

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

Friday, August 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The virtual meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board was called to order by Dr. Emily Cantrell, Board Chairperson, at 10:33 a.m. on 8/16/2024. The meeting was held via Zoom. 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 the week prior to the meeting. Dr. Cantrell announced the location of an available copy of the Open Meetings Act within the room.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- Dr. Zachary Bauman
- Dr. Emily Cantrell
- Jill Coddington
- Dr. Chad Duval
- Mackenzie Gasper
- Marcia Harmon
- Renae Jacobson
- Kyle Kellum
- Sandra Kirchner
- Jozef Kuehn
- Dr. Eric Kuncir
- Jessica Lee
- Dr. Richard Malyszek
- Katie Pierce
- Scott Reifschneider
- Dr. William T. Sorrell
- Lori Terryberry-Spohr
- Dr. David Voigt
- Mindy Walters
- Dr. Abdalla Zarroug

The following Board members were absent:

- Mike Bailey
- Tami Bokelman
- Ashley Farrens
- Dr. Rommie Hughes
- Shana Romero
- Dr. Alesha Scott
- Susan Wilson

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

- Tonja Bohling
- Christy Duryea
- Michelle Eutsler
- Alex Hartzell
- Darla Hopwood
- Carol Jorgensen
- Bruce Meier
- Becka Neumiller
- Diane Schoch
- Wendy Snodgrass
- Tim Wilson
- Sherri Wren

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

10:38 a.m. Ashley Farrens joined the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Walters made the motion, seconded by Pierce, to adopt the agenda for the 8/16/2024 State Trauma Advisory Board meeting.

These minutes have been approved by the
State Trauma Advisory Board on
11/18/2024.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Coddington, Duval, Farrens, Gasper, Harmon, Jacobson, Kellum, Kirchner, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, Malyszczek, Pierce, Reifschneider, Sorrell, Terryberry-Spohr, Voigt, and Walters. Voting No: None. Abstain: Zarroug. Absent: Bailey, Bokelman, Hughes, Romero, Scott, and S. Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Harmon made the motion, seconded by Gasper, to approve the minutes of the 4/15/2024 meeting.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Coddington, Duval, Farrens, Gasper, Harmon, Jacobson, Kellum, Kirchner, Kuncir, Lee, Pierce, Reifschneider, Sorrell, Terryberry-Spohr, Voigt, and Walters. Voting No: None. Abstain: Kuehn, Malyszczek, and Zarroug. Absent: Bailey, Bokelman, Hughes, Romero, Scott, and S. Wilson. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Cantrell introduced renewed board members Lori Terryberry-Spohr, Rehabilitation Representative and Dr. Rommie Hughes, Region 4 Trauma Medical Director. Both are reappointed to another three-year term. She also introduced new board members Dr. Richard Malyszczek from Valentine, Rural Emergency Medicine Provider from a Level 3 or 4, Dr. Abdalla Zarroug from Children's Nebraska, Pediatric Trauma Specialist, and Jozef Kuehn, EMS Representative.

AGENDA ITEM: Office of Emergency Health Systems Program Updates

Program reports are provided in the handouts, submitted for Board review prior to the meeting, and were posted in the portal. There were no new updates to these reports.

- a. Licensing
- b. EMS Program
- c. Education and Training Agency Compliance
- d. Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program
- e. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Program
- f. Trauma Program
- g. Stroke/STEMI Program
- h. EHS Data Systems

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Updates

- a. Region 1 Committee – Pierce reported they had their quarterly meeting last week. They had good discussion on the TNC Conference and brought many ideas to present to the State Trauma Conference committee. The next meeting will be an in-person meeting on November 1, 2024, in Wayne, NE at Providence Medical Center. There is a new Trauma Medical Director at Children's, Dr. Thomas. Dr. Zarroug accepted a position on the Trauma Board. There are two new staff members at Nebraska Medicine: Kayla Petersen - Performance Improvement and Nick Kirkshank – Education.
- b. Region 2 Committee – Gasper reported the Region 2 Trauma Symposium will be held September 6, 2024, at Nebraska Innovation Campus. This is an in-person event.
- c. Region 3 Committee – Jacobson reported the PI committee meeting was held on May 15, 2024, and the next one will be on December 11, 2024. Jacobsen will be putting out an advertisement on this to the Regions. Their Emergency Services and Trauma Conference will be on September 20, 2024. Region 3 just did RTTDC in Imperial and Atkinson. Everyone is doing their fall ATLS and TNCC classes. They are also starting an EMTC Program.
- d. Region 4 Committee – No update.

