

Maine EMS Trauma Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Present: Chris Paré, Anna Moses, Tammy Lachance, James Curtis, Pete Tilney, Joanne Lebrun, Kristen Sihler, Harry Grimmnitz, Regen Gallagher, Geno Murray, Gail Ross, Brad Boehringer, Julie Ontengco, David Burke, Thomas Judge, Nicole Breton, Samuel Schaub, Amy Fenwick, PJ Bourke, Matt Sholl, Pret Bjorn.

Staff: Rick Petrie

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Called to order at 12:35; Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Geno Murray. The confidentiality policy was stated by Geno, and the confidentiality statement was circulated for signature.	None
Minutes of July 2016	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.	Motion to approve (Burke/Lachance). All in Favor. Approved.
Case Review (EMMC)	Pret reviewed EMMC data on length of time trauma patients spent in the local hospital ED before being transferred to the Trauma Center. - EMMC saw an increase in the time spent in the local ED between 2010 and 2016. (30 minutes). - Reviewed the factors affecting transfer time: - Resources - Time of day, mos, year - Injury variability - Skill mix - RTC responsiveness - Average number of patients were 5 severely injured patients per year per local hospital. - Reviewed EMMC education and feedback process. - Long times to transfer are held against the RTC during re-verification - Members spoke about difficulty getting through to specialists to accept patients as well as arranging transport. - Discussion about “scripting” the call to RTC as a way to expedite process as well as using the call centers as a way to both arrange for patient acceptance and transport. - Tom let the group know that there had already been some preliminary discussions between the call centers about this process	Tom Judge to update group at next meeting about the call center process.

Trauma Patient Notification	Dr. Sholl spoke about a project MMC was working on to standardize and organize the EMS trauma patient report to the hospital and that they have rolled this out to their local EMS services and RMCC committee Dr. Sihler commented that she felt communication surrounding trauma patients had improved since this program was implemented. Tammy reviewed the CMMC trauma notification process, and Pret reviewed the process for EMMC. Both felt their systems worked well and supported the standardization of the procedure. There was also a discussion about the actual hand-off procedure and ways to improve that communication. The group discussed the possibility of developing an education program and posting it to MEMSEd, which the group thought was a good idea.	Consensus to develop a standardized trauma report with an educational program posted to MEMSRR. Matt will speak with Don Sheets to establish next steps.
Trauma Coordinators	Tammy Lachance reminded everyone that the 2016 MCOT conference will be November 9, 2016. We currently have 60 registrants and need to spread the word about the conference to increase participation. EMMC- Received their re-verification notice, and are now up to 7 surgeons on staff. MMC – Received the dates for their re-verification site visit (Early February), so they will be busy preparing for that visit. They have added 2 new surgeons to their staff. CMMC – Also was successful with their re-verification. Their goal now is to reduce their reliance on locums	Informational Informational Informational Informational

	We continue to move forward with the implementation of the Statewide trauma data bank. Jon is setting up another training session for the trauma coordinators and registrars. Rick let the group know that APEMS was awarded the Trauma Manager contract, so he will remain the Trauma Manager for TAC.	Informational. Informational
Trauma Directors	The Trauma Directors are scheduled to meet after the MCOT conference at the Samoset in November. We will update the group in January	Informational
TAT/RTTD Update	We will be going to TAMC in Presque Isle November 16 for a combined RTTD/TAT, and are working with Calais, Inland, and Redington-Fairview for additional dates.	Informational
Other	Dr. Sholl let the group know that the State QI committee would like to conduct a review of spine injury management as their next statewide QI audit and was looking for input from the TAC. The group was supportive of the audit and felt it was timely. The group suggested looking at appropriate documentation of the assessment and decision making process leading to the decision to immobilize/not immobilize. They also wanted to know if the committee could review the appropriateness of the actual immobilization. Dr. Sholl also spoke of the interest in replicating the spine injury management study done by Burton et.al. in 2006. The group had a brief review/discussion about the current spinal immobilization protocol/practice.	Informational
Adjourn	Next Meeting: January 25, 2017. 12:30 – 2:30 at Maine EMS.	Meeting was adjourned at 2:20. (Judge/Grimnitz) All in Favor