

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

October 20, 2017, 10 a.m.

Alabama Department of Public Health

The RSA Tower, Suite 1586

Montgomery, Alabama

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

Members by Phone: Ricky Howell, Bryan Kindred, Teresa Grimes, Alzo Preyear, M.D.

Members Absent: Sidney Brevard, M.D., Rony Najjar, M.D, Vernon Johnson

Staff Present: Stephen Wilson, Choona Lang, DHEd., Stephanie Payne, Verla Thomas, Gary Varner, Augustine Amenyah, Valeta Jones, Katherine Hert, Lori McInerney, Karen Bishop, Michele Jones

Guests Present: Nate Horsley, Michael Minor, Patrick Bosarge

Guests by Phone: Dion Schultz, John Blue II, Allan Pace, Glenn Davis, Travis Parker, Denise Louthain, David Garmon, Adam Lansdon, Lianne Brown, Ann Klasner, M.D.

Welcome

Dr. Harris welcomed the participants and called the meeting to order.

Adoption of June 14, 2017, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2017, as amended, to add William Crawford, M.D., to the Members Present and remove his name from the Members by Phone; the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business/Trauma System Update

Dr. Crawford stated that staff from the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), along with staff from the Alabama Trauma Communications Center (ATCC), and Mr. John Blue II, from Region Two, visited Grady Memorial Hospital on September 27, 2017. Grady expressed an interest in becoming part of the Alabama Acute Health Care Systems as both a trauma and a stroke center. Dr. Crawford stated that Grady met all the criteria for a Level I trauma center and a Level I comprehensive stroke center. Region Two Regional Advisory Council (RAC) voted to accept Grady as both a Level I trauma and stroke center. Dr. Crawford requested that the STHSAC vote to accept Grady Memorial Hospital as both a Level I trauma center and a Level I

comprehensive stroke center. A motion was made and seconded to accept Grady Memorial Hospital into the Acute Health Care Systems as a Level I trauma center and a Level I comprehensive stroke center.

Dr. Crawford stated that the RAC discussed reducing the RAC composition back to 11 members, and it was brought forth to the STHSAC for vote. A motion was made and seconded to approve to reduce the RAC composition to 11 members; the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Crawford stated that Region Five had made some changes to their secondary triage entry criteria for Level II and Level III to receive more patients in their region. Dr. Crawford expressed that Dothan and Montgomery surgeons agreed to take patients from the scene even if their facility was on red or yellow for Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds. Both Dothan and Montgomery surgeons would help stabilize the patients and, if those patients needed ICU admission, ATCC would help route those patients to an appropriate facility that would have ICU capabilities. A motion was made and seconded to accept the updated secondary triage entry criteria; the motion carried unanimously.

Stroke System Update

Dr. Crawford reported that the Alabama Department of Public Health and the OEMS elected to go live with the stroke system on October 30, 2017.

Trauma Registry and Health Systems Report

Mr. Amenyah presented the Trauma Registry and Health Systems Report, as distributed.

Next Meeting

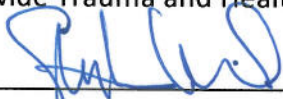
The next meeting will be held in March 2018, in Montgomery at The RSA Tower, Room 1586. Additional information will be announced in the upcoming year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.



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



Stephen Wilson, Acting Director
Office of Emergency Medical Services