

**Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems  
Advisory Council (STHSAC) Meeting**  
September 26, 2019 - 10 a.m.  
Alabama Department of Public Health  
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586  
Montgomery, Alabama

**Members Present:** William Crawford, M.D., proxy for Scott Harris, M.D., Vernon Johnson

**Members by Phone:** Jon Howell, Jeffrey Kerby, M.D., proxy for Sam Dean and Rony Najjar, M.D.

**Members Absent:** Teresa Grimes, Bryan Kindred, Alzo Preyear, M.D., Jon Simmons, M.D.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Wilson, Alice Floyd, Stephanie Payne, Gary Varner,  
Lori McInerney, Gwen Massey

**Guests Present:** Michael Minor, Glenn Davis, Travis Parker, Nate Horsley, Dave White

**Guests by Phone:** John E. Blue, II, Shea Duering, M.D., Nova Francis, Denise Louthain,  
Lynn Morrison, Angela Basham-Saif

**Welcome**

In Dr. Harris' absence, Dr. Crawford welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order. Dr. Crawford introduced two new members to the Council: Jon Howell with Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Incorporated and Jon Simmons, M.D., with USA Health University Hospital. They replaced Ricky Howell and Dr. Sidney Brevard respectively.

**Adoption of June 14, 2019, Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2019, meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business / Trauma System Update**

Dr. Crawford discussed the American College of Surgeons Consultation follow-up and stated the Trauma Funding Committee lacks appointment of one final member.

St. Vincent's St. Clair was surveyed and met criteria for a Level III Stroke Center. The site visit team's recommendation was sent to the Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System Regional Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC voted to approve the recommendation and submit it to STHSAC for a vote. A motion was made to approve St. Vincent's St. Clair into the

Statewide Stroke System as a Level III Stroke Center. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Gardendale Freestanding Emergency Department (FED) applied to be a Level III Stroke Center. The Office of Emergency Medical Services and UAB FED staff will schedule a site visit.

Floyd Medical Center was surveyed for Stroke Level II and Trauma Level II on September 10, 2019. The site visit team found the criteria for both were met; a RAC vote is pending.

Evergreen Medical Center withdrew their request to enter the system as a Level III Stroke Center. They may reschedule a site visit following internal reorganization.

### **Health Systems Report**

Gary Varner presented the Trauma and Stroke Systems Report for February 1, 2019, through July 31, 2019, as distributed. Dr. Kerby requested that he be on the record as saying, "We don't know the outcome of those traumas and that is why we need a fully funded trauma system."


### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2019, at 10 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

### **Signature Section**



William Crawford, M.D. for  
Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.  
Statewide Trauma and Health Systems Advisory Council



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