Statewide	1-8	9-15	16-24	>24
Expired	0.78%	2.07%	4.76%	29.98%
Discharged home	76.74%	60.23%	51.40%	26.96%
Transferred to hospice	0.36%	0.62%	0.14%	1.41%
AMA	0.66%	0.62%	0.28%	0.60%
Transferred to SNF	1.92%	2.64%	1.82%	2.01%
Transferred to ICF	0.21%	1.20%	2.38%	3.82%
Transferred to home health	4.45%	8.37%	9.80%	5.43%
Transferred to short term hospital	2.35%	1.82%	2.66%	2.62%
Transferred to rehab	6.68%	18.12%	20.59%	22.72%

Hospital Discharge Status by ISS-Level I/II-NTDB	1-8	9-15	16-24	>24
Expired	0.37%	1.63%	4.22%	22.10%
Discharged home	63.37%	59.05%	57.07%	27.88%
Transferred to hospice	0.13%	0.36%	0.39%	0.96%
AMA	0.75%	0.56%	0.64%	8.45%
Transferred to SNF	5.89%	15.28%	9.86%	8.45%
Transferred to ICF	0.85%	2.83%	4.51%	6.84%
Transferred to home health	3.37%	4.67%	4.53%	3.07%
Transferred to short term hospital	0.73%	1.27%	2.03%	2.55%
Transferred to rehab	3.26%	9.67%	13.06%	18.10%

## Trauma Advisory Council Finance Sub-Committee

September 11, 2012

Attending: R.T. Fendley, Chairman; Mr. Jon Wilkerson; Ms. Renee Patrick; Mr. Donnie Smith; Dr. Charles Mabry, Mr. Don Adams, Ms. Cheryl Vines, Ms. Terry Collins, Dr. Clint Evans, Mr. John Gray, Mr. Greg Brown, Mr. Jeff Tabor, Mr. Jon Swanson

I. Call to Order at 2:30 p.m. by Mr. R.T. Fendley, Chairman

II. Old Business: None

III. New Business:

Special Project Funding Proposal, EMS. Dr. Clint Evans provided an overview of the EMS data software initiative. The Director of the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) recently reported that Arkansas ranks last in the country for pre-hospital data quality. Greg Brown reviewed with the group several reasons why the data quality is substandard and reported that data from third party software is consistently more accurate and reliable. Dr. Mabry recommended that the EMS sub-committee address several key questions and fine tune their business plan model.

*Action Item: The committee will continue discussions with EMS and Dr. Maxson. Dr. Mabry will submit a list of questions for consideration to the group.*

Funding Proposal, System Operations. Jeff Tabor discussed a proposal for additional FTE support for the Arkansas Trauma Call Center. An additional two FTE's will provide 2 personnel per 12 hour shift. A proposal for contract amendment has been submitted to the Arkansas Department of Health Trauma Section for consideration. Jeff reported that the ATCC volume has continued to increase and additional responsibilities were causing delays in processing the calls.

*Action Item: The committee will recommend to the Trauma Advisory Council that the current contract with the ATCC be amended to increase staffing.*

Pay For Performance Proposals.

EMS-John Gray reported that the EMS Pay for Performance Proposal was still in development.

Hospital-Renee Patrick discussed that the ADH Trauma Section is drafting a contract justification for sole source use of the Arkansas Hospital Association to perform the hospital trauma cost data analysis. This analysis will also include those facilities with inpatient rehabilitation beds.

Rehabilitation-The group discussed further work sessions needed to vet and refine the proposal.

System Enhancement- Dr. Mabry discussed a proposal for development of evidence-based public health policy utilizing the Arkansas Trauma Data Repository. This project would provide an analysis of the state database, and an analysis of current "audit filters" with development of trauma health care policy.

*Action Item: The committee will schedule a series of meetings or a work retreat to finalize pay for performance deliverables and timelines.*

Meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

EMS Trauma Subcommittee  
Meeting Summary  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 3:00 PM

The EMS Trauma Subcommittee met on September 11th at 1500. There were 25 people in attendance, with 6 people on the conference call.

