



State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting

Minutes

Date/Time: January 26, 2006

Chair: Michael Rotondo, MD

Location: High Point Regional Health System
High Point, NC

Recorder: Cindy Arnold

Present:

Cape Fear Valley Medical Center

Alice Wilbur

Carolinas Medical Center

Greg Fleming

Courtney Kaylor

Jennifer Sarafin

Linda Spallone

Dennis Taylor

Michael Thomason

Cleveland Regional Medical Center

Michael Barringer

Denise Reid

Betsy Tesseneer

Duke University Medical Center

Carolyn Foley

Claudia McCormick

Ginger Wilkins

Ginger Williams

High Point Regional Health System

Douglas Blazek

David Fisher

Shawn Griffin

Margaret Speas

Mission Hospitals

Leanne Adams

Kim Brow

Mark Johnson

Kelli Moore

Sandy Rinehart

Errington Thompson

Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital

Ronnie Brown

Sandra Huffine

Jennifer Kinton-Bailey

Leigha Shepler

Cheryl Workman

NC CEP

Robert Schafermeyer

NC Office of EMS

Sharon Rhyne

New Hanover Regional Medical Center

Brenda Harrington

Marylou Moeller

NorthEast Medical Center

Lea Ann Amerson

Sonya Miller

Piedmont Regional Trauma System

Gail Kluttz

UHS of Eastern Carolina

Cindy Arnold

MeLinda Bartlett

Kip Clemmons

Lois Moore

Michael F. Rotondo

Scott Sagraves

PJ Schenarts

Bonnie Snyder

Tammy Spain

Eric Toschlog

Jamie Walker

Anne Wilkerson

Central Data Collection Agency

Annette O'Dell

Sharon Schiro

UNC Health Care System

Josh Fox

Christine Ogden

Chip Rich

Michele Rudisill

Wake Forest Univ. Baptist Medical Center

Barbara Bisset

Lisa Brown

Brenda Grizzelle

Linda Kalafut

Kathy McCoy

Dianne Wheaton

WakeMed

Jennifer Cheetham-Smart

Debra Petrarca

Ed Rutherford

Sylvia Scholl

Betsy Sullivan

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Michael F. Rotondo called the meeting to order and new members were recognized. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC) minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting to be approved.

Subject: NC American Trauma Society

Discussion: Trauma Survivors Network, an initiative developed to assist trauma survivors in their road to recovery, is being piloted by Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. RACs will continue to be utilized to increase ATS membership. Grant applications are being accepted through February 28 for awards up to \$1000 each. Awards will be granted to programs and services that impact injury prevention, facilitate public trauma education, promote improved trauma care, or contribute to trauma research. More information is available at www.ncats.org. Presenters for 2006 Emergency Medicine Today conference are being solicited. See www.ncems.org for more information. Jason Schwebach has been elected as President of the NC Air Medical Association and Dennis Taylor has been elected as Vice President. A meeting with the National Traffic Safety Board will be held today to review guidelines. A strategic planning conference has been scheduled to address current safety concerns.

Subject: NC Committee on Trauma

Discussion: Research Committee continues with development of prospective and retrospective studies. Committee will identify representative for the Publications Committee. Education Committee is soliciting abstracts for upcoming Resident Paper Competition. Chip Rich is leading this endeavor. The NC COT will be the sponsoring facility for the upcoming NC American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting to be held in Myrtle Beach and plans are being made for coordination of this event. Trauma Systems Development Committee is focusing on development of a streamlined process for combined visits for ACS verification and NC Office of EMS designation. Emergency Services – Prehospital Committee is in the process of completing trauma care and cardiothoracic care toolkits for EMS providers. Legislative Committee continues to focus on nationwide concern for trauma legislation. A meeting was called by the American College of Surgeons to strategize a way to get a trauma system bill in legislation process for 2007. The Finance/Audit Committee has been formed and will audit all financial transactions for the NC COT. John Fildes has been elected as Chairman for the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

Subject: Trauma System Leadership Committee

Discussion: Performance Improvement Committee reported on progress. Web site, www.nctraumacenters.org, is now operational. Advertisements on sides of busses will soon be implemented.

Subject: Trauma Registrars

Discussion: Lois Moore was elected Vice Chairman of the committee. Datapoint Education session was held on January 25. Symposium is scheduled for May 17 in Chapel Hill. Committee is reviewing grant-funding opportunities for educational initiatives. Anticipate follow up from Phase II validation by April.

Subject: Central Data Collection Agency

Discussion: Data dictionary is in the process of being updated. NTRACS currently holds 210,000 records and ISSAC currently holds 750,000 records. 25 sites have agreed to participate in ISSAC with 17 currently reporting data.

Subject: NC Office of EMS

Discussion: Sharon Rhyne reported that there are three vacancies in the Office of EMS. Invoices for trauma registry will be mailed within the week. The National Trauma Foundation will be conducting a survey of Level I and Level II centers to assess preparedness for blast injuries. Site visit is scheduled for Wake Med in January.

Subject: EMS Advisory Council

Discussion: The Trauma Systems Task Force has prioritized recommendations from the ACS visit. Discussions were held as to whether we should be a voluntary system. The Task Force realizes this affects more than just the trauma centers of NC.

Subject: Other Business

Discussion: Michael Thomason will lead a meeting to discuss development of a strong process for combined visits, merging strengths from both the ACS and the NC Office of EMS. He also noted a recent article in *New England Journal of Medicine* reporting 25% reduction in mortality for trauma centers vs. non-trauma centers.

