

**Virginia Department of Health Advisory Board  
 Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services  
 Trauma Administrative and Governance Committee Meeting  
 Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway  
 Richmond, VA 23294  
 May 4, 2023  
 8:00am**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>
Dr. Paula Ferrada	Lauren Arrington	Mindy Carter
Matthew Marry	Anne McDonnell	Ashley Camper
Kelley Rumsey	Melinda Myers	Gary Brown
Dr. Jeffery Haynes	Peppy Winchel	Adam Harrell
Dr. Lauren Webb	Kelsey Rideout	Jessica Rosner
Dr. Stan Kurek	Michelle Ludeman	
Corri-Miller Hobbs	Valerie Vagts	
Tracey Taylor	Jenny Wilson	
Mike Watkins	Julie Hellan	
Dr. Rahil Dharia	Charles Fering	
	Pier Ferguson	
	Kellie Lavine	
	Zac Chrisley	
	Katherine Davenport	
	Whitney Pierce	
	Dan Freeman	
	Tanya Trevilian	
	Michael Fajohn	
	Tim Donahue	
	Wendy Clement	
	Britney Ewers	
	Dallas Taylor	
	Courtney Rodriguez	

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<b>I. Call to order:</b>	Dr. Paula Ferrada, Chair calls meeting to order at 0800. It is established that the committee has quorum.	<b>None. Informational.</b>
<b>a. Approval of agenda</b>	a. Chair Ferrada requests a motion to approve agenda. Mr. Watkins motions to approve agenda and Dr. Haynes seconds. Motion passed.	
<b>II. Review of Trauma Triage Guidelines</b>	<p>Dr. Ferrada brings forth the new draft of the State Trauma Triage guidelines which were approved by medical direction and pre-hospital committee. Dr. Haynes gives feedback that the guidelines are well organized and address pediatric needs. Mr. Watkins informs the committee that the pre-hospital committee has been working for some time to construct and vet the document. He made a motion for the TAG committee to approve the guidelines. Ms. Rumsey second and the motion passes.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrada requests a motion to approve minutes, Mr. Marry motions and Ms. Hobbs seconds.</p>	<b>None. Informational.</b>
<b>III. Chairs' Report</b>	<p><b>Chairs' Report</b></p> <p><b>a. Trauma Administration and Governance Committee</b></p> <p>- Dr. Ferrada addresses the TAG report, speaking to the upcoming COT meeting taking place that evening and efforts to include TPMs in order to increase diversity and inclusion. Dr. Feldman has been busy with clinical responsibilities, thus the EPR Chair position was filled by Ms. Rumsey and Dr. Varga has filled the Vice Chair seat. Dr. Varga works at a national level with emergency preparedness groups so he brings a wealth of knowledge to the position.</p> <p><b>b. Systems Improvement Committee</b></p> <p>-Dr. Stan Kurek addresses the SI report, stating they met yesterday and had quorum. They were also able to host a workgroup since the last committee meeting. Topics discussed were state data, data dictionary refinement, pediatric transfer guidelines, and a post-acute care committee resource list. Ms. Rosner presented the layout of the new data dashboard which is soon to launch. There is an ongoing conversation about TXA administration in the field and we should expect more to follow on that. Various vacant committee positions were filled and there are plans to have a PI and a registrars workgroup meeting in the future.</p> <p><b>c. Injury and Violence Prevention Committee</b></p> <p>-Ms. Hobbs reports they met yesterday; however, there was no quorum. A workgroup has met once since the last committee meeting and will continue follow up meetings in the upcoming weeks to work on identification of gaps in IVP initiatives.</p> <p><b>d. Pre-Hospital Care Committee</b></p> <p>-Mike Watkins reports the committee met yesterday and had quorum. The committee has been involved in the discussion of prehospital use of TXA and more is to follow on that. 2 positions have been filled--Zac Chrisley for the Level III Trauma center rep and Bryan Frankel for the second ground EMS position. In regard to data collection, there have been issues with unspecified drop downs in prehospital trauma charts. This is being analyzed and could serve as a potential topic of process improvement in EMS charting. The field Trauma Triage criteria was voted upon and passed. t He recommends the title be changed to specify "Virginia" in place of "National" and OEMS affirms they will make that edit.</p>	<b>None. Informational.</b>