Claudia with ATERF discussed upcoming PHTLS classes and provided information on the location of these.

We heard an update from the air subcommittee regarding AWIN radios for helicopters. A financial analysis is still in progress looking at handhelds vs. mobile units. This will be discussed in November, and we should get feedback at that time.

There are still a total of 9 services with outstanding backfill agreements. These services have been contacted by the health dept.

Greg and Ryan updated us on the progress of the data audits. They have obtained run logs from several services and compared them to the state data. Several areas in need of improvement have been identified, and they will continue to work with these services to improve the quality of this data.

We have now filled all 13 of our voting membership positions, as outlined by our bylaws, including several permanent alternates. We held an election of officers. Cathee Terrell, the GAC rep, was elected secretary. KC Jones, the TAC rep, was elected vice-chair. Clint Evans, the CATRAC rep, was elected chair.

Prior to this meeting, the EMS data software initiative was presented to the Finance subcommittee. This was received well overall. The committee did ask for this funding to be tied to the deliverables, and also wanted to see a business model. Greg will work on this, and we will present this again at the next Finance meeting.

We then reviewed an ATCC report which documented EMS utilization of the ATCC from January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year to the present. The ATCC had been contacted a total of 7698 times during this time period. The number of contacts per service ranged from zero to 506. The report seems to demonstrate that several services are not utilizing ATCC as intended. Some are calling for a large amount of minor traumas, while some are not calling at all. We discussed reasons for this, and tried to identify barriers to the process. Jeff will continue to provide this report to us on a regular basis.

We then reviewed the urgent trauma transfer language again. It was proposed to strike the time frames listed in the initial document. This sparked a related discussion. The current language specified that the ATCC would contact the transferring EMS agency, notifying them of the urgent transfer. However, there are many hospitals that utilize multiple EMS agencies for transfers, particularly in the Northwest. There was also concern about not wanting to infringe on a local services franchise. Jeff proposed attempting to utilize the dashboard to list the services

that the hospital would typically use. There was some talk of implementing a rotation, but the consensus was the ATCC would not keep up with a rotation. Jeff will look into using EMS Systems to include this info. As for the question of the time frames, it was decided to strike the 20 minute timeframe for the urgent transfers, but keep the one hour time frame for the non-urgent transfers.

We again discussed ideas for FY14 funding. We would like to get away from using population, as this has caused a number of inequities. We discussed using trauma runs, as submitted to the state, to divide the funds instead. This will require some experimentation with the numbers. We will look at this in greater detail in the future.

Our next meeting will be October 9th at 1500.

Trauma Advisory Council – Rehabilitation Subcommittee Meeting  
1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27, 2012  
Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission Conference Room

## MINUTES

Members in attendance: John Bishop (Baptist Health Rehabilitation Institute)\*, Letitia DeGraft (Arkansas Department of Health – consumer representative)\*, Elizabeth Eskew (Disability Rights Center)\*, Yousef Fahoum (Brain Injury Alliance of Arkansas)\*, Sara McDonald (NeuroRestorative-Timber Ridge), Cheryl Vines (Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission), Jon Wilkerson (Chair). \* - attended via speakerphone.

Members not in attendance: Dana Austen (Brain Injury Alliance of Arkansas), Alan Phillips (Arkansas Career Training Institute), Stacy Sawyer (St. Vincent Rehabilitation Hospital).

Staff/Guests/Observers in attendance: Kim Brown (Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission), Brad Caviness (Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission), Marie Lewis (Arkansas Department of Health), Austin Porter (Arkansas Department of Health), Aleecia Starkey (Arkansas Special Education Resource Center)

Welcome, Call to Order, and Introduction of guests

Mr. Wilkerson called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 23, 2012. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Trauma Rehabilitation Program Report – K. Brown

Ms. Brown reported that she and the strategic plan consultant, John Riggins, have determined whom they would like to serve on the teams to carry out the action plan. They are now in the process of approaching each of these people to invite them to participate.

Ms. Brown will be observing a trauma hospital designation site visit. In November, she will observe a site visit in the Florida trauma rehab hospital system.

