

State Trauma Advisory Subcommittee
December 6, 2022
Bureau of EMS, Trauma & Preparedness
Lansing, MI

Attendees: Kelly Burns, Sarah Helveston, Sarah Hughes, Dr. Gaby Iskander, Dr. Howard Klausner, Dr. Dr. Ryan Reece, Kevin Wilkinson, Dr. Wayne Vanderkolk

Absent: Amy Koestner (phone) Dr. Chris Milligan (phone)

Guests: Helen Berghoef, Emily Bergquist, Stephanie Bliss, Aaron Brown, Doug Burke, Tammy First, Deb Detro-Fisher, Jill Jean, Theresa Jenkins, Denise Kapnick, Cheryl Moore, Lyn Nelson, Eileen Worden

Call Order: 9:01 a.m.

Welcome, roll call, introduction of Sarah Helveston: Dr. Iskander called the meeting to order, roll call was conducted, quorum present. STAC was introduced to Sarah Helveston Trauma Program Coordinator from Munson Medical Center who has been appointed by the Director to fill the term of the vacant Trauma Program Coordinator position on the committee.

Approval of minutes: October 4, 2022, meeting minutes approved

Old Business:

- ❖ **SOC Report:** Katelyn Schaibly SOC Unit Manager gave a report on the progress of systems of care for stroke and STEMI. The draft Administrative Rules have been submitted in the first step of the process. The Division has hired Jennifer Monahan who will be working as the Verification/Designation Coordinator for stroke and STEMI. She is currently supporting the trauma Verification/Designation Unit so she can learn about the process in detail.

- ❖ **EMSCC Report:** Eileen reported on the EMSCC meeting held on November 18. There was presentation by the 911 Director about moving most of the state from copper wiring to fiberoptic cable, Next Gen network upgrades, the challenges of workforce shortages and how tele-remote work could address some of those gaps. The Director reported that 91% of the population in the state is covered by text to 911.

The EMSCC discussed the new sexual assault protocol recently put into place that will have a Community Paramedicine focus.

There was a discussion around the new EMS grant funding for EMS education there is funding available via a grant process with the state for requests up to \$350,000. A new staff person has been hired by the Division to assist with work related to grants. The EMSCC will be meeting at LCC-West through 2023.

Doug Burke presented to the committee on prehospital documentation related to facility disposition as part of field triage. The information is based on data from Biospatial (presentation included in meeting materials) and included five years of data on 911 calls that were treated and transported by EMS that met trauma triage criteria. In the documentation 29% of the time the "hospital capability" option was chosen and 71% of the time "hospital capability" was left blank. There were some potential opportunities noted related to confirming if the software vendor has the field available for entry, rules to enhance documentation and education about the importance of documenting disposition.

- ❖ **Field Triage:** The *Adult/Pediatric Trauma Triage* draft was discussed with a request to make recommendations to send to the QATF who will be discussing it at the upcoming meeting next week. After a conversation around the format, new language (motor GCS, SBP ranges, falls, priority levels having different meanings for prehospital and ED staff) the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the QATF adopt the protocol.
- ❖ **Strategic Plan 2023:** Eileen presented a plan to the committee around drafting a revised strategic plan. There will be three workgroups, System Assessment and Data, Operations and Clinical, and Education/Injury Prevention/Leadership. Each work group will be Chaired by a STAC member and supported by Section staff. Eileen asked for volunteers for Chairs (Dr. Iskander was already asked to take the Chair role for System Assessment and Data and he accepted). The meetings (3 meetings, 1.5 hours each) will take place through January and March with the goal of having a draft version ready by April/May. The plan goals and objective will inform the Regional Trauma Network applications as well as ongoing initiatives, projects that support the trauma system in Michigan. The work group invitations to participate will be sent out this month so that meeting dates can get on calendars.
- ❖ **Verification/Designation:** Tammy First provided an update on the number of verified/designated trauma facilities (104) there are 6 verification visits scheduled for the rest of the year and 7 in the que. There were 2 facilities (Region 3 and Region 7) that were not designated.
The Designation Committee has been seated for the next three years (2022-2025). Appointment letters were sent October 31 to the Designation Committee members, the committee reflects a mix of new members and some members who have been on the committee the previous term to allow for the maintenance of some institutional memory. The Section was copied on a letter to a trauma facility in the ACS verification process that seemed to indicate that because the building was in a focus review period, they were not considered verified. Eileen reported to the committee that the Department considers a building a verified trauma facility, the outcome of the focus visit is shared with the Designation Committee, they make their recommendation, and the Department makes a determination.
- ❖ **Data Report:** Reviewed Trauma Registry data from 2019-2021 with the group. Information presented will be available in the Annual Report.

New Business:

- ❖ **State Trauma System Annual Report:** Eileen stated that the annual report has been delayed in part due to the renovations of the office building at 1001 Terminal Rd. and competing time sensitive demands.
- ❖ **Regional Annual Reports for 2022-2023:** These reports are in process and will be available for the February meeting.
- ❖ **Pillar Reports:** The Pillar reports which were designed to report on initiatives that were strategic plan driven, and will be retired and the format revised, to meet the reporting required on the new strategic plan in 2024.
- ❖ **Off-Campus Provider-Based ED's Memorandum:** The discussion around Free-Standing ED's and their role in the trauma system had been discussed at STAC as early as 2016 at that time there were 9 Free-Standing ED's. There is an ongoing discussion about the regulatory language in Michigan around these facilities. EMS has developed some language (Memorandum sent in meeting materials) to address the current gaps so that ambulance traffic can be directed there

if appropriate. The EMS Administrative Rules will likely be considered for an update to include some language that addresses the gaps. The ongoing Systems of Care-stroke and STEMI conversation will add to the discussion about whether these facilities have the capacity to be Level IV trauma facilities and/or participate as stroke and STEMI facilities.

- ❖ **Priorities for 2023:** Eileen asked if there were any priorities that the Department should focus on in 2023 and if STAC would vote to extend the RTN application period by one year. This extension will allow the applications to be submitted in the fall of 2023 for a start date of January 2024. The Division Director had already approved the extension. STAC voted unanimously to extend the application period. Eileen also reported that region 8 changed their bylaws to state that they meet according to applicable state laws.
- ❖ **Staffing update:** A Regional Trauma Coordinator for Region 1, Ryan Chadderton has been hired he starts December 12. A System of Care Verification/Designation Coordinator Jennifer Monahan who attended the meeting was introduced.

The next STAC meeting will be held Tuesday February 7, 2022, from **8:30-10:00 a.m.** at Lansing Community College-West Campus. **The meeting times were changed to adjust for the committee members who are attending the MTQIP meeting.**