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	<p><b>e. Acute Care Committee</b> -Ms. Taylor addressed the floor with the Acute Care Committee report, stating they met yesterday and had quorum. Two members were added; Tiffany Lord for the Burn representative, and Zac Chrisley, who has shown regular interest and attendance, has been voted into the level III seat. The majority of the ACC meeting was devoted to workgroup vetting and revising the interfacility transfer guidelines. Good progress was made on the document. Expect more to follow on an action item in the future.</p> <p><b>f. Post-Acute Care Committee</b> Ms. McDonnell addresses the committee with the PAC report. They met yesterday. She stood in for Ms. Broering. There is an ongoing goal to create a resource list with post-acute care facilities. There was discussion of barriers to accessing rehabilitation care and placement. Several smaller hospitals are not as aware of resources available to them. There is also an ongoing problem with communication and sharing of information. Achieving a quorum continues to be a challenge. Some new members have had to take extra time and efforts to train. Most of the trauma centers have issues determining patients’ final outcomes. There is ongoing discussion of solution options.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrada adds that there is a communication issue across all committees. There was a leadership workgroup created with chairs and vice chairs. This may be a major issue to be tackled by them. More to follow on that topic.</p> <p><b>g. Emergency Response and Preparedness</b> Ms. Rumsey addresses the committee, informing them of the change in structure with her taking the chair position and Dr. Varga being voted in as the Vice Chair. Dr. Mauskopf gave a presentation at yesterday’s meeting, which included high level overview of the Commonwealths role and structure for emergency preparedness. He included lessons learned from the pandemic as well as information on plans for various annexes created for specific needs, such as pediatrics, burns and infectious disease. The committee received an update from the pediatric workgroup. That workgroup is planning a follow up meeting to work on identifying resources across the state. The VHHA offered to house the information on their website. The goal of committee and workgroup is to post a white paper with a complete list of emergency preparedness resources.</p> <p>Mr. Marry informs the committee that there will be a regrouping of the coalition regions, which are consolidating from 6 to 4 coalition regions, effective July 1, 2023.</p>	
<b>IV. Trauma Fund</b>	Dr. Ferrada calls on Mr. Harrell for the trauma fund update. Mr. Harrell informed the committee there was a glitch with one hospital’s data transfer from registry to the report used to calculate the distributions. After a month, it has been resolved. Final calculations are in process and are to be approved soon. Afterwards, centers will be informed.	<b>None. Informational.</b>
<b>V. Legislative report</b>	Dr. Ferrada requests Mr. Harrell present the committee with the legislative report. He announces that the Commonwealth is still without a budget. There is a component that relates to trauma, and it is pending until the general assembly acts.	<b>None. Informational.</b>
<b>VI. Trauma Program Managers</b>	Ms. Taylor informs the committee that she invited the regional PI team to discuss collaboration and future projects. There are to be two presentations put on by OEMS during the EMS symposium on how to stand up a trauma center and prepare for a review. Ms. Carter informs the group to anticipate the two OEMS presentations to be conducted on the	<b>None. Informational.</b>

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	Saturday of the symposium. The committee discuss how individual centers can host their own trauma symposium. There is interest in reinvigorating a trauma PI workgroup.	
<b>VII. OEMS report</b>	<p>Mr. Harrell informs the committee that all OEMS reports are in the quarterly report. Planning is underway for EMS Symposium and selections are being made for the presentations. He encourages the committee to reach out for vendor hall opportunities. The first Hospital Data Exchange (HDE) hospitals are live and they are submitting 100% of their data to HDE for EMS run reviews. A EMPI (electronic master patient index), enhancement is coming from ESO and will aid in linking patient records between EMS and hospital. OEMS is working with ESO to assist with checkpoints and updates to the committees. Lastly, a consultant has been hired to analyze scheduling and locations of the GAB committee meetings to determine what would be best for participation. Ms. Carter informs the committee there will most likely be two new level II trauma centers in the state before the August meetings.</p> <p>The VDH OEMS website is undergoing review from an outside consultant. There will be revisions and updates in the coming year.</p>	<b>None. Informational.</b>
<b>VIII. Public comment</b>	Dr. Haynes addresses the committee regarding the new Childrens Hospital of Richmond. The hospital is now functioning as a Level I pediatric trauma center. CHOR connected to the adult side via an elevated walkway. EMS has been great about understanding triage and drop off for adults versus children. Ms. Carter asks Dr. Haynes how CHOR is now handling families who come into CHOR due to an MVC or something similar where there may be adult and pediatric patients. He stated they are keeping the adults at CHOR to be cohorted with their children. The adult trauma surgeons can be called over to evaluate and treat. If anyone would like a tour, please email him.	<b>None. Informational.</b>
<b>IX. Old Business</b>	No comment	
<b>X. New Business</b>	No comment.	<b>None. Informational.</b>
<b>XI. Adjournment</b>	Dr. Ferrada thanks everyone for attending and the meeting adjourned at 09:05am.	<b>None.</b>
		Respectfully submitted by Ashley Camper and Mindy Carter.