State Trauma Advisory Subcommittee
September 30, 2025
Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS, and Systems of Care
Lansing, MI

Attendees: Dr. Alangaden, Dr. Paven Brahmamdam, Kelly Burns, Valerie Gingrich, Sarah Hughes, Amy Koestner, Dr. Chris Milligan, Dr. Mosher, Dr. Pettengill, Kevin Wilkenson

Guests: Liz Baty, Helen Berghoef, Emily Bergquist, Stephanie Bliss, Aaron Brown, Doug Burke, Ryan Chadderton, Nikki Daugherty, Dr. Wm. Fales, Tammy First, Jill Jean, Theresa Jenkins, Denise Kapnick, Mark Ladetto, Devender Lali, Christine Laking, Lyn Nelson, Katelyn Schaible, Penny Stevens, Aubree Verlinde, Eileen Worden

Call Order: 9:00 a.m.

Welcome, roll call: STAC Chair, Amy Koestner, called the meeting to order, roll call was conducted, quorum present. Eileen noted that for items that require significant discussion and subsequent voting Roberts Rules of Order will be more formally applied.

Approval of minutes: August 5, 2025, meeting minutes approved.

Old Business:

- **SOC conference 2025-Rescheduled (spring 2026):** Eileen reported that the conference was rescheduled due to uncertainty with Michigan budget and a pending shut-down. There were concerns with vendor payments for the conference without a final budget determination. Venue is working with the Division to reschedule. Over the years half of the conferences sponsored by the Division have been held at fiscal year-end this may change in the future. There was a $25,000 fee required to reschedule. Discussed was the concern that it will be difficult for people to get to conferences in 2026 due to financial constraints.
- **Budget**: the Budget is still not voted on (9/30/25) and there are concerns about what will happen without a signed budget. State staff have no visibility on any of the discussions beyond what's been reported on. BEPESoC staff have developed contingency plans if the state does shut down.
- **OHSP grant-Data Dashboards, 2026 deliverables:** Eileen reported that the public facing dashboard using registry data will be tested with a select group stakeholders. The conference presentation on the project is deliverable and has been deferred due to the conference reschedule. There will be a Trauma Safe Systems subcommittee established with Injury Prevention (IP) staff, Regional Trauma Coordinators and OHSP staff. One additional action item is a survey that will be developed for the IP program staff regarding the type, reach and impact of transportation related IP initiatives.
- **Regional Systems of Care Application-draft, timelines, process:** the applications, which are an administrative rules requirement, are submitted to the department and STAC for review and comment. This allows them to function as a network for 3 years. This year the application includes systems of care deliverables for stroke and STEMI. The app has been drafted and restructured, with a format similar to the ACS Grey Book this year. Once it is in final format it will be reviewed by STAC likely in the summer. Once approved by STAC it will go to the regions to be completed then submitted to the Department for initial review. Once the review is

completed each STAC member will review 2-3 applications and present their recommendations (for approval) to the committee. It is expected that the applications will be voted on at the December meeting and then a letter acknowledging the trauma region for another three-year period will be sent to the Chair of each region.

- **EMSCC meeting Sept. 12, 2025:** the meeting took place in Marquette. At the meeting it was noted that the MCA handbook is being updated and getting close to being completed. The job description for the EMS Medical Director is also being updated. The Patient Movement group will be publishing a document that describes the identified issues and discussions related to addressing those issues around transporting patients. This will be useful for all the interested parties to review in order to help improve the delays and challenges related to movement of patients across the state. The committee heard a report on current and pending legislation that could impact EMS and their stakeholders including the Open meetings Act which was introduced in April and sent to committee in June, Stop the Bleed which passed the House and is currently in the Senate. Some of the bills are being presented twice (by republican and democratic legislators) which is slowing or stopping the process.

Verification/Designation:

- **Designation update** –Tammy First reported that there are 113 designated hospitals, 8 visits are scheduled, 4 facilities are in que awaiting scheduling for initial site visits.
- **Facilities in queue** – Eileen noted a letter was sent out to those facilities that had not indicated their intention to participate in the verification/designation process they were asked to respond by COB September 5th, Sheridan Community Hospital in Region 6 did not reply by the deadline that they intended to participate.

Data Report:

- **Ongoing transition prep** –Jill Jean reported that the Section has received data from all facilities for 2nd quarter reporting. The Section is just beginning to start validation and get the data ready for the Regional Inventory reports. Work continues with Biospatial on the buildout. With the help of Val Gingrich and registry staff from Munson an upload of a small data set was successfully tested in the Biospatial dev site. Kelly Burns asked about partial submissions and how they are dealt with. Currently there is not a policy regarding this as long as they are submitting. Jill reaches out to the individual facilities to verify the submission number to look at accuracy of data uploaded. Most of the time it is an educational issue and Jill makes sure people know how to avoid the issue in the future. If the numbers submitted are low Jill verifies the numbers are really that small for that quarter. Occasionally with new software upgrades there is a delay in submission.
- **MTQIP Statistical Summary July 2025** – The State of Michigan Trauma System Report Statistical Summary was discussed. Eileen noted that the census total for those injured ages 65-84+ was 33,367 and <16-64 was 23,642 a difference of almost 10,000 (9,725). The mortality rate for penetrating injury was 16%, shock 23%, and hemorrhage 40%. These numbers show the importance of following the prehospital blood discussion and its potential impact. Amy asked if the state could look at these numbers, can we look at EMS vs. POV with these numbers. POV numbers have been increasing 2015-2.3% and 2024- 8.8%. ED LOS over the past 10 years has increased 4.3 hours to 9.1 hours.

SOC update:

- **SOC Advisory Committees (stroke and STEMI)** An In-person meeting is being planned for March 2026 there has been a pause on the fall SOC advisory committee meeting in order to prepare for the in-person meeting. The plan for the in-person meeting in March is to be able to really be able to provide stroke and STEMI an insight into how the networks function and how they will begin to get their regional work up and running.
    - **Data** – good conversation with AHA on the data work we are doing and an early discussion about next steps.
    - **Planning for 2026** – There was a question about a timeline for STEMI and Stroke to apply for designation this will be included in the application and regional org chart.

New Business:

- Strategic Plan 2024-2029 report December: Eileen will present on the progress related to the strategic plan objectives at the December meeting. The Michigan Trauma System Annual report will be presented at the February STAC meeting.
- Staff update: Unit Manager interviews are complete, and the position is in process.
- 2026 Meeting schedule: the 2026STAC meeting schedule was sent out to the committee there were no comments or changes needed.
- Regional Reports: these were sent to the committee prior to the meeting. Eileen noted the regions are doing really great work. The annual regional reports will be available for the committee to review prior to the February 2026 meeting.
- Prehospital Blood Summit-Dec 4th, 2025: the committee was sent the information on this summit. This is of particular importance to trauma and how it will impact patients and outcomes. It is important for MCA Medical Directors to be there. The group is still challenged to get the blood banks on board with this project. It is expensive, and the agencies will have to cover the cost.

The next STAC meeting will be held Tuesday December 2, 2025, 2025, from 9:00-11: a.m. at 1001 Terminal Rd. Lansing