

Trauma Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2013

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Via videoconference connection at the following sites:

*Central DuPage Hospital, 25 North Winfield Road, Auditorium, Winfield, IL 60190

*SIU School of Medicine, 913 North Rutledge Street, Room 1252, Springfield, Illinois 62702

Call to Order by Dr. Fantus at 12:37pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Fantus announces .

Approval of December 6, 2012 Minutes: ; no oppositions; no abstentions; minutes are approved.

IDPH Report—Jack Fleehty

Questions

Committee Reports

Registry—Adelisa Orantia:

CQI/Best Practice—Mary Beth Voights

Trauma Nurse Specialist—Stacy Vanvleet: October 12, 2012 was the last meeting held in Champaign/Urbana; Joe Albanese updated them about testing fees and Amanda Arnold was only staff handling licenses at EMS and Highway Safety. Joe reviewed with the TNSCs the renewal process and showed the updates on the websites. Still working on notification of pending renewal of TNSCs and discussed new TNS students who have tested and the process through which they must go to get license. There are two new TNS sites: St. Mary's, Evansville and St. Louis University. The skills manual has been revised and will be voted on at the next meeting on December 14, 2012. ATLS has published its changes which will be implemented in the next curriculum which is undergoing changes as a whole. They have discussed blending the face to face course with the online course, but it's in the idea phase currently. The 2013 course schedule is on the website: www.illinoistraumanurse.org and the next TNS Meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2012.

EMS Advisory Council—Dr. Glenn Aldinger: Dr. Aldinger states the most important is the announcement of the formation of the Illinois EMS Alliance as a result of cooperation from the American Heart Association (AHA). Trauma needs to replicate these activities. This Alliance was formed to create a funding stream, designate EMS as an essential service, and pursue regulatory performs that would make it easier to provide optimum care in a resource-scarce environment. Trauma doesn't have AHA support. Discussion ensues between Dr. Aldinger and Jack Fleehty regarding Mike Hansen's involvement in securing funding initiatives. Jack states that IDPH did not make recommendations where funding stream would come from. Dr. Aldinger asks if Trauma can pursue; Jack answers, if sweep language can be avoided, and if a strong enough caucus, maybe they'll get it through. Through the Illinois Alliance, they recommended a caucus shared between Fire and EMS. Dr. Aldinger asks if Trauma can follow EMS lead; Jack comments that during the 17 EMS Task Force Hearings, trauma surgeons did speak; there's been an introduction that trauma systems are a part of EMS

system. Jack thinks with the right coalition partners, Trauma could build support around legislation to achieve what they want to achieve.

Dr. Esposito asks whether funds can be swept or not, will hospitals have access to funds? Jack said EMS Task Force Report link may be sent if they'd like (Joe or Laura can send) to trauma coordinators and trauma directors. He doesn't remember trauma centers being on the list; pre-hospital arena was the focus. Dr. Esposito suggests this is an opportunity to re-think the overlapping of fire, police, EMS (pre-hospital), and now STEMI centers (in hospital). Jack says there's been Trauma funding for awhile; none has ever existed before EMS; there is already dedicated funding for Trauma.

EMS/Trauma Legislative Subcommittee, Dr. Fantus asks if report. No response.

Trauma Rules, Dr. Fantus asks if report. No response.

Outreach/Injury Prevention—Stacy Vanvleet: September meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be a conference call, at which time they'll put together a survey monkey to look at outreach and prevention in Illinois Trauma Centers. Prevention information through Jennifer Martin has been posted to www.illinoistraumanurse.org. The spring campaign will be "No texting while driving;" and the fall campaign will be "Fall prevention."

Old Business

Reminder for Open Meetings Act Training.

Indiana Trauma "System" Update—Dr. Dougherty: Last week he attended a meeting at the Indiana State Medical Association where a presentation by Dr. Michael Iwanicki regarding the need for trauma centers in northwestern Indiana; several legislators were present. There is support for a trauma system but still looking for support to build trauma centers; these two centers are considering Level III designation/ACS verification since there is not a system of designation in Indiana; they are relying on the American College. That may take time; a good year for designations and funding potential.

Trauma Surgeon Site Surveyor Update—Dr. Fantus says they got that with department report but questions where the first surveys are going to be? Jack says they are in Region 2 and those hospitals have been notified.

New Business

2013 Calendar: the next Trauma Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting is March 7, 2013.

The joint meeting with EMS has been rescheduled for September, allowing the TAC Member elections to be held at the June TAC Meeting.

Motion made to Adjourn at 2:01pm.