Mr. Wilkerson asked that a discussion of the bylaws be placed on the October meeting agenda.

Education Workgroup– J. Bishop

Mr. Bishop reported that the Education workgroup met on September 15. In that meeting the group developed a basic agenda and determined speakers to invite to the conference.

Mr. Wilkerson suggested that personnel at Department of Health might be able to provide insight to the image repository and image transfer between referring facilities. Ms. Vines reported that the workgroup has asked Ellen Lowery at UAMS Translational Health to be the presenter for the telehealth session.

Mr. Bishop announced that the workgroup's next meeting will be on November 2, 2012.

#### System Analysis – Y. Fahoum

M. Fahoum reported that the workgroup held a day-long meeting on trauma rehabilitation systems designation. The group will hold its next meeting on October 24. He outlined the draft designation levels and said he will present the designation standards for a vote to the Subcommittee once a final draft is in place.

Mr. Wilkerson suggested that designation standards be drafted for pediatric hospitals so those facilities can take part in the system.

#### TBI Registry – C. Vines

Ms. Vines reported that work on the registry is moving forward. She met with personnel from the Protection and Advocacy TBI Advisory Council. She also observed a demonstration by the software company DI at ADH for a TBI Registry tool. She said we have to determine the purpose of the TBI registry and the scope of the information it will collect. Her goal is to present a proposal for the registry at the next Subcommittee meeting.

#### FIM – K. Brown

Ms. Brown reported that she and Ms. Vines will meet with Kathleen Conboy of UDS on October 11 to see the preliminary reports based on 2010 and 2011 reporting. They will meet with the E-rehab staff in the near future to begin collecting data from its affiliates.

Ms. Brown said that the Subcommittee should explore offering a training session or webinar for medical personnel on using the reporting tools.

#### Financial Analysis – J. Wilkerson

Ms. Vines reported that Dr. Mick Tilford has finished the first deliverable for the Rehab Cost Study. Next Friday, he is scheduled to submit the next deliverable, a letter of request for discharge data from Medicaid for its clients that utilize rehabilitation services, including services Medicaid was billed but did not pay for.

Mr. Porter said he has received and is correlating hospital discharge data. Ms. Vines and Ms. McDonald asked him to include discharge disposition in his report.

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Other Business

Ms. Vines asked that Pay-for-Performance Projects be added as a standing agenda item for the Subcommittee's meetings. She reported that rehab costs to hospitals are included as part of the trauma hospital cost study which is currently underway.

She is drafting a proposal for pay-for-performance initiatives to present for approval at the November TAC Finance Committee meeting with the hope its can be implemented in January 2013. One proposed project is to reward hospitals for achieving or maintaining CARF designation, possibly through reimbursing CARF site visit fees. The proposal also includes rewards to rehab hospitals that have an Assistive Technology Professional on staff.

Announcements

Mr. Wilkerson announced that the annual Trauma Advisory Council Retreat will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at the Agora Conference Center in Conway, Arkansas. He asked that all Subcommittee members who are able to attend this meeting. Mr. Caviness will get the meeting information and disseminate it Subcommittee members. Mr. Wilkerson asked those who will attend to RSVP to Mr. Caviness so he can give an accurate head count to ADH.

With no further business to consider, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Caviness,  
Administrative Specialist III

# Trauma Advisory Council

## Injury Prevention Subcommittee

### Minutes

Time and Date 1:00 p.m. September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Attendees: Mary Aitken, Gary Ragen, Reid Parnell, Amy Witherow, Layce Vance, Nichetra Magee, Kristie Taylor, Bill Temple, Teresa Belew, Jack Hill, Leann Mercer, Tammy Gillham, Kim Brown, Tribble Moseley, Danna Bell, Stacy Wright, Carla McMillan, Carla Jackson, Liberty Bailey, Barbara Reba, Tal Holmes, Bettye Watts, Sean Best

