

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

December 10, 2018, 10 a.m.
Alabama Department of Public Health
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present: Scott Harris, M.D.

Members by Phone: William Crawford, M.D., Sidney Brevard, M.D., Bryan Kindred,
Jeffery Kerby, M.D., Ricky Howell, Rony Najjar, M.D.

Members Absent: Vernon Johnson, Sam Dean, Alzo Preyear, M.D., Teresa Grimes

Staff Present: Stephen Wilson, Gary Varner, Augustine Amenyah, Chris Randolph,
Alice Floyd, Stephanie Payne, April Johnson, Chris Hutto

Guests Present: John E. Blue, II, Allan Pace, Michael Minor, Dion Shultz, Brian Hale

Guests by Phone: Glenn Davis, Travis Parker, Denise Louthain, Mollie Triplett,
Kathy Jones (for Teresa Grimes), Priscilla Bode, Lianne Brown

Welcome

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

Adoption of June 14, 2018, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2018, meeting. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Unfinished Business/Trauma System Update

Dr. Crawford stated that for the last 6 months, the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) had recertified all Level I and II trauma centers with the exception of Baptist Medical Center South, which was scheduled for a site visit on December 18, 2018. He stated that the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital was surveyed by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Level I trauma center, which OEMS had accepted for their certification.

Dr. Crawford stated that the University of South Alabama (USA) Health University Hospital, Huntsville Hospital, Children's of Alabama, UAB Hospital, Erlanger Health Systems, Children's at Erlanger, Sacred Heart, Baptist Hospital Pensacola, and North Mississippi Medical Center were surveyed and findings were sent to their Regional Advisory Councils to vote on a recommendation to submit to STHSAC for approval. He stated that after Baptist Medical Center South is surveyed, all of the Level I and II trauma centers would be complete for the next 3 years.

ACS Consultation

Dr. Crawford stated that the trauma system consultation conducted by the ACS was a collaboration of Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), UAB Hospital, USA Hospital, Huntsville Hospital, Alabama Hospital Association, and Children's of Alabama to evaluate the Alabama Trauma System. The consultation report was received on December 6, 2018, and was being reviewed for any inconsistencies or issues by OEMS. He stated that after review, the report would be returned to the ACS to be finalized then sent to stakeholders. In response to Dr. Brevard asking when the report was due, Dr. Crawford responded that the initial date was December 19, 2018, but due to the holidays, it would be difficult to meet the short deadline; therefore, ACS asked ADPH to provide a date the report would be sent.

Stroke System Update

Dr. Crawford stated that Druid City Hospital Regional Medical Center, in Tuscaloosa, applied as a Level II Stroke Center and had a favorable on-site survey. An electronic vote was approved from the West Regional Advisory Committee and STHSAC for system entry. He stated that the entire West Region was now running; therefore, the entire state was active in the stroke system.

Dr. Crawford stated that there was a meeting to discuss Stroke Triage Guidelines on December 4, 2018. The Stroke System Workgroup discussed how to identify large vessel occlusions. The group endorsed the use of the Emergency Medical Stroke Assessment (ESMA) scale.

Dr. Crawford stated that OEMS was still receiving applications from hospitals for the stroke system and OEMS would continue to complete on-site surveys.

New Business

Dr. Crawford stated that Bryan W. Whitfield Memorial Hospital, in Demopolis, applied to participate as a Level III trauma center and OEMS was still receiving their information. Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia, applied to participate as a Level II trauma and stroke center. The on-site survey for both systems was scheduled for February 21, 2019. Riverview Regional Medical Center, in Gadsden, applied to participate as a Level III stroke ready hospital; the

on-site survey was scheduled for February 20, 2019. Lakeland Community Hospital, in Haleyville, applied to participate as Level III stroke ready hospital.

Dr. Crawford stated that he would provide an update on Bryan W. Whitfield Memorial Hospital, Floyd Medical Center, Riverview Regional Medical Center, and Lakeland Community Hospital at the next meeting.

Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury Registry (AHSCIR) Rules

Dr. Crawford stated that the AHSCIR Rules were initially housed in the Bureau of Health, Promotion, and Information (BHPI) and written before recent technology improvement. He stated that the proposed revision to the AHSCIR Rules would:

- Change BHPI language to OEMS since the registry currently resides in OEMS.
- Update the data submission process to reflect changes in technology.
- Replace the Research Review Committee language with Institutional Review Board language.

Mr. Wilson stated that after the rules were approved by STHSAC, the rules would be presented to the State Committee of Public Health for approval. Dr. Najjar commented that he had learned from the ACS consultation to obligate centers to collect data on trauma patients; however, some were not currently in compliance. He suggested expanding data collection to all traumas in order to gather information for a complete registry. He stated his reasons were to have data that was understandable to compare to other data banks for all trauma, not just head and spinal cord injuries. He added that he was having a difficult time with his institution obtaining further registrars to collect the data in a complete and timely manner.

Mr. Hale, ADPