

Minutes of the Alabama Trauma System

QA/QI Workgroup Meeting

December 16, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Office of EMS & Trauma Conference Room

Call in Information 1-800-491-4634

In attendance: John Campbell, M.D., Alex Franklin, Allan Pace, Joe Acker, Michael Minor, Glenn Davis, Denise Louthain, David Garmon, Mark Jackson, Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Robin Moore, Tammie Yeldell, Mark Jackson, William Crawford, M.D.

Absent: Andrew Lee, Richard Gonzalez, M.D., Geni Smith, Beth Anderson, Loring Rue, M.D.

Dr. John Campbell opened the meeting with a welcome.

Trauma System Update

The Trauma Funding Rule Public Hearing was held on December 9, 2010. There was no one from the public present at the meeting. The rule is currently in the public comment period. The rule will be submitted the State Committee of Public Health for approval at the January 2011 meeting.

The Trauma Funding Committee meeting was held on December 15, 2010 to discuss how and when to request trauma funds from the legislature.

The Florida Trauma Centers, Baptist Pensacola and Sacred Heart Hospitals, are actively participating in the Alabama Trauma System.

The Dothan Eagle and the Alabama Department of Public Health both released news article pertaining to the Florida trauma centers' activation into the Alabama Trauma System.

The Statewide Trauma Advisory Council is scheduled to meet January 5, 2011, 10:00 a.m., at the RSA Tower, Suite 1586.

The Trauma Center Designation Revision Workgroup is scheduled to meet on January 5, 2011, in Montgomery at 1:00 p.m. in the Office of EMS and Trauma Conference Room, Suite 750.

QA/QI Issues

Mark Jackson gave an overview of the current QA/QI issues recently processed.

- 1st Issue (East Region):
A medic in the East region missed triaged a trauma patient to an inappropriate trauma center within the service provider's coverage area. In addition, the service provider has agreements with ground and air medical service providers to transport patients to trauma centers outside of its coverage area but they were not utilized. The supervisor assured the State Compliance Officer, Mark Jackson that this issue would not occur again.
- 2nd Issue (Gulf Region):
According to preliminary reports, there was missed routing and the helicopter failed to call ATCC with patient status regarding a motor vehicle accident involving a van with six teenagers on board. Four out of the six were entrapped for 45 minutes. Three of the patients remain critical.
- 3rd Issue (West Region):
Mr. Jackson received an email stating that DCH Regional Medical Center refused to take a patient with a gunshot wound to the abdomen from Fayette Hospital. Dr. Crawford stated that Fayette did everything they could to treat the patient and called DCH to transport the patient due to the patient's injuries. The patient was transferred to UAB and later died.

NATS Update

Alex Franklin gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the North Region. Mr. Franklin gave an overview of the Alabama Trauma System Regional Monthly System Status and Performance document, as attached.

EAST Update

Allan Pace gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the East Region. Mr. Pace stated that he has a visit scheduled to Gadsden Regional Medical Center to follow-up on the lack of feedback forms compliancy.

LifeTrac Software/BREMSS Update

Joe Acker gave a brief overview of the Alabama Trauma System for the active regions. Mr. Acker stated he would install Lakeland Community Hospital's trauma system computer. He also generated data for each active trauma region which will be presented at future QA/QI meetings.

WEST Update

Dr. Crawford gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System in the West Region. Dr. Crawford stated that DCH Regional Medical Center is in the process of hiring trauma

and orthopedic surgeons. Bryan Whitfield hospital's participation in the trauma system is still on hold.

SOUTHEAST Update

As of December 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. Jeremy White is working on major QA/QI issues that were forwarded to the OEMS&T Compliance Officer (see QA/QI Issues above). Mr. Garmon also stated the Gulf Region is still experiencing inappropriate hospital transfers from Level II trauma centers to the Level I Trauma Center in the Gulf Region. Ms. Anderson is currently gathering questionable inappropriate transfer cases with dates, injuries, and doctors involved for Dr. Richard Gonzalez and Mr. Garmon to review and follow-up with the appropriate trauma centers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for January 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery at the Office of EMS and Trauma.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.