- I. Welcome and Introductions were given by Dr. Mary Aitken
  
- II. TRAC IP subcommittee reports TRAC representatives
  - a. Northwest: Danna Bell
    - i. Held two IP 101 classes: Farmington had 14 participants, Rogers 9 participants
    - ii. School nurses program had 135 attendees injury prevention topics presented were distracted driving and concussion education
    - iii. Held a CPS checkup event at Jones Elementary school
    - iv. Planning to include water safety and distracted driving as injury prevention efforts for the next year
      1. Purchase life vests and target school age children
      2. Planning committee should be in place by November
    - v. Planning a booth at Bikes, Blues, and BBQ on helmet safety
  - b. Southeast: Carla McMillan
    - i. Planning a CPS event Oct. 23 3pm-6pm
    - ii. Planning a CPS event for February at a local church in conjunction with their health fair
    - iii. Planning to hold an ATV Safety Course soon
  - c. North Central: Stacy Wright
    - i. Passed the mission statement for the IP subcommittee
    - ii. Decided to focus on falls, motor vehicle safety, ATV safety, and Bullying
    - iii. Provided playground safety education to school kids, safe sitter classes, and had 2 CPS techs trained
  - d. Southwest: Liberty Bailey

- i. Focus has been on how to expand off of existing programs in the area and sustain those with trauma funding
    - ii. Held safety baby showers, teen driving presentations, and sent members through the teen driving train the trainer program
    - iii. Planning for 2 people to become CPS techs
  - e. Northeast: Gary Ragen
    - i. Focus on CPS grantees and the education and distribution of those car seats
    - ii. Anti-texting and driving thumb rings were purchased and give to junior and senior high students within the TRAC
  - f. AR Valley- No report
  - g. Central- No report

III. SIPP Update      See separate reports attached

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| a. Quarterly report              | Gary Ragen     |
| b. Professional Education        | Kristie Taylor |
| c. Home Safety                   | Reid Parnell   |
| d. Intentional Injury Prevention | Nichetra MaGee |
| e. Motor Vehicle Safety          | Amy Witherow   |
| f. Recreational Safety           | Lacye Vance    |

IV. ADH Injury Prevention Update

- a. Bill Temple
  - i. Trauma registry data is coming together and will be helpful for surveillance and program planning
    - 1. Gary noted that ADH and SIPP are working together to ensure the HHI data collection and data from the trauma registry will be gathering what is needed
    - 2. Dr. Aitken stated that there are regular meetings with ACH trauma service team to get ahead of the trends in trauma using the ACH trauma registry
  - ii. Bill also stated that ADH Trauma Section has pursued several grants recently that directly overlapped with priorities, but no current plans for further grants exist
- b. Teresa Belew
  - i. CPS grantee reports are beginning to come in and she believes they will become more regular within the next quarter

- ii. AR Highway Safety Strategic Plan Update- not complete, but so far the collaboration efforts have been positive
- iii. SIPP and HHI teams are meeting to streamline strategies and programs in place to develop momentum through a statewide push.
- iv. Hired the Public Health Educator: Terry Love and he will begin work 9/17/12
- v. AR was awarded the National Governor's Association grant to fund a statewide prescription drug awareness program
- vi. Core Grant- 1 year extension to utilize unused funds sustaining the grant through July 2013, but will not be renewed after that
- vii. ADH applied for the American Public Health Association training on policy evaluation to send 4 participants
- viii. ADH Rape Prevention program will be moved to the IP group
- ix. SIPP website is still in review, but will be available soon

c. Other

- i. Kristie Taylor asked about future grant funding for IP efforts through Trauma System- Bill answered that the steering committee will discuss how to administer the funds
- ii. LeAnn brought up the awareness of new age "drug paraphernalia", specifically the "splitter"- this information can be used for drug abuse programs

V. Announcements

- a. Bettye Watts mentioned that on September 22- the Falls Free Coalition will be distributing 1,000 educational brochures through 12 counties with the partnership of 5 entities
- b. Bettye also announced on Dec. 13 at 1pm there will be a meeting with AR Medicaid to train on how to code older adult falls

VI. Next meeting date

- a. December 13, 1pm