- e. QA Committee – Coddington reported on three goals. Networking and Registry Education, Hybrid Data Dictionary, and Data Drilldown Projects. With the release of the 2025 Data Dictionary, they will be scheduling time to work on the Hybrid Data Dictionary for the Trauma portion. Completion is expected by the end of 2024 and will then be brought to the Board for approval. Participating in this are Registrars, Trauma Nurse Coordinators, Trauma Nurse reviewers, and staff from Designation Committee. They would also like to have a surgeon or medical director reviewer participating in this work. If anyone is interested let Coddington know. For networking purposes, there are monthly opportunities for education that will be held September through December. Coddington will be added these to the calendar. There will be an update with AIS15. There are opportunities for education on this AIS15 coding. The cost of these courses can be reimbursed. These courses are through Triple Aim. This is a change as of January 1, 2025. Also coming soon will be some FAQs posted to the website which will list certified AIS coders, ICD10 coders, and a contact list to include Trauma Nurse coordinators and registry. The last goal on the Data Drilldown, the subcommittee just met and are putting together some reports. There are some ImageTrend sites helping to create the reports so Sharon can run those reports. They are waiting on approval for a few things for the data, i.e., demographics, and specifically zip code data.
- f. Designation Committee – Jacobson reported they met twice. A couple of projects they are working on are the PI Toolkit. This will be loaded into the State's ShareFile for TNC's to use for PI, for policies, for getting ready for designation, etc. There is a group working on the Advanced Level PRQ to match the new regulations. This Committee has also created a new document to be included in the designation kit that the TNC would send to EMS to invite them to their visit. A list of expectations and resources for reviewers will be created by this committee. This Committee has also made updates to the Clarifications Document. This will be in the packet in November for the Board to review. Pierce went over the PI Toolkit in the ShareFile. Diane Schoch can get people access to the PI Toolkit in the ShareFile.
- g. Financials to Support Improvement Committee – No update.
- h. Trauma Information Highway Committee – Jacobson reported this committee has not met since the last meeting. The Committee is aware of changes needing to be done on the website. Once the ShareFile is up and current this will be a great asset.
- i. Quality Trauma Care Matrix Committee – Harmon reported this committee has not met since the last meeting and there are no updates.
- j. Legislation Outreach Committee – Cantrell reported this committee has not met due to the pause in legislation but should pick back up again soon. Wilson reminded everyone that the Legislature is in special session for Property Tax Relief but as of now none of the Legislative Bills impact any Trauma funds. The Fifty Cents For Life Fund was not raised, but funds equivalent to the increase that was being asked for will be pulled from another cash fund through Game and Parks. Bauman commented on the motorcycle helmet law and asked for data from various areas. Discussion was held regarding data and the impact to trauma from the No Helmet Law. Wren proposed putting Bauman in contact with the Peg Ogea-Ginsburg, with the DHHS Prevention Program, as they work predominantly with this legislation. T. Wilson suggested the Board may want to consider putting out an official position statement if something gets introduced in the next legislative session. He will also connect with the TBI group regarding getting data on this. Curtis Olson commented about looking at mortality and morbidity statistics during the first year without helmets. Nebraska Safety will be the lead on this. Reach out to Dr. Bauman, Dr. Curtis, and Dr. Cantrell if interested in organizing a group to work on this topic of getting data from the enactment of the No Helmet Law.
- k. Statewide Education Committee – Kirchner reported this committee was working on statewide case reviews, with the first one to be in July, however this was put on hold due to Dr. Hanna leaving the Board. Farrens offered to help in lieu of Dr. Hanna's vacancy on this Committee. Cantrell also asked if anyone else is interested in participating on the Statewide Education Committee they should reach out to Kirchner.

