

Meeting Summary: Wisconsin Statewide Trauma Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018

Location: Madison Marriott West, Madison, WI

Approval of STAC Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting were approved.

Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC) Updates

Administrative Rule DHS 118

- OPEHC and the Office of Legal Counsel at DHS are continuing to work on a draft of the rule. No public hearings have been scheduled yet. Once public hearings have been scheduled, this information will be distributed broadly.

Staffing Update

- Ashley Bergeron has accepted the position of Preparedness Administrative and Logistics Unit Supervisor in OPEHC and she began her new role on February 4th. Ashley brings over 10 years of experience in public health, most recently serving as an epidemiologist for OPEHC. Ashley holds a B.S. in Bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Illinois-Chicago. OPEHC is currently recruiting to fill the epidemiologist position in the office.

Committee Report Outs

Data Management

- The data management subcommittee continued the discussion about aligning with the NTDB inclusion criteria beginning in 2019 and it is their recommendation that Wisconsin does align with the NTDB.
- A motion was made to follow the NTDB inclusion criteria beginning in 2019. This was seconded and approved by all board members present with no opposed.

Trauma Coordinators

- The trauma coordinators subcommittee will begin asking its members to submit ideas for agendas going forward.
- A new co-chair was elected.

Performance Improvement

- The PI subcommittee is working on a regional PI plan. They surveyed EMS providers regarding indicators and are working together to determine appropriate EMS indicators.

Classification Review Committee

- The CRC does not support transferring facilities including procedures done at the tertiary care facility in their own registry. Transferring facilities should use the letters they receive regarding care provided at the tertiary care facility in their PI process and this is what should be documented.
- The CRC is creating a document of the Top 10 reasons why facilities do not pass their site review.
- The CRC reminded hospitals that their trauma programs need to include an inpatient PI process and that it should be as concurrent as possible.

RTAC Coordinators

- There is a DOT grant to train EMS providers on MUCC compliant triage. The RTAC coordinators will be working with OPEHC to coordinate and provide these trainings.
- The RTAC coordinators now have access to regional trauma registry data and are learning how to run reports and how to use this information to improve their regional trauma system.
- All of the RTACs have been implementing the Stop the Bleed initiative.
- The RTAC coordinators are going to receive training from the CRC once DHS 118 is approved.

EMS Board Position Statement on Bypassing Unclassified Hospitals

- There was discussion regarding what (if any) changes the STAC members would like to see made to the EMS Board's position statement on bypassing unclassified hospitals:
 - The board members recommend not using the terms stable or unstable
 - The board members believe that expediting acceptance of transfers from lower levels, while important, is not appropriate for this document
- The members recommended not putting a time limit as part of these recommendations.
- The members recommended that OPEHC alert EMS providers when a facility becomes unclassified as well as educating EMS providers about the different levels of trauma care facilities and what that means in terms of the care that they can provide.
 - This communication will include OPEHC sending the classification status of hospitals in each region to the RTAC coordinators on at least a quarterly basis.
- Ultimately, the members support what is already written in the triage and transport guidelines and most, if not all, of the information included in the position statement is already included in the triage and transport guidelines.
- A motion was made, with a second, to follow the current triage and transport guidelines and to have each RTAC determine what an appropriate facility is within their region, based on classification information provided by OPEHC, and to communicate this information to the EMS providers in their regions. This motion was approved by all board members present with no opposed.