

**Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems
Advisory Council (STHSAC) Meeting**

June 14, 2018, 10 a.m.

Alabama Department of Public Health
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present: Scott Harris, M.D., William Crawford, M.D., Jeffrey Kerby, M.D.,
Sidney Brevard, M.D.

Members by Phone: Teresa Grimes, Ricky Howell, Vernon Johnson, Rony Najjar, M.D.,
Alzo Preyear, M.D., Sam Dean

Members Absent: Bryan Kindred

Staff Present: Stephen Wilson, Alice Floyd, Stephanie Payne, Katherine Hert, Gary Varner,
April Johnson, Chris Hutto, Karen Bishop, Lori McInerney,
Augustine Amenyah

Guests Present: Travis Parker, Nate Horsley, Michael Minor, Jon Simmons, M.D.

Guests by Phone: Denise Louthain, David Garmon, Dion Shultz, John E. Blue, II,
Angie Basham-Saif, Margo Kermon, Jim Fox

Welcome

Dr. Harris welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order. Each participant present and via phone introduced themselves.

Adoption of March 15, 2018, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2018, meeting. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Unfinished Business/Trauma System Update

Dr. Crawford provided a trauma system update. He noted that teams were in the process of completing site surveys for Level I and Level II trauma centers. Erlanger Medical's site survey was completed last week for recertification for their adult program and a new certification visit was completed for their children's program. No issues were found to prevent them from participating in the trauma system. He advised that recommendations would be brought to the Council when the paperwork was complete.

Sacred Heart Hospital's survey was completed yesterday, during which no major issues were identified. The site visit team's recommendation to the Gulf Regional Advisory Council (RAC) would be that Sacred Heart would continue as a Level I adult and children's trauma center.

Dr. Crawford informed the Council that Baptist Hospital Pensacola's survey would be conducted June 20, 2018; Huntsville Hospital's survey would be conducted June 25, 2018; and surveys of Children's of Alabama, University of South Alabama, and North Mississippi Medical Center would be conducted in August 2018.

Dr. Crawford reported that the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) was in the process of completing the paperwork for the Trauma System Consultation scheduled in September 2018. He further stated that the trauma surgeons would review the draft Pre-Review Questionnaire following the STHSAC Meeting.

New Business/Stroke System Update

Dr. Crawford provided a report on the stroke system. Prior to the STHSAC Meeting, the Stroke Committee held a conference call to discuss large vessel occlusion and how to triage those patients for appropriate stroke center transfer. Dr. Crawford noted that additional work was needed on this issue and he was hopeful that a report would be ready for the December meeting.

A site survey was conducted at Redmond Regional Medical Center (RRMC) in Georgia. They are Joint Commission Certified as a Level II (Primary) Stroke Center. The East Alabama RAC voted to recommend RRMC to STHSAC for inclusion to the Alabama stroke system. A motion was made to approve RRMC as a Level II Stroke Center. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Dr. Crawford informed the Council that two hospitals that had been surveyed for the stroke system were not on the agenda because the paperwork was not completed until after the agenda had been distributed. Following Dr. Harris' approval of the discussion of the two hospitals, Dr. Crawford reported the following:

- Parkridge Medical Center Main Campus in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is Joint Commission Certified as a Level II (Primary) Stroke Center and receives many stroke patients from Jackson County, Alabama. No issues were found by the survey team to prevent the facility from serving as a Level II Stroke Center. Parkridge West in Jasper, Tennessee, which is located approximately 25 miles west of Chattanooga, applied as a Level III (Stroke Ready) Stroke Center. No issues were found by the survey team to prevent the facility from serving as a Level III Stroke Center. The North Region RAC voted to recommend both facilities for acceptance into the stroke system.
- Highlands Medical Center in Scottsboro, Alabama, applied as a Level III (Stroke Ready) Stroke Center and was surveyed in December 2017. The issues identified by the survey

team were addressed by the facility, therefore there were no issues to prevent the facility from joining the stroke system. The North RAC voted to recommend the facility for acceptance in the stroke system.

A motion was made to approve Parkridge Medical Center, Parkridge West, and Highlands Medical Center for participation in the stroke system. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Trauma Registry and Health Systems Report

Mr. Varner presented the Trauma Registry and Health Systems Report for January 1, 2018, to March 31, 2018, as distributed.

The data indicated West Region had zero stroke data. Dr. Crawford explained that, although the numbers were correct, the data was not an accurate representation due to hospitals likely not sending feedbacks forms for some stroke patients. Dr. Crawford further explained that the stroke numbers for the West region would increase with Bryan W. Whitfield in Demopolis being approved as a Level III Stroke Ready Hospital; and the site visit for Druid City Hospital in Tuscaloosa being scheduled for July 11, 2018, with the anticipation that they would join as a Level II Stroke Center.

Other Business

Dr. Brevard reported that following the March STHSAC Meeting, he and Dr. Kerby visited the Alabama House of Representatives to discuss the Stop the Bleed Campaign. The House passed a resolution to recognize the campaign for hemorrhage control. Dr. Brevard stated that, in light of the mass shootings, there was a need for educators and schools to bring awareness of hemorrhage control into their facilities and that this should be on the forefront for all educators and school administrators. The Alabama House recognized a Stop the Bleed Day scheduled for March 21 each year and Trauma Awareness Day. Although Drs. Brevard and Kerby hoped the Senate would approve a resolution and the Governor would sign, the Senate did not pass any resolutions. Dr. Brevard indicated he and Dr. Kerby would plan a future meeting with the Senate.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2018, at 10 a.m. in, Montgomery at The RSA Tower, Room 1586.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Signatures



Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., Chairman
Statewide Trauma and Health Systems Advisory Council



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