AGENDA ITEM: Trauma Program Update

Wren gave updates on the Trauma Program. The Department has been working on Draft Regulation updates. Wren and Schoch have been working with several hospitals that are looking at becoming designated as Trauma Centers. Schuyler, Fairbury, Plainview, and Cozad. Work has also been moving forward with allocating new grant funding to the Trauma Symposium. The date is being slated. This year's funding through the grant has almost been used up as the grant year ends. Reviewers are doing well. The ShareFile has been set up to put information and tools into. The Board documents will be put in there for Board members to access and review prior to meetings.

AGENDA ITEM: Statewide Trauma System Medical Director/Trauma Symposium Update

Dr. Bauman reported the Trauma Symposium will be held in Lincoln on July 24-25, 2025. They received grant money for this event. The planning committee is being created. Please start advertising the Symposium. He mentioned they would like to have a Senator or two be present and speak at the Trauma Symposium.

The Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ) is under way for the American College of Surgeons with a reverification next month. The College of Surgeons says the State of Nebraska needs a good plan for the process of hand and finger reimplantation. Nebraska does not have a good system for these types of reimplantation. Nebraska needs to create a written protocol for how to get reimplantation patients to their designated location as quickly as possible. The goal is to create a protocol/pathway on reimplantation and bring it to the Board for approval at the next meeting. Discussion was held. A list will be generated of centers that do reimplantation that are certified on a regular basis. Lee will share with Dr. Bauman, Children's document that has a listing of centers that are dedicated hand/finger reimplantation providers in the area.

AGENDA ITEM: TQIP Collaborative

Pierce presented the TQIP Collaborative Report (see attached PowerPoint).

AGENDA ITEM: Rehabilitation Designation

Terryberry-Spohr reported this group has not met since meeting with Sherri Wren. The next step is to get together with the 13 trauma centers and get contact information, discuss criteria, and interest in moving forward with application for rehabilitation designation.

AGENDA ITEM: Trauma Draft Regulations

T. Wilson reviewed for new members the Trauma Draft Regulations process. The Department is currently completing the drafting phase of Trauma Regulations. The next phase will be the approval phase. In this phase Department Legal will look through it.

T. Wilson went through the changes to the Draft Trauma Regulations (see attached Regulations changes document). The following additional changes were noted: In Section 004.05 Trauma Centers Criteria Chart, Heading Orthopedic surgery must meet the following, Item c. add the word "and" so it reads, "Meet all criteria established by the hospital's trauma director; **and**". Also under same section, under the heading Emergency department must meet the following, Item f. add a space between the words "are" and "in". And the last additional change in the same section, under the heading Operating room must include, "Personnel, including general surgeon response for highest level trauma team activations" change spelling from "response" to "response".

MOTION: Bauman made the motion, seconded by Lee, to approve the Draft Trauma Regulations changes including the above proofreading changes.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Coddington, Duval, Farrens, Gasper, Harmon, Jacobson, Kellum, Kirchner, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, Malyszek, Pierce, Reifschneider, Sorrell, Terryberry-Spohr, Voigt, Walters,

and Zarroug. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bailey, Bokelman, Hughes, Romero, Scott, and S. Wilson. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: DHHS Block Grant Funding

Wren gave an update on the Grant Funding. The Program received \$89,000 for the DHHS Block Grant for the year starting October 2024 running through September 2025. Please send any ideas on how to spend this funding to Sherri Wren.

AGENDA ITEM: Next Meeting Date

Dr. Cantrell reminded everyone that the next meeting will be an in-person meeting in Kearney on November 18, 2024.

She also put out the following 2025 tentative meeting dates:

January 10 or 13 (ZOOM)

April 11 or 14 (IN-PERSON)

August 15 or 18 (ZOOM)

November 14 or 17 (IN-PERSON)

T. Wilson, Wren, and Cantrell will finalize these dates, with preference being given to Fridays. For the in-person meetings, one of these will be scheduled in Lincoln and the other one in Kearney. Renae Jacobson was solicited to help schedule the meeting in Kearney.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comments

None.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m. by Dr. Cantrell.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonja Bohling
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