

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY  
BOARD**

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board Strategic Planning Session was called to order by Dr. Emily Cantrell, Board Chairperson, at 10:37a.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023. The meeting was held at Bryan LGH West Campus in Lincoln. Copies of the agenda were emailed in advance to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, and posted on the Department of Health and Human Services website on April 07, 2023.

Dr. Cantrell announced that this is a public meeting, and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

**ROLL CALL**

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- Dr. Zachary Bauman
- Tami Bokelman
- Dr. Emily Cantrell
- Jill Coddington
- Dr. Chad Duval
- Mackenzie Gasper
- Dr. Angela Hanna
- Marcia Harmon
- Dr. Rommie Hughes
- Renae Jacobson
- Sandra Kirchner
- Dr. Eric Kuncir
- Jessica Lee
- Katie Pierce
- Karen Saxton
- Dr. Alesha Scott
- Dr. William T. Sorrell
- Lori Spohr
- Ben Tysor
- Dr. David Voigt
- Mindy Walters

The following Board members were absent: Mike Bailey, Dr. Rick Fermelia, Kyle Kellum, Shana Romero, and Susan Wilson.

The following staff members from the Department were also present during all or part of the meeting:

- Tonja Bohling
- Alex Hartzell
- Diane Schoch
- Wendy Snodgrass
- Sharon Steele
- Edith Titamoh
- Tim Wilson
- Sherri Wren

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Sorrell made the motion, seconded by Kirchner, to adopt the agenda for the April 17, 2023, State Trauma Advisory Board Strategic Planning Session.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Bokelman, Cantrell, Coddington, Duval, Gasper, Hanna, Harmon, Hughes, Jacobson, Kirchner, Kuncir, Lee, Pierce, Saxton, Scott, Sorrell, Spohr, Tysor, Voigt, and Walters. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bailey, Fermelia, Kellum, Romero, and S. Wilson. Motion carried.

These minutes have been approved by the  
State Trauma Advisory Board on  
August 18, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Gasper made the motion, seconded by Hanna, to approve the January 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Bokelman, Cantrell, Coddington, Duval, Gasper, Hanna, Harmon, Hughes, Jacobson, Kirchner, Kuncir, Lee, Pierce, Saxton, Scott, Sorrell, Spohr, Tysor, Voigt, and Walters. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bailey, Fermelia, Kellum, Romero, S. Wilson. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM: Office of Emergency Health Systems Program Updates**

All OEHS Program updates were provided in the handouts. Sherri Wren gave additional updates. Kyle Kellum was appointed as Hospital Administrator last Friday. Laken Vrbas' term expired, and Pete Festersen and Craig Reutlinger rotated off the board. Due to Festersen and Reutlinger rotating off there are two board vacancies that will be posted. One for the Level 3 or 4 Physician and one for the Level 3 or 4 Advanced Practitioner. Wren will also be scheduling Osceola and Valentine for visits. The Reviewer Pool is doing better with people being available to go on visits. The reviewer pool is always open. If anyone is not in the reviewer pool and would like to be, let Sherri Wren know and she will get you the application and connect you to the website. As of Friday, Wren finished up the Public Health Block Grant application and \$60,000 was applied for, double the amount from last year. She should hear back by June 2023 if we get any of that money. This money goes toward nursing leadership, training for the registry, and classes.

**AGENDA ITEM: Regional Updates**

Regional updates were given orally.

