

**Trauma Advisory Council**  
**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 11:02am.

**Roll Call**

(Laura Harris announces that Dr. Hevesy has Dr. Aldinger's proxy)

Present: Mohammad Arain, Christopher Wohltmann, Glenn Aldinger, Stacy Van Vleet, George Hevesy, David Griffen, Eric Brandmeyer, George Hess, Mary Beth Voights, James Doherty, Michael Iwanicki, Kathy Tanouye, Scott Tiepelman, William Watson, and Richard Fantus

Absent: Scott French and Dongwoo Chang

Dr. Fantus announces 13 of 15 present; announces a quorum.

**Approval of December 6, 2012 Minutes:** Motion made by Dr. Arain; second motion made by Dr. Dougherty. No oppositions; no abstentions; minutes are approved.

Slight change to agenda order: IDPH Report to be given when Jack Fleeharty returns to room)

**Committee Reports**

Registry—Adelisa Orantia: The National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) call for data open until May 17, 2013; please submit early—validation must be done twice; do not call NTDB if you have questions—call her or Joseph Albanese.

Dr. Fantus notes that NTDB has bailed us out again. He reports regarding a display from National and Commercial vendors; there are other products available. Each program had unique characteristics.

**IDPH Report—Jack Fleeharty**

OPR Medical Director: Dr. Sam Gaines retired at the end of January 2013 as the Office of Preparedness and Response Medical Director; IDPH is working to fill that part-time position.

Legislation: Language to implement the new education standards and a multi-tiered trauma system was sent to IDPH's Governmental Affairs for review. Stretcher van rule amendments are going to the Governor's Office for approval. Provisional First Responder rules are at the public comment period. Alternate Rural Staffing will go before JCAR this month. The State Stroke Advisory Subcommittee has prepared Draft Rules which are currently being reviewed by the administrative legal team and program staff. IDPH is also in receipt of Draft Rules from the Illinois Association of Critical Care Air Transport Providers (IAACT) to bring the SEMSV (Specialized Emergency Medical Services Vehicle) administrative rules into better compliance with recent changes by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

EMS Grants: The Department sent out the EMS Assistance fund Grant FY2014 Application and Guidance.

EMS Week: EMS Week is scheduled for May 19 – 25; EMS for Children's Day on May 22, 2013; please contact EMS or go to the IDPH EMS webpage for more information.

Trauma Update: The Division of EMS has been given the opportunity to work with Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, IDPH Director, on moving to a multi-tiered trauma system, which is more closely aligned with American College of Surgeon (ACS) Standards; this system is supported by the Trauma Advisory Council.

IDPH is awaiting signatures on two trauma surgeon contracts; once completed staff will begin surveying level one and level two trauma hospitals. An initial application for a Pediatric Level I Trauma Center in Peoria was

received and the Department is awaiting regional recommendations from Region 5 for two facilities in Evansville, IN to become Pediatric Level II Trauma Centers.

EMSC Program Updates: The National Pediatric Readiness Project, Pediatric Facility Recognition, a site-code-approved online module “Pediatric Pain Management in the Emergency Setting” is available for 2.0 continuing education hours, a Pediatric & Neonatal Surge Annex has been drafted to provide guidance during a state declared disaster, and a competitive new grant application to develop a pediatric outcome based quality program for EMS were among the updates; please contact the EMSC program with questions.

Personnel: Mike Epping has accepted the position of State Regional EMS Coordinator for Region 2, Peoria. Darla Lane will be temporarily filling in as the ambulance program coordinator. Dave Hayes has been hired in our licensing unit and is undergoing training. Andrea Dickerson was hired on a temporary two-month assignment to assist with phone calls and licensing functions, as well.

Scopes of Practice: With the assistance of some of the Education Subcommittee personnel, State regional staff and Dr. Jack Whitney, IDPH can begin the development of a scope of practice survey to be sent out to the EMS System Medical Directors and EMS System Coordinators.

EMT & Paramedic Test writing: New exams are being created for the New Education Standards. Test writing for the EMT-B is done and test writing for the Paramedic is underway. Our contract with Continental Testing Service (CTS) expires at the end of this fiscal year; IDPH is in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for a new testing contract. IDPH is working to establish a computer-based testing module in this new contract so exams will be given at sites with available computer labs.

Hospital Preparedness Program: The hospital preparedness program works to meet the federal capability goals as outlined in the state grant. Hospital site surveys are routinely conducted as well as regional and state meetings. EMS is considered to be one of the many coalition partners that will be encouraged to engage in exercises, planning and communications with health care systems across the state.

CoAEMSP Accreditations: There have been a multitude of EMS System education programs that have applied for accreditation by CoAEMSP. This is necessary for programs to be able to qualify their paramedic students for the National Registry exam. Any program that was not accredited or does not have a Letter of Review on file with CoAEMSP as of January 1, 2013 will not be able to send their paramedic students to the NREMT for classes starting after January 1, 2013. Approximately 20% of all students who obtain education in Illinois seek testing by the National Registry; the other 80% take the Illinois State Exam for licensure.

Update on the IDPH Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Advanced Directive: After multiple revisions, this form will be posted to the IDPH website on March 15, 2013. The POLST Workgroup is rolling out education for physicians, advanced practice nurses, physicians assistants, healthcare providers, and legal advisors on the changes to the IDPH Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Advanced Directive. There has been a considerable amount of reference to the form as a POLST form; please advise providers *there is NOT an Illinois POLST form, but that the IDPH Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Advanced Directive form has been modified to include POLST compliant language.* Dr. Julie Goldstein is heading up the POLST initiative and additional information regarding POLST can be found at the Workgroup’s website.

Questions: Dr. Fantus asks if there’ll be any impact on Trauma regarding budget cuts and sequester; Jack responds that GRF funding remains flat. HSVI position being created and filled in the future. Dr. Fantus asks if any updates to the registry? Jack answers that approval to develop an RFP has been given. Dr. Fantus asks if he needs assistance by Registry Subcommittee and Jack says, yes, they will need assistance.

### **Committee Reports (continued)**

CQI/Best Practice—Mary Beth Voights: The committee continues to work through three Task Forces. Are the right patients getting to the right place for the right resources in a timely manner. Dr. Esposito has ideas to gather better info. The consensus regarding the trauma surgeon activation criteria (in house) would be impacted by tier-system changes so they’re on hold. The next meeting is on June 6, 2013.

EMS Advisory Council—Dr. Aldinger not present, no report.

Trauma Nurse Specialist—Stacy VanVleet: Christ Hospital has stepped down from being a TNS site; Sue Barry has stepped down with Michael (Blessing Hospital) agreeing to be new chair. They’ve updated their modules for 2013; Jan will place TNS-renewal sheet on IL trauma centers website.

Jack Fleeheart addresses a concern that unusual questions have surfaced regarding certifications and the challenge test. Joseph Albanese will be asking for guidance for the course curriculum; please field guidance and questions to our staff at the next meeting.

Rules & Legislative Subcommittee—Stacy VanVleet/Joseph Albanese/Dr. Wohltman: Joe says that he and Stacy discussed where she'd go with her new role; there will be legislative changes to the trauma program. He'll be soon assembling meetings to begin handling new trauma tiers.

Questions: Dr. Fantus asks if we're going to discuss waivers/recent legislation? Jack says we're hopeful to engage in discussion with sponsors of that bill and that legislator(s) will support a multi-tiered system. He says the Department responded that the waiver legislation is not in the best interests of the trauma community. This bill requires the Department to issue waivers to non-board certified physicians. The IDPH Director supports moving away from issuing waivers.

Dr. Fantus encourages Members to reach out to their legislators and Jack warns of "shell" bills that might have specific language that gets "gutted" and replaced with different language that is easily overlooked.

Dr. Hevesy comments that the originator of this bill is from his region. He supports the "no waiver" policy. IDPH would no longer honor new waivers after Jan 1, 2014; although if an entity applied for one prior to December 2013 IDPH may grant).

Dr. Esposito reports that this is larger than a trauma system issue, this is an EMS system issue that affects who cares for people and what training they have. Board certification doesn't mean you're competent; if bill goes through it needs strong language and there'll be opportunities to incorporate competency metrics and educational practices revolving around trauma, stroke, and MI (myocardial infarction).

Dr. Fantus asks what ICEP's position is; Dr. Hevesy said Dr. French said they would not support this legislation. Jack said the ICEP Meeting was cancelled due to snow. Dr. Hevesy echoes Dr. Esposito's comments.

Outreach/Injury Prevention—Jennifer Martin: The list for the 2013 Injury Related Health Observations was sent out; they asked Jan to attach it to the IL trauma centers website. The Statewide Suicide Prevention Webinar is being developed and if you'd like to provide input contact Jennifer Martin.

## **Old Business**

Indiana Trauma System Update—Dr. Dougherty: no update.

Trauma Surgeon Site Surveyor Update—Joseph Albanese reiterates what Jack said on the topic.

## **New Business**

The June 2013 meeting agenda will include elections; the joint meeting will be in September 2013.

Open forum: No comments.

Public comments: Jack speaks that IDPH will be drafting correspondence to go out to the trauma medical directors, trauma program coordinators, and TAC Members regarding the information Dr. Hasbrouck has provided. Joseph Albanese comments that Jack asked at the last meeting for a vote regarding the proposed expansion of the trauma system. Mary Beth Voights makes a motion to support the multi-tiered trauma system initiative for the State of IL; the motion is seconded by Dr. Hevesy and Dr. Wohltmann. Jack states IDPH will seek TAC expertise to work out the details. Jack says the presentation to Dr. Hasbrouck shows we have gaps compared to the national standard. Jack says they recommended this in 2009; IDPH didn't invent the proposed expansion. Discussion ensues involving levels/tiers and differences and categorizations.

Dr. Fantus announces that there is a motion on the floor; all are in favor; the motion unanimously passes.

## **Future Meetings**

June 6, 2013 (videoconference)

September 12, 2013 (Joint Meeting with EMS at DNR, Springfield)

December 5, 2013 (videoconference)

## **Adjourn**

Motion made to Adjourn at 12:00pm.