

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

January 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board was called to order by Dr. Emily Cantrell, Board Chairperson, at 10:34 am, on Friday, January 12, 2024, virtually. 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 on 01/09/2024.

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- Mike Bailey
- Dr. Zachary Bauman
- Tami Bokelman
- Dr. Emily Cantrell
- Jill Coddington
- Mackenzie Gasper
- Marcia Harmon
- Renae Jacobson
- Kyle Kellum
- Sandra Kirchner
- Jessica Lee
- Katie Pierce
- Scott Reifschneider
- Dr. William T. Sorrell
- Mindy Walters
- Susan Wilson

The following Board members were absent: Dr. Chad Duval, Dr. Angela Hanna, Dr. Rommie Hughes, Dr. Eric Kuncir, Shana Romero, Dr. Alesha Scott, Lori Terryberry-Spohr, and Dr. David Voigt.

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

- Tonja Bohling
- Michell Eutsler
- Alex Hartzell
- Juliann Lanphier-Willson, *DHHS Attorney*
- Diane Schoch
- Sharon Steele
- Tim Wilson
- Sherri Wren

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

10:37am *Dr. Angela Hanna joined the meeting.*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Bailey made the motion, seconded by Sorrell, to adopt the agenda for the 1/12/2024 State Trauma Advisory Board meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Pierce made the motion, seconded by S. Wilson, to approve the minutes of the 11/17/2023 meeting.

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

These minutes have been approved by the
State Trauma Advisory Board on
4/15/2024.

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.

- a. EMS Program: Nothing new added – see attachment A in agenda packet.
- b. Education and Training Agency Compliance: Nothing new added – see attachment A in agenda packet.
- c. Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program: Nothing new added – see attachment A in agenda packet.
- d. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Program: Nothing new added – see attachment A in agenda packet.
- e. Trauma Program: Wren gave an update on LB 1108. This bill was introduced in this Legislative session. It is sponsored by Senator Dorn and proposes an increase to the Fifty Cents for Life Fund from \$0.50 to \$1.00. T. Wilson also commented, now that this legislation has been introduced, the Trauma Board's Legislative Outreach Committee can submit support or opinion to the legislative committee for that bill when it is time for a hearing. He also added the Governor is in support of this bill. There was also another bill introduced with LB1085 that could indirectly impact the Trauma Program. This bill would separate DHHS out into three divisions: Developmental Disabilities, Children & Family Services, and Public Health. The Department will keep the Board updated on this bill as it progresses.
- f. Stroke/STEMI Program: Nothing new added – see attachment A in agenda packet.
- g. EHS Data Systems: Nothing new added – see attachment A in agenda packet.

10:45am

Dr. Eric Kuncir joined the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Updates

- a. Region 1 Committee – Pierce reported a new Trauma Program manager, Ashley Farrens, at Nebraska Medicine. The Region 1 Trauma Symposium was moved to June and added an opportunity for any discipline (student, nursing, ancillary services, etc.) at any trauma center to submit an abstract for either a poster or a very short podium presentation to share the great work they are doing related to Trauma. Pierce will send out to Wren to send out.
- b. Region 2 Committee – None
- c. Region 3 Committee – Jacobson reported the Region 3 Committee met in December. 2024 scheduling dates for Trauma classes were shared. One RTTDC class is scheduled and three are looking for dates. There are a couple of new TNCs in the region. No one is up for designation next year.
- d. Region 4 Committee – S. Wilson reported the certification classes calendar just came out yesterday for the whole year – 5 ENPCs, 4 TNCCs, 3 ATLS. She will get those dates shared through the state calendar. Region 4 Trauma Symposium will be in September 2024. A final date will be determined on Monday and S. Wilson will get this information out and a "Save the date" to everyone as soon as it is decided.
- e. QA Committee – Coddington reported they met earlier this week and came up with three goals: 1) Work on a Data Dictionary 2) investigate the Hybrid Data Dictionary 3) Registry Networking in Education. Once these goals are done, they will move into the more of the data drill down. Lunch & Learn Educations have been scheduled. The first one is on Jan 26 – Patient Inclusion for the Trauma Registry. The next one is on Feb 23 – Q&A at the start with additional topics (the topic will be sent out soon). Bryan Hospital is doing education specific to ImageTrend on March 14 from 12:00 (Noon) – 4:00pm at Bryan and April 18 from 1:00pm – 5:00 at North Platte. There are seats for 30 people. Registration is required for both trainings. The link will be sent out for registering for these classes. There is a meeting next week on the Dictionary. February 12, 2024 at 10:00am is the next QA Committee meeting.
- f. Designation Committee – Jacobson reported they will be meeting on January 19, 2024. They revamped the membership to include anyone who is a reviewer. Emails were sent out to