- Region 1 PI Committee update given by Dr. Kuncir and Katie Pierce. Their PI Committee meeting was about three weeks ago. Regional Meetings are getting scheduled for next year. Karen Saxton reported for Children's. A Pediatric Trauma Course – Pediatric Trauma Process Team of Care is available as an in-person class on September 18, 2023. Additional dates will be sent out once the official flier comes out.
- Region 2 PI Committee update was given by Mackenzie Gasper. The next Region 2 PI Committee meeting is being scheduled. Bryan Hospital passed the ACS Level 2 verification visit. She also introduced Dr. Michael McCann, the new Trauma Medical Director.
- Region 3 PI Committee update was given by Dr. Sorrell and Renae Jacobson. There will be four hospitals that will be designated in 2023. The next Regional PI meeting will be June 7, 2023. This will be a hybrid meeting (in-person & zoom). CHI Good Samaritan, Kearney, Great Plains Regional, North Platte, and Grand Island Regional Medical Center have trauma designation visits coming up. There are also several TNCC classes are being held in upcoming months and an Emergency Services and Trauma Conference are planned.
- Region 4 PI Committee update was given by Dr. Hughes. The next PI meeting is to be determined. The first Trauma Conference for Mid-Level Providers was held. There will be a Zoo Safety Safari in June.
- Data/QA Committee update was given by Coddington. Tim Wilson and Andrew Ngochoch are continuing work on the back-end mapping of the registry within ImageTrend. Education will be coming out on ImageTrend as far as a networking group. There will also be education coming out to go along with a grant that will be complete sometime in September. Tim Wilson commented regarding questions on requesting data and data accuracy brought up by Dr. Bauman. This is currently being worked on to make sure that when all the data is imported it is mapping correctly and at this point it needs to be sent to a third-party vendor for review. When going through the actual trauma form there were errors, discrepancies and questions that are not relevant to the data being reviewed. Eventually a new form will need to be created with correct elements. Until we get the third-party vendors review completed, the data will be inaccurate. Bauman also requested the easiest way to get data. Tim Wilson said there is a form

that can be sent out to board members to request data. Trauma Quality Improvement (TQIP) data was also brought up by Dr. Hughes and a discussion was held about this data. Bauman suggested a TQIP presentation be put on the agenda for the next meeting along with a needs assessment to see what each region needs. It was also brought up that this topic would be good to discuss in the strategic planning session.

- Designation Committee update was given by Saxton. This committee met in January, 2023. The work of the committee includes:
  - 1) Refining chart templates for physician review
  - 2) Developing better strategies to pull EMS data
  - 3) Discussing that the state be more responsible for pulling data for the hospitals to input into their applications
  - 4) Reviewed the regulation clarification document and passed it along to Tim Wilson to take for legal review before being uploaded onto the website

The committee is also working on the PI toolkit to help basic level hospitals with their PI process. The committee activities will be discussed at an annual meeting of this committee at the in-person October Trauma Board Meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM: LB765 Update**

Tim Wilson gave an update on LB765. Due to the filibustering, LB765 is not a priority bill in this legislative session and will need to be attached to a “Christmas Tree” bill to get it passed. There was an attempt to attach LB765 to LB227. Tim Wilson is continuing to watch this bill. Contact with Senators may be needed to get bills attached to another bill and pushed through.

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Reschedule October Meeting**

Wren announced the October meeting is rescheduled to Friday, November 17, 2023. This is an in-person meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Strategic Planning Session**

The Board engaged in strategic planning session facilitated by Catherine Plumlee Strategic Plan Manager with DHHS. This Strategic Plan is a work in progress and will result in an ongoing strategic planning process. The process includes:

- Review of statutes
- Discussion of where we are
- Brainstorming for visioning
- Gaps missing
- Mechanisms already in place
- Action plan

The vision and goals reflect the important opportunities, challenges and needs of Trauma in Nebraska today and in the coming years. The planning process will be ongoing. The document will continue to evolve and change as work is accomplished and more is learned. The following are some areas to focus on in the next 12 months as a result of actions:

- Financials to support improvement
- Quality trauma care matrix
- Trauma information highway
- Legislation outreach
- Statewide education
- Gaps

A draft of the discussion points, committees and priorities will be sent out to the Board for review and are available on request. Dr. Bauman asked that the committee's activities be a standing agenda item on every future board meeting agenda. It was requested that the status of the Trauma Program's current budget be provided at the next meeting.

Duval left meeting at 12:01pm

Scott left meeting at 1:30pm

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comments**

None.

**CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. by Dr. Emily Cantrell.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonja Bohling  
EHS Administrative Technician