

**Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee**  
**OEMS, 1041 Technology Park Drive**  
**Glen Allen, VA**  
**March 4, 2010**  
**11:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Other Attendees:</b>
Ajai Malhotra, Chair	Paul Sharpe	David Cullen
Kathy M. Butler	Wanda Street	Jeff Meyer
Barbara Hawkins	Russ Stamm	Asher Brand
Lou Ann Miller	Gary Brown	Jay Porter
Elton Mabry		Elizabeth Fedak
Mindy Carter		Timothy Novosel
Nancy Martin		
LeAnna Harris		
Cindy Hearrell		
Stanley Heatwole		
Dallas Taylor		
Denice Greene		
Lawrence Roberts		
Amanda Turner		
Valeria Mitchell		
Raymond Makhoul		
J. Forrest Calland		
Andi Wright		
Al Philp		
Leonard Weireter		

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<b>Trauma Performance Improvement Committee Meeting:</b>	The Performance Improvement committee members met between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.	
<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order by the chair at 11:10 a.m.	
<b>Approval of Minutes dated December 3, 2009:</b>	A motion was made to approve the minutes. On page 2 of the minutes under the Informatics Coordinator's report, ISS-Injury Severity Storm was typed. It should be Score, not Storm.	<b>The minutes were approved with the change noted.</b>
<b>Chair/Vice Chair Report – Ajai Malhotra:</b>	Dr. Malhotra said that he is looking forward to working with the PI committee and that they had a good meeting this morning.	
<b>Approval of the Regional Trauma Triage Plans:</b>	Every three years the Regional Trauma Triage needs to be reviewed and approved. 1) Old Dominion EMS Alliance – The Triage Plan was tabled.	

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	<p>2) Southwest Virginia EMS – The Triage Plan was accepted.</p> <p>3) Thomas Jefferson EMS – The Triage Plan was accepted.</p> <p>4) Tidewater EMS – The Triage Plan was accepted.</p> <p>5) Central Shenandoah EMS – The Triage Plan was tabled.</p> <p>6) Northern Virginia EMS – The Triage Plan was accepted.</p> <p>7) Western Virginia EMS – The Triage Plan was accepted.</p> <p>8) Peninsulas EMS – The Triage Plan was accepted.</p> <p>9) Blue Ridge EMS – The Triage Plan was tabled.</p> <p>10) Lord Fairfax EMS – The Triage Plan was accepted.</p> <p>11) Rappahannock EMS – The Triage Plan was tabled.</p> <p>Kathy pointed out that on page 19 of REMS’ Trauma Triage Plan; it lists the hospitals, trauma centers and burn centers that are within the council region as well as those outside of the region. She feels that this should be a mandatory inclusion in the triage plans. Some of the other triage plans have included the hospital list.</p> <p>Funding may be affected by the four Plans that were tabled. Corrected plans should be submitted to Paul Sharpe as soon as possible.</p>	
<p><b>Medical Direction Chair Discussion on State Trauma Triage Plan:</b></p>	<p>Asher Brand presented some concerns that the Medical Direction Committee (MDC) had about the State Trauma Triage Plan. The Medical Direction Committee is comprised of Regional EMS Operational Medical Directors (OMD) and attached are the changes that they would like to make. Dr. Brand stated that the MDC would like to be involved in the development and review of the triage document.</p> <p> Z:\Scanned Documents\Proposed</p> <p>There was much discussion about Step 3 on Page 3. There were geographic issues centered on this step of the decision scheme.</p> <p>Most of the changes that they would like to make are in the <i>Code of Virginia</i> and cannot be revised. Also, these are the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American College of Surgeons (ACS).</p> <p>The State EMS Plan has to be reviewed every three years and the State Trauma Triage Plan is a part of that review. The Triage Plan does not have to be approved by the Governor’s Advisory Board. However, the Advisory Board has the right to provide input.</p>	

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<b>OEMS Update:</b>	<p><b>a. Trauma Coordinator's Report – Paul Sharpe</b></p> <p><b>Trauma Fund</b> The Senate proposed budget will transfer \$9.5 million of the Trauma Fund to the General Fund. This is pretty much the entire fund. The language in the Senate bill allows for a \$10 increase above the \$40 fee that we get most of our funds. That would help buffer some of the fund. OEMS will know more after March 14. The Trauma Nurse Coordinators can write or email their local legislators concerning the budget bill.</p> <p><b>EMS Registry (Virginia Pre Hospital Information Bridge –VPHIB)</b> Russ Stamm is handling the log on requests for the hospital implementation. Emails have been sent to the hospitals and more information is on the OEMS website at <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Trauma/EMSRegistry.htm">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Trauma/EMSRegistry.htm</a>.</p> <p>Kathy discussed the three options for hospitals to receive the call sheet report. She reminded the trauma nurse coordinators that they could post their opinions about the EMS Regulations as they are open for public comment on the Virginia Town Hall.</p> <p><b>b. Informatics Coordinator's Report – Sherrina Gibson</b></p> <p>No report. Sherrina attended the PI meeting this morning, but was not present for this meeting.</p>	
<b>Trauma Nurse Coordinators Report:</b>	The Trauma Nurse Coordinators did not meet today because the PI committee meeting was held at 10 a.m. They would like to schedule a whole day meeting at the OEMS to discuss education issues.	
<b>Trauma Center Updates:</b>	<p><b>Lou Ann Miller of Riverside Regional Medical Center – RRMC</b> is looking for a Director. TNCC courses are starting tomorrow and another one in June and in the Fall.</p> <p><b>Leanna Harris of Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital – SVBGH</b> is actively recruiting a neurosurgeon. They have a nice new lobby which adds face value to the community. The every 15 minute drinking and driving program is coming up in April. The Trauma M&amp;M Case Review is off to a great start. The staff loves it and there is a great amount of participation.</p> <p><b>Valeria Mitchell of Sentara Norfolk General Hospital – SNGH</b> is hosting their Trauma Symposium on November 1-2, 2010. They have also begun the process for their Burn Certification through ACS and the American Burn Association. Valeria met with her administrator to discuss getting funding to provide grief intervention education for staff.</p> <p><b>Cindy Hearrell of Mary Washington Hospital – MWH</b> is still holding monthly educational events. Next week is EMS Night and about 50 providers have signed. A TNCC course is being held in two weeks. The school nurses are coming for head trauma education the end of this month and about 80 people have registered from 3 different districts.</p> <p><b>Stanley Heatwole of ACEP</b> – Annual membership meeting was held in Richmond on February 25. Many legislative topics were discussed.</p> <p><b>Amanda Turner of Lynchburg General Hospital – LGH</b> is beefing up their PI process; there's now a formal review process. They started a general surgery trauma M&amp;M in January. They have identified some protocols that were needed such as massive transfusion protocol and a few others. Held first EMS Trauma Night last month with 60 providers and another is being held in April. TNCC course coming soon.</p>	

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	<p><b>Nancy Martin of VCU/MCV</b> – Three ATCN courses being held in March, May and October. The Trauma Symposium is April 28 at the Richmond Convention Center. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trauma Gala is March 20 at \$150 per plate. Please let Nancy know ASAP if you are planning to attend.</p> <p><b>Kathy Butler of UVA</b> – June ATCN Course is planned. Second NP is working with trauma and is doing very well. Transfer case reviews are going great. Fourth surgeon is under contract. Seeking Federal grant for automated analysis vital signs to predict and monitor who’s at risk for unexpected adverse events. This will be a major research effort.</p> <p><b>Denice Green of INOVA Fairfax Hospital</b> – Still recruiting for two surgeons. EMS Night in May. CAMTS course coming up in May. ATLS and ATCN are running simultaneously.</p> <p><b>Elton Mabry of Southside Regional Medical Center</b> – Site review will be held on March 31. Dealing with healthcare cutbacks. TNCC courses coming up.</p> <p><b>Mindy Carter of CJW Medical Center</b> – CJW is continuing to develop TNCC instructors and Mindy will be one of them. Another employee has been hired and will be starting next week while Mindy is on vacation.</p> <p><b>Dallas Taylor of Carilion New River Valley Medical Center</b> – Two surgeons have replaced the one that left. The CEO has moved up to CFO. They are also evaluating Transfers.</p> <p><b>Andi Wright of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital</b> – CHMH has a great outreach coordinator who has been there a year. She put together a quarterly case study and that has been very successful with over 60 people. We now have quarterly regional trauma center meetings with Montgomery, New River Valley, Centra and Lynchburg. Together we have created injury prevention posters for texting and driving. Symposium will be September 21. They are interviewing for surgeons.</p> <p>Dr. Malhotra commended everyone on doing case studies and all the community involvement that is being done.</p>	
<b>Old Business:</b>	None.	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Nancy Martin stated that she is looking at burn care in Virginia and the four objectives; how are we doing, triage, patients going to appropriate places, how we verify burn centers. She also questions if a title be added to trauma centers; for instance, Level I Trauma Center and Burn Center. Nancy is putting together a sub-committee and would like to have inclusion from Norfolk and UVA. She will send out emails to get input.</p> <p>The Chair informed everyone that the Advisory Board wants to restructure the committees and they want to group related committees together under a coordinator. They also proposed to change the name of this committee. The proposed name is “Statewide Registries”. Per Gary Brown this committee is specifically named in the <i>Code of Virginia</i> and the name cannot be changed.</p>	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m.	<b>2010 Meeting Schedule:</b> <b>Thursday, June 3</b> <b>Thursday, Sept. 2</b> <b>Thursday, Dec. 2</b>