

State Trauma Advisory Subcommittee
October 5, 2021
Bureau of EMS, Trauma & Preparedness
Lansing, MI

Attendees: Kelly Burns, Gaby Iskander, Howard Klausner, Allan Lamb, Joshua Mastenbrook, Amy Randall, Dawn Rudgers, Wayne Vanderkolk

Absent: Robert Domeier, Kolby Miller

Guests: Helen Berghoef, Aaron Brown, Doug Burke, Tammy First, Deb Detro-Fisher, Jill Jean, Theresa Jenkins, Denise Kapnick, Lyn Nelson, Jennifer Strayer, Eileen Worden

Call Order: 9:01 a.m.

Minutes from August 3, 2021 approved. Agenda amended to include Strategic Plan and Quarter 3 Region reports.

Old Business:

- ❖ **Sunset:** Specific funding language was stripped from House Bill 5094. The sunset was extended through September 30, 2022.
- ❖ **COVID-19 Update:** Eileen reported on recently published (Sept. 29, 2021) data regarding the pandemic.
 - Michigan is considered high transmission the percent positive rate is 8.8%. Case rates have been increasing for the past three months.
 - The greatest case burden is ages 10-19. There are 370 kids per day under the age of 12 infected.
 - The CDC recommends that masks be worn by all individuals indoors.
 - Active outbreaks are up 9% from last week. Most of the outbreaks are in the K-12 grades (289) and the skilled care facilities (114).
 - The Delta variant represents 99.8% of all cases.
 - Hospital census is up 9%. Hospitalizations are highest in Region's 3, 6, 7 and 8. COVID volumes in intensive care units are up 6% since last week. Most of those increases are seen in Region's 6 and 7.
 - Region's 1 and 3 are at 90% occupancy in the adult ICU. In Region 1- 27% of those ICU beds are COVID patients. In Region 3-15% of those ICU beds are occupied by COVID patients. In Region 6- 80% of adult ICU beds are occupied and 31% are occupied by COVID patients.
 - Overall inpatient census in near the spring peak.
 - 52% of Michigan residents are fully vaccinated (5.2 million), 83.8% of residents over age 65 are fully vaccinated and 62% of residents over 18 are fully vaccinated.
 - An Emergency Use Authorization for a single Pfizer-BioNTech booster dose was authorized. MDHHS sent out a notice and guidance to Michigan Healthcare Practitioners on Sept. 24, 2021.
 - Ridge regression model suggest that cases and deaths will increase and that case trends may be slowing. The CDC Model predicts a plateau or slowed increase in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

- ❖ **EMSCC Report:** Eileen reported on the EMSCC meeting held on Sept 19, 2021. The meeting was lengthy, pertinent information for STAC includes:
 - Discussion about the increase in Medicaid support for EMS agencies that bill Medicaid.
 - EMSCC voted on a Michigan code of ethics for EMS.
 - Discussion about a variety of pending legislation that could impact EMS including signage for ambulances about the implications of assaulting an EMS provider.
 - A report that revised EMS Administrative Rules are still in the approval process.
 - Discussion about staffing shortages and retention issues,
 - A report from Dr. Fales about monoclonal antibody therapy and availability.
- ❖ **MCA/Trauma conference:** The virtual conference was held on Sept. 29th and 30th. There were 177 registered attendees, 30 registered to watch the recorded sessions. The responses were very positive. The survivor sessions were impactful, particularly in the virtual setting where the speakers were seen close up and not in a large conference venue. The sessions will be available for registrants to view until Nov. 30 after which the evaluations will be collated and considered for future planning.
- ❖ **Grants:** The final reports will be coming in shortly and the wrap up will be completed in early November, after which a report will be drafted that outlines what the projects were and how they advanced the system.
- ❖ **Interfacility transport:** This agenda item was carried over from August's New Business for consideration by the committee about making it a standing agenda item. Eileen commented that Region 6 partners presented on this topic at the MCA conference, and they seem to have identified some best practices. Dr. Iskander mentioned a recent discussion he had about a patient transfer that indicates the issue is ongoing.
- ❖ **OMA:** The conversation around the Open Meeting Act continues. As a clarification there must be available space for the public to attend the meeting, that was addressed and there was meeting space and staff at the Terminal Rd building for the meeting today. There is also a requirement that the public have an opportunity to address comments to the committee. An email box has been set up and will be monitored by Trauma Section staff to ensure that capability is there. The OMA has clear language about virtual meeting criteria that is set to expire December 31. This may impact the 2022 schedule, more updates on this will be coming.

Data Report:

- ❖ **Registry Report:** Jill Jean reported 100% compliance with all facilities submitting data, though some of which are partial submissions for the 2nd quarter 2021. Analytical Reporting still an issue with software vendor. Meetings between Jill Jean and Image Trend® customer service representative have been scheduled bi-weekly to discuss support ticket status, progress and any other concerns to promote better communication and customer satisfaction overall. Regional Inventory Reports for Jan-Jun 2021 data will begin shortly. The ITDX file upload user guide is moving forward with completion by the next data upload in December. Data completeness reports are still being explored and facilities are getting regular feedback concurrently after each upload to reconcile errors identified by the state for continued validation and data integrity.

Verification/Designation:

- ❖ **Virtual Visit Position Statement:** Tammy First presented a statement outlining how MDHHS will address the backlog of verification/designation visits that have occurred as a result of suspending visit due to the pandemic. The Designation committee voted to approve the

statement at the September meeting. “Virtual verification visits will be the vehicle that the Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness (BETP) uses to address the back log of verification visits due to the suspension of visits beginning in 2020. BETP will determine when the back log has been sufficiently addressed.” Dr. Iskander asked the committee to vote on whether or not they would support the Position Statement, the vote was unanimous (supported).

- ❖ **2021-2022 Schedule:** The verification schedule was presented. There are 20 hospitals that had their designation expire in 2021 (8-Focused visits, 9-Level IV facilities, 3 Level III facilities). There are 22 hospitals that will have their designation in 2022 expire (20-Level IV facilities and 2 Level III facilities). There are 20 hospitals waiting to have their initial verification visit scheduled. All totaled there are 62 facilities that need to have visits.
- ❖ **Schedule extension:** Similar to the ACS, the state would like to provide the currently verified and designated in-state trauma facilities a one-year extension on verification and designation. The additional year will extend the standard three-year verification and designation to a four-year verification and designation. The committee was asked to consider and vote on the extension. Dr. Iskander requested a committee vote. The vote was unanimous to support a one-year extension.

New Business:

- ❖ **STAC appointments:** The application for the next STAC was included in the meeting materials. Current STAC members are welcome to apply for the upcoming term (2022-2025). Eileen reminded the committee that they serve until their replacements are in place. Appointments are made by the Director.
- ❖ **State Injury Prevention Plan:** The plan is being edited, STAC will have it electronically for review and comment at the December meeting.
- ❖ **EMS and Trauma Division Director position:** Interviews are in progress for the position.
- ❖ **Regional Trauma Network and Strategic Plan Pillar Reports:** The reports document the work being done to address the progress being made on each of the regional trauma network workplan goals and objectives. The Pillar reports outline the work done on initiatives that address the strategic plan. The reports were included in the meeting materials. Some of the highlights include a project with Biospatial, data clean up initiatives, collaboration with partners (EMSC, Preparedness) the 2South double transfer project to name a few.
- ❖ **Round Robin:** There were no further comments

The next STAC meeting is Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 9-11 a.m. meeting will be held virtually.