members of the committee who were not reviewers before this change informing them of this change. They can continue to be part of this committee if they want. The Designation Committee has been tasked by the Trauma Information Committee to look at the Clarification Document as they will be adding to it at the next meeting. If anyone else has a request, just let the committee know.

- g. Financials to Support Improvement Committee – Pierce update they are trying to get a report that is what everyone wants. This is a work in progress. Coddington added the Iowa report came out and they are working with Iowa on a needs assessment on how to get a similar report done for Nebraska. The Committee will look at moving this forward with grants later.
- h. Quality Trauma Care Matrix Committee – Harmon reported they will be meeting on January 31, 2024. They will finalize the survey Harmon has been working on and get it out. Once this is done, they will start to look at the differences between the services where feedback is not being received to have that quality continuous.
- i. Trauma Information Highway Committee – Jacobson reported this committee had meetings on Dec. 8, 2023 and Jan. 10, 2024. The current project is to look at the State Trauma Website and review and refine the things that are on there so it can serve as a hub for sharing information. The following changes were recommended and will be sent to T. Wilson: expanding the contact list for the Designated Hospitals, review of the Approved Trauma Education Form was delegated to the Designation Committee, revising the attachments that are under the Trauma Registry Resources and the TQIP Collaborative Reports, removing the old education and adding new ones, updating the board members list, sharing the Clarification Document, and expand the Pediatric Tool Kit to include rural and adult.
- j. Legislation Outreach Committee – Kuncir reported they met with the EMS Board Legislative Committee, including Dr. Smith and a couple other members. From that meeting the Legislation Outreach Committee has an invitation to a sit-down breakfast on Tuesday with the Nebraska Firefighters Association. The EMS Board has had meetings with the Governor regarding increasing the Fifty Cents for Life Fund from \$0.50 to \$1.00. Cantrell added Mike Bailey, also on the EMS Board Legislative Committee, will be assigned to the Trauma Board Legislation Outreach Committee as well. There are opportunities to meet with lobbyists and Legislators at a breakfast next week. The Legislation Outreach Committee was reminded they have authority to speak with government officials about the Trauma System funding issues. Bauman commented on getting data to provide to Senators that shows the benefits of the Trauma System. T. Wilson responded that the Legislative Outreach Committee should determine what metrics to pull from the state registry, and the Department can pull data and add some from the registries.
- k. Statewide Education Committee – Dr. Hanna reported they are working on a quarterly Statewide Educational Conference, sending invites to all the hospitals, including a cooperative case series where, on a rotating basis, cases can be presented and leaning can come from each other. Some concerns had been voice about HIPPA violations. Kirchner added the first case will come in the next month or so. The initial case series will start with a case scenario from Children's Hospital and one from Bryan. Pierce brought up the protection of PI, not HIPPA, and peer review work as a concern. T. Wilson deferred this question to Department Legal. Discussion was held. Lanphier-Willson will check with the HIPPA Compliance Team and send information back to T. Wilson. Pierce will send the statute numbers to Lanphier-Willson so she can make sure peer review work is also protected.

AGENDA ITEM: Trauma Program Update

Update given in OEHS Program Updates – Agenda Item #4.

AGENDA ITEM: Statewide Trauma System Medical Director Update

Dr. Bauman spoke on having a Statewide Symposium in 2025. The group met earlier in the week. It was suggested Wren write a grant for \$60, 000-80,000 to be submitted in April, accepted/denied in June/July. It was suggested a planning committee plan for a Statewide Symposium in September or October of

