

Alabama Trauma System

QA/QI Workgroup Meeting

September 16, 2010 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Office of EMS & Trauma Conference Room

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Members Present: John Campbell, M.D., Michael Minor, Allan Pace, Glen Davis, Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Robin Moore, Tammie Yeldell, Andrew Lee, Alex Franklin, Denise Louthain, Joe Acker, Mark Jackson,

Members Absent: Geni Smith, Beth Anderson, William Crawford, M.D.

Choona Lang opened the meeting with a welcome.

Trauma System Update

Ten hospitals in the Southeast Region were approved as Level III Trauma Centers by the STAC.

Baptist South Montgomery has hired a second trauma surgeon.

Baptist Pensacola and Sacred Heart hospitals were approved as Level I Trauma Centers by the STAC.

The Trauma Funding Committee will meet tentatively in October to discuss possible funding resources for the Alabama Trauma System.

Ms. Linda Jordan, Administrator of Clay County Hospital is the newest member on the STAC. Dr. John Mark Vermillion's term on the STAC has expired. He will be replaced by Dr. Rony Najjar. Ms. Beth Anderson will be reappointed for two more years.

New hospital CEOs will become automatic members of the Regional Trauma Advisory Council.

The trauma managers' spreadsheet was sent out to the regional directors for review. Once finalized, the information will be placed on the Alabama Trauma System website for networking purposes only.

Two more hospitals have requested entry into the Alabama Trauma System. Lakeland Community, Region Three, has completed the application and needs to be surveyed. Application is pending for Bryan W. Whitfield, Region four.

The definition page was added to the Alabama EMS & Trauma QA/QI Improvement Plan.

QA/QI Issues Update

Mark Jackson gave a brief update on QA/QI issues. Mr. Jackson stated he has two ongoing investigations:

Two critical car crash patients were transported to a Level III Trauma Center. The non-critical patient was transported to a Level II Trauma Center. The critical patient was transported to a Level III by an ALS provider without paper notification to ATCC.

In Region Two, the medics from one local prehospital provider are still transporting patients to a lower level hospital, regardless of direction from ATCC.

NATS Update

Alex Franklin gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the North Region. When a patient is transported to Huntsville Hospital from out of the region, the hospital wants to know who entered the patient into the trauma system, where the patient originated, and why the patient was not transported to a closer hospital.

DeKalb Regional Medical Center LifeTrac work station has been installed. At this point, DeKalb is working internally to determine the change of status on the LifeTrac screen process. DeKalb will revert to red status until this process is completed.

Mr. Franklin is also working on establishing a Trauma Outreach Group.

EAST Update

Allan Pace gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the East Region. The RTAC will meet October 7, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., in Stringfellow Memorial Hospital located in Anniston, Alabama. This meeting will have media coverage to mark the East Region's one year anniversary in the Alabama Trauma System.

Citizens Baptist and Stringfellow Memorial hospitals have new nurse managers.

Citizens Baptist and Cherokee Medical hospitals both have new CEOs.

BREMSS Update

Joe Acker gave a brief overview of the Alabama Trauma System for the active regions. Reports by region and by county will also be available online soon.

WEST Update

Andrew Lee gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the West Region. On, September 4, 2010, DCH Regional Medical Center was on diversion due to an overload of intoxicated patients. That situation led to the hospital's administrative staff

decision to establish a special area designed to handle patient overload on football game days.

SOUTHEAST Update

As of September 16, 2010, the Alabama Trauma System has not been activated in the Southeast Region.

GULF Update

David Garmon gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the Gulf Region.

Prehospital providers in Clark and Washington counties are not entering patients into the trauma system per protocol.

Jackson Medical Center, Clarke County, is in the process of replacing a surgeon who is retiring. If a replacement is not found in a timely matter Jackson Medical Center will change to a community hospital.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery at the Office of EMS and Trauma.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.