

Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee
Virginia Office of EMS
The Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, VA 23233
March 1, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Other Attendees:	OEMS Staff:
Michel Aboutanos, Chair	Shawn Safford	Beth Broering	Gary Brown
Lou Ann Miller	Susan Watkins	Ann Kuhn	Cam Crittenden
Emory Altizer	Keith Stephenson	Pier Ferguson	Wanda Street
Scott Hickey		Sherry Stanley	David Edwards
Margaret Griffen		Valeria Mitchell	
Sid Bingley		Paul Sharpe	
J. Forrest Calland		Kelly Brown	
Andi Wright		Kathy Butler	
Michael Feldman		Sam Bartle	
Lisa Wells		Dallas Taylor	
		Morris Reece	
		Terral Goode	
		Melinda Myers	
		Jeff Haynes	
		Mark Day	
		Jay Collins	
		Kelley Rumsey	
		Tanya Trevilian	
		Tracey Lee	
		Jennifer Mund	
		Dynette Rombough	
		Wayne Perry	
		Kate Challis	
		Shelly Arnold	
		Frank Yang	

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to order:	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Aboutanos at 1:32 p.m.	
Approval of the Agenda:	A motion was made by Dr. Calland to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Lou Ann Miller. The agenda was approved as submitted.	The agenda was approved as submitted.
Approval of minutes dated December 7, 2017:	A motion was made by Andi Wright to approve the minutes dated December 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Sid Bingley. All committee members were in favor. None opposed. The meeting minutes were	The December minutes were approved as submitted.

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Chair Report:	Dr. Aboutanos thanked everyone for the phenomenal work they have done for the past two years. He said that if we continue the momentum, we can accomplish more great things in the Trauma System Plan. Dr. Aboutanos stated that he also serves on the Executive Committee and there will be some significant changes occurring on the Executive Committee due to more than half of the committee members changing or rotating off. He feels that Gary Critzer is doing a great job in preparing everyone for the changes that we are asking for.	
Trauma Performance Improvement Committee Update –Dr. J. Forrest Calland:	<p>Dr. Calland reported that the TPIC met this morning and meets monthly via teleconference. The TPIC has some new members and this is a very positive move. The committee believes that more than 90 percent of records on injured patients contain a GCS and more than 98 percent of patients with chief complaints of head injury had a GCS listed on the run sheet. With that, the committee will move on to the next project which is from the Medical Direction Committee. This project request is whether or not prehospital hypothermia management is an issue for injured patients in the Commonwealth. Cam is working with Dwight to put together a monthly report of initial patient temperatures. An update will be given soon. The EMS systems are trying to decide how much to invest in measuring and acting upon temperatures in the field. Dr. Calland also stated that they have narrowed down the issue of relative availability of critical care ground transport for inter facility transfer between our non-designated and lower level hospitals. There are almost 500 flight turndowns per quarter in Virginia. What proportion of these are trauma cases? About 1/3 of these are trauma cases (about 150). With this in mind, the committee will concentrate on three areas of the Commonwealth that lack the availability of reliable transport to definitive care centers: Southwest Virginia, Western Virginia and the Shenandoah region. They will look at the deaths in those regions in the 3rd quarter of 2017 and go backward to determine the impact of the flight turndown or critical care ground transport.</p> <p>Virginia TQIP will focus on Region III collaborative only due to lack of funding for state level projects. Andi asked for a roster of Region III participants. Dr. Calland will send it to her.</p>	Dr. Calland will send Andi a roster of Region III participants.
Trauma Program Managers Update – Andi Wright:	<p>The Trauma Program Managers met yesterday and discussed the ACS Stop the Bleed initiative. They will be presenting and providing Stop the Bleed education at the EMS Symposium in November. The standing topics on the TPM agenda is trauma designation site review questions, being surveyed, being a surveyor and the trauma designation manual, etc. Several comments and requests for clarification has been sent to Tim and he is compiling a document to address those comments and concerns.</p> <p>Another topic of discussion was among the facilities that are ACS verified and their quarterly change log. They discussed the possibility of doing something more formal such as this. However, the Trauma Designation Manual would need to be changed.</p> <p>The TPMs welcomed Dynette Rombough from Sentara Northern Virginia who will soon become a Level III. They also met the new Registrar chair, Jennifer Roye from Mary Washington Hospital. She is such a delight and will make a difference in that group. The TPMs are still struggling with how to meet as a group with the registrars and the PI coordinators. Many of the program managers function as PI coordinators also. The registrars came up with a cool name - Association of Virginia Trauma Registrars or AVATRS.</p>	

<p>Trauma and Non-Trauma Center Updates:</p>	<p><u>VCU Health System - Beth Broering</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) VCU received notification in January 2018 from the ACS of their reverification as a Level I trauma center- The Adult programs had their site survey in November 2) Currently recruiting for two acute care/trauma surgeons 3) Currently recruiting for several advanced practice providers 4) Collaborating with other central Virginia trauma centers to offer STOP THE BLEED courses in the region 5) Rao Ivatury Trauma Symposium is March 23, 2018 6) 10th Annual Shining Knight Gala is April 28th 7) Team members from VCU's CTCCE recently traveled to Rwanda to provide training to many prehospital providers in trauma care <p><u>Lynchburg General Hospital – Kelly Brown</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are in the process of hiring (2) Trauma Nurse Specialists and (1) RN Trauma Registrar 2. We have transitioned TNCC from Seven Hills ENA to Trauma Services at LGH 3. We have finalized the participation contracts for TQIP and will move forward with participation- we also plan to join the Collaborative for Virginia 4. Dr. Virginia Harvey- Emergency Department Physician- has joined Trauma Services as the Trauma Co-Director 	<p><u>Attention Trauma Program Managers – Please submit your trauma center updates to wanda.street@vdh.virginia.gov to be inserted here.</u></p>
<p>Trauma System Plan Task Force Update – Dr. Michel Aboutanos:</p>	<p>Before Dr. Aboutanos' report, Dr. Calland stated that Dr. Aboutanos' masterful leadership has been very much appreciated during this process.</p> <p>Dr. Aboutanos stated that a Retreat was held on February 6 and a draft document was created. The Task Force spent most of their time at the meeting this morning fine-tuning the document and making some minor changes to the committee compositions and goals and objectives. The document will be distributed to the committee when all of the changes have been incorporated. It will then come back to this committee at the next meeting to be voted on in June. It will then go the EMS Advisory Board in August. This is just the beginning and every workgroup will change into committees according to the established committee compositions. This committee, the TSO & MC, will become the Trauma Administrative and Governance (TAG) Committee and will function differently and will have significant input from each of the other committees. There has been a lot of work from each of you and it has been phenomenal. We are moving away from a trauma center mentality into a trauma system mentality and this is what absolutely needs to happen based on the HRSA document.</p>	
<p>VA COT Committee Update – Dr. J. Forrest Calland:</p>	<p>Dr. Calland is the State Chair for the Committee on Trauma (COT) and he wanted to also emphasize the importance of the Stop the Bleed Program. The plan, for the State's perspective, is to do a lot of initial training with first responders, police and fire fighters. These individuals will become certified as trainers and then have the opportunity to train others. This will be done at the COT meeting in April. They are very excited about this.</p>	
<p>Medical Direction Committee Update – Dr. J. Forrest Calland:</p>	<p>Dr. Calland already mentioned in the TPIC report that the MDC wants to gather information about prehospital hypothermia management. He also stated that firm dates have been set for EMT-I to become extinct. The exam will no longer be offered. Those who are EMT-I will be able to keep renewing as long as certification is kept up-to-date.</p> <p>Gary Brown stated that the EMT- I (Intermediate) ends on December 31, 2019.</p>	
<p>OEMS Update Gary Brown:</p>	<p>Gary Brown stated that in regards to the General Assembly, House Bill 1513 presented by Delegate Stolle indicates that any person convicted of a violent felony charge will be required to pay \$50 into the Trauma Center Fund. This bill did not pass. There was also a budget amendment submitted by Delegate Stolle that would remove the language</p>	

	<p>that states money collected from suspended driver's licenses in the amount of \$8.55 million has to be transferred to the General Fund of the state treasurer first before any money is directed to the trauma centers. Unfortunately, this did not pass either. Gary informed everyone that the General Assembly Legislative Grid is posted every Friday on the OEMS website on all EMS and Trauma related bills that we are following.</p> <p>Cam gave the trauma center fund update. She stated that DMV has indicated that we have met the \$8.55 million pass through funds the end of February.</p>	
Old/Unfinished Business:	None.	
New Business:	<p>a) Nominations to fill open committee seats Since Dr. T. J. Novosel has left, there is a Level I seat vacant on the TSO & MC and on TPIC. Also, on the TPIC committee, Dr. Hyslop's position is vacant (Level III). Dr. Aboutanos said that T. J.'s departure is a great loss to the Commonwealth and to these committees. Lou Ann asked if we want to pursue filling these positions since the committees will be changing. Dr. Aboutanos said that we should continue with business as usual. We have no idea whether or not our requests will be approved for the new committee structures. So we should nominate members for these positions. Please send Dr. Aboutanos an email and a brief description of the nominee and why you feel this person should fill the position. Please include their email address, phone numbers, and facility mailing address. His email address is michel.aboutanos@vcuhealth.org.</p> <p>Dr. Griffen stated that in September, many of the TSO & MC members would be rotating off the committee. We should make it a seamless rotation. Will we be making decisions/nomination in June? Dr. Aboutanos stated that recommendations could be sent in for new committee members as well. June should be a good time to review the nominations. New members can attend in September to start familiarizing themselves with the committee. Dr. Aboutanos stated that an email will be sent out regarding the open positions.</p>	<p>Committee members and guests are asked to send nominations for committee seats to Dr. Aboutanos.</p> <p>OEMS/Dr. Aboutanos will send out an email regarding the open committee positions.</p>
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:17 p.m.	<p>2018 TSO & MC Meeting Schedule: June 7 September 6 December 6</p>