2025, forgoing all regional trauma symposiums that year. Dr. Sidwell in Iowa was referred to since IA does this every other year. They have been doing this since 2019. They usually have 500-800 people attend a two-day event. There are classes offered the first day (ASID, DMAP, TNCC, ATLS, etc.) The second day they bring in keynote speakers. They have different tracks, provider track, nurse track, prehospital, etc. Registration is \$75.00 with the remainder being offset with money from the state trauma department/state government. This may be offset by grant money. This would be a good opportunity to get DHHS, Senators, Legislators, etc. involved and hosted in Lincoln. It was suggested it could be held every other year and thus hold off Regional Trauma Symposiums those years and have people help on the Statewide Symposium. Iowa has about 15 people on their planning committee. If everyone agrees to proceed with a Statewide Symposium, Dr. Bauman will work with coordinating a planning committee. CME credit can be obtained through an educational institution/hospital like UNMC, Children's Hospital, Bryan Hospital, Creighton University, etc. Dr. Bauman will send out to the Board members the 2022 Iowa's State Trauma Symposium Brochure. EMS holds two EMS Statewide Conferences yearly, a three-day conference in July and a two-day conference in March. One is done by The Nebraska EMS Association. and one done by the Statewide EMS Conference; both are supplemented financially by the Department. Discussion was held.

T. Wilson will have Wren write into the grant to maintain the \$60,000 amount and/or increase it from there. S. Wilson gave her support to move forward with setting up a planning committee. It was also suggested to set up a contract with one of the universities to be the lead and have them plan the Symposium and handle the CME credits. Bauman will send Board members the IA brochure to look at. Bauman will work with Wren on getting a planning committee started. Please let Dr. Bauman know if you are interested in helping on the planning committee.

AGENDA ITEM: Rehab Designation

Bokelman asked how for clarification on how designation of rehab. centers across the state works (the application process, data collection components, etc.). Wren and T. Wilson answered it is required by statute but is not being done at this time. The timeline for moving forward is unclear. There are about 13 hospitals with a rehabilitation component that fall under these requirements. Once these centers are designated there is a data collection component that is required of them. T. Wilson and Wren will do an internal strategy session and will bring a report to the next board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Draft Regulations

The draft regulations were sent out prior to the meeting in the agenda packet for review by the Board. The committee has been meeting regularly over the last few months to make updates and edits. These are being proposed to the board for review. The draft regulations may not be ready to move forward for board approval. Another meeting may be needed due to questions and some issues that came up. The following may need to be looked at: 1) Peer review requirement for neurosurgeon at the basic level as a requirement for the basic trauma centers and 2) Peer review requirement for an orthopedic surgeon.

Coddington reported the QA Committee met on Monday. A subgroup is working on the Data Dictionary/Hybrid Data Dictionary and looking at other states that are using a Hybrid. They did not find any other states that are doing a hybrid (state only data elements in a separate data dictionary). This will create more work for the critical access hospitals as they will have to look at two different dictionaries – the approved version at the time of propagation and the state dictionary – as they are doing the extractions. Data Dictionaries are out a couple of years and could cause access problems if there are delays in getting updates made and approved. This will be discussed more in a Data Dictionary Committee meeting on Wednesday. Making a copy of the dictionary available would be one solution.

Department Legal should weigh in on this topic as well, however the Trauma Board attorney, Teresa Hampton, retired in December. It was suggested to wait for a permanent Legal Counsel to be hire and new Legal Counsel assigned to this Board.

Wren and T. Wilson will join the next QA Committee meeting and then schedule one more Draft Regulatory meeting.

Lanphier-Willson offered to attend or find another attorney to attend the next Draft Regulation meeting.

The agenda item was tabled until the next Trauma Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: DHHS Block Grant Funding

Wren gave an update. There is \$60,000 funding from the DHHS Block Grant for this fiscal period. Trainings have been scheduled for the Trauma Registry and planning for the TNC Day. There have been requests for Trauma Symposiums and Registry Training for Level 1 Trauma Registrars. Send requests for education for Registry or Trauma Program Managers - Leadership Management Training, especially at the Basic Level, to Wren and she will get them approved by T. Wilson. She sent out a list of specialty classes to nurses and did not get back any requests. She also inquired about interest in PCAR and TCAR classes and only received 12 or 13 responses of interest.

AGENDA ITEM: Next Meeting Date

Dr. Cantrell reminded everyone the next meeting will be in Lincoln on Monday, April 15, 2024 and it is an in-person meeting. Venue will be decided on later. It will either be held at Bryan Hospital or at the DHHS State Office Building in downtown Lincoln.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comments

None.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am by Dr. Cantrell.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonja Bohling
OEHS Administrative Technician