

# STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (STAC)

April 8, 2015

Great Wolf Lodge

1400 Great Wolf Drive, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

**Noon – 2:00pm**

**STAC Members Attending:** Marshall Beckman MD (Chair)

**STAC Members Absent:**

**DHS Representative:** Julie, Ashley, Matt, Jenny, Christy, Carolyn

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Marshall Beckman at 12:03 pm

- I. Approval of STAC Meeting Minutes from February 2015; Motion by Alex Beuning, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Selwitschka
  
- II. Updates from State/DHS – Julie Forcier
  - A. Recruitment for new STAC members
    - Email was sent out week of 3/30 requesting for new members. STAC is looking for RN or MD representation from a rural area in the northern and southwestern part of state. Interested applicants should contact Julie Forcier. Application is open through June and no interview is required.
    - Currently selecting candidates for HCC and RTAC Coordinator positions. Finalizing interview panels and will begin scheduling interviews in the regions for May.
  
  - B. Health Care Coalitions – Carolyn Strubel
    - Carolyn Strubel presented on the formation of Health Care Coalitions in Wisconsin. [Please see PowerPoint.](#)
  
  - C. Overview of 2014 Trauma Registry Data – Ashley Bergeron
    - Trauma Registry
      - i. Data Management committee discussed the possibility of extending submission deadlines in Trauma Registry. Ashley Bergeron will reach out to hospitals to emphasize the importance of data submission. Submitted data will be used to for a Wisconsin Trauma Registry 2014 Annual Report.
      - ii. Future STAC meeting data updates will present an overall registry update and an interesting data results topic. Email special topic requests to [DHSTrauma@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSTrauma@dhs.wisconsin.gov). April's special topic was EMS modes of transport.

- iii. A goal for the trauma registry is to improve that data quality to help analyze opportunities for improvement. Ashley Bergeron and Dr. Brook Learner would like to present on how trauma registry data can be used for individual hospital initiatives.

D. Trauma Center Location Map – Ashley Bergeron

- The Classification Review List for Wisconsin was used to create the map. Ashley Bergeron will send the map to RTACs for review of their region's hospital listings and trauma levels. A suggestion was made to have the overall state map show county names but then break the map down further into regions to show hospital names.

III. Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2014

- A Classification and Review Committee (CRC) is reading and discussing the 2014 Orange Book to understand how the changes from the 1999 edition will affect Wisconsin trauma centers. It is a challenge to create one document that will meet all of Wisconsin's trauma centers' needs. If the 2014 Orange Book is accepted as written will require the state statute to be opened and the new book will not go into effect until July 2017 or after.
- Please continue operations using the 1999 edition. The CRC will give 1-year advance notice before the new book will take effect. There will be ample time to address questions and concerns on the use of the Orange book changes in the future.

IV. Trauma Triage Guidelines – Clarifying trauma transport

- Discussion on the clarification of "highest level of trauma" statement in the trauma triage guidelines. Motion made that STAC supports the American College of Surgeon's definition that Level 1 and 2 trauma facilities are clinically equivalent but the document will not be changed to reflect this interpretation. Motion approved. The EMS Board has made a formal recommendation to DHS supporting this interpretation as well.

V. Subcommittee Reports (STAC Chair)

A. Trauma Coordinators

- Topic course coming up June 11. Questions were collected to submit to topics prior to the course in June.
- Working on updating contact information with Julie Forcier.

B. Data Management

- Mike Trelow has accepted a position outside the state of WI. Ben Eithun will be the new chair, Mel Mulhall agreed to be vice chair.
- Being able to teleport in is very important for these meetings and being able to promote participation. Webinar support would be greatly appreciated.

- Data submission glitch
  - Talked about having a Regional RTAC level report that will allow data to be presented more accurately
  - -Request Deb VanMetre to attend STAC to discuss WI-TRAC
  - Asking for STACs support for a data registry course as an annual or biannual course so data is submitted the same way. Will assist helping with turnover.
  - Want WI plan. Pool together resources and support.
  - Committee recommended Entity Inclusion Guidelines. Want to explore changes with data dictionary without having to open statute. Want to adopt this as best practice and wants STAC to reflect this in a statement. Hip fractures. Unsure when these will become effective.
  - Want to create a regional level WARDS input data monitoring.
- Discussion
- Suggestion to match data dictionary take effect at the beginning of the calendar year.
    - Does STAC have a budget? Unsure if we can allocate funding for requests like this. STAC can recommend it to the state and see if the state can find funding.
    - Registry course was held 6-7 years ago by DI. AIS course is very expensive but it is important. Both those courses would be valuable but very expensive. Need to find funding to support
    - Motion that STAC post an approved AIS and registry course? Motion made for STAC to approve.
    - Considering adding same height fall Hip Fractures to trauma inclusion criteria, but how would this increased workload? Would have to PI them then. Some facilities are doing it, some are not. Consider mortality rates for elderly hip fractures, they are very high. Suggestion to find out how many hospitals are submitting data on this.. STAC recommends facilities continue entering hip fracture data if able but we acknowledge that due to resources this data may not be included. Motion made to mirror the NTDB and Data Dictionary with the exception of the hip fractures for the new addition. 1<sup>st</sup> Annette, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason. – Inclusion of hip fractures tabled. (not approved) When we readdress we need documentation on specific differences.

#### C. RTAC Coordinators

- EMSC – looking at doing 3 tier system of pediatrics for site review?
- Peds Champion of the Year- looking for nominations. Due 4/15
- Comfort Kits for kids
- EMS Director was posted and closed last Thursday
- Patient tracking
- Boarder state services
- Service Director trainings around the state
- Original PI projects
- Showed a Trauma Master MIST video on effective handovers. Available on YouTube.

D. Classification Review Committee

- Site Survey updates – RTAC attendance goal is 50%, will put in final report weakness if below.
- Inpatient Processes Improvement Processes for inpatient processes. Working to put together best practice guidelines for the inpatient
- Gaps in pediatric parameters identified. Go to subcommittee to create trauma alert criteria and bring back to STAC at a future meeting.
- Site Visit formats have changed. Jenny will send out the new agenda and the upcoming site visit schedule

E. EMS Board

- Having EMS board present at beginning of joint STAC meetings in the future. Put EMS board on June agenda.

F. Statewide Performance Improvement Committee

- Want representation from level 3s and 4 trauma centers
- Want phone meeting in between meetings
- Working on greater than 3 hour transfer times

VI. Next STAC Meeting

- A. June 2-3<sup>rd</sup>, Great Wolf Lodge, Wisconsin Dells
- B. Block of rooms reserved.
- C. Agenda Items for June 2015

EMSC – pediatric facility recognition

Motion to end the meeting by Marshall Beckman at 2:04pm. Approved.