

NAEMSO Annual Conference

Trauma Managers Council

Monday, June 20, 2022

Charleston, SC

- Eileen Worden called the TMC to order. Introductions were made. State host welcomed everyone to South Carolina with a presentation that included the history of the trauma system in SC and examples of things for attendees to do during the conference.
- Alisa Habeeb Williams, Dia Gainor, and Andy Gienapp addressed the council and welcomed everyone to the conference.
- Dia encouraged the council to approach their state traffic safety official for funding opportunities.
- Time was spent sharing accomplishments and areas for improvement during State Round Robin. Everyone was encouraged to share during this time.
 - Some accomplishments shared were: interfacility blood network launch, increases in numbers of trauma centers, ending turf wars between hospitals, using registry data more, received funding, develop/redevelop trauma center criteria, legislative efforts, success in writing grants, funding through office of rural health which is passed on to Level IV, building the system to include all time sensitive emergencies, added TXA for EMS, rapid transfusion protocol vs. massive transfusion protocol, regional PI program, developed system to find resources for critical adult and pediatric patients, developed training for new trauma program managers, further development of advisory committees, develop statewide system plan, built system to include urgent care centers who are required to submit data, collaborated with large hospital to develop a plan
 - Some areas for improvement shared were: hospital systems aren't transferring patients in accordance to state trauma system transfer protocol, lack of funding, urgent care centers, siloed data systems, proliferation of Level III trauma centers, rule revisions (the Gray Book), infrastructure of EMS for interfacility transfers are a struggle, further develop telehealth capabilities/criteria, contracts and RFPs with reviewers, staff shortages, antiquated registry system, improve communication with trauma centers, issues with scheduling reviewers,
- Dr. Mark Gestring from ACS COT gave a presentation about the revision of the Field Triage Guidelines. A handy pocket card was distributed to attendees. Links to further information:

<https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/systems/field-triage-guidelines/>

<https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/systems/field-triage-guidelines/training-materials/>

- Dave Bryson from the National Highway Traffic Safety Association Office of EMS gave a presentation on National Highway Safety Strategy, Post Crash Care - Systems Considerations. Link to further information: <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS>
- Kate Elkins, also from NHTSA Office of EMS, gave an update on the launch of the 988 hotline system. Find more information here: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988> The three phases of implementation are 1. establish the phone number; 2. Mobilization; and 3. system stability.

- Because there was not a representative from the ACS available to discuss it, Kathy Robinson gave an overview of the Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient AKA the Gray Book. Several issues with this revision were identified. Eileen encouraged everyone to attend the next TQIP conference.

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

- James Woods from Pulsara gave a presentation on their product which is a communication and logistics platform.
- Eileen Worden and Alyssa Johnson gave a presentation about a new hospital designation called Rural Emergency Hospital (REH). Eileen gave a general overview of what this designation is and how will that affect trauma systems. Kathy will send Eileen's slides to everyone to assist in preparing discussions with individual state advisory committees.
- Spontaneous discussion occurred about the Handtevy pediatric medication administration system.
- Time was spent with open discussion about any issues folks need assistance with. This was a continuation of the Round Robin from the previous day. Sheree Wren asked about how to complete all tasks with fewer employees and decreased budget.
- Sue Prentiss from The American Trauma Society joined us to give a status update on the society.
- Chris Ballard (MN) and Eileen Worden (MI) led a panel discussion about how hybrid, virtual, and in-person verification visits are progressing in their respective states.
- Attendees enjoyed a joint gathering with the PECC Council for a presentation and discussion about the new requirements involving the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP). Panel members included Dr. Mary Fallat (University of Louisville) and Lisa Gray (EIIC). Eileen Worden facilitated the event. The NPRP is a quality assurance initiative program for facilities. Today's discussion revolved around how facilities can improve their efforts in treating traumatically injured children beginning with appointing a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC). All EMS services are encouraged to appoint a PECC as well. More information can be obtained by contacting each state or territory EMSC program manager or visiting EIIC's website at: <https://emscimprovement.center/>. The Gray Book includes Pediatric Readiness Type II deficiencies.

Annual Business Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Eileen called the meeting to order. She began by thanking Kathy Robinson for her years of service to the TMC and presented her with a plaque for the committee's appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS

- The TMC Workplan was submitted to NASEMSO. This plan was revised at a previous TMC meeting.
- Eileen will be scheduling an after-action meeting to discuss everyone's opinion of the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- With Kelli Perrotti's resignation as the Wyoming trauma manager, the Western Plains regional TMC representative position is vacant. Jamie Zilverberg (SD) agreed to fill this position.
- Eileen asked how we should move forward with the mentoring materials that are located on the NASEMSO website. Eileen and Kelli will discuss how to slim down the documents that are available to TMC. Kathy suggested using Basecamp for much of the content. It was agreed this is needed. Kathy gave a brief demonstration of how Basecamp works and everyone agreed to test this platform out.
- Trauma Snapshot is ready in SurveyMonkey. Eileen encouraged everyone to take part when you receive it.
- Kathy tried to get ESO and ACS to give presentations at this conference but was unsuccessful. The council will continue asking each of these entities to attend a TMC meeting in the future.

REMAINING 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Remaining meetings in 2022 are scheduled for September 12 and December 5. Dr. Avery is planning to attend but has asked for a specific presentation desire. Ideas for this will be discussed at the after-action meeting.
- Next year's annual conference will still be in Reno, NV.

ADJOURN

- Eileen adjourned the meeting after a group photo of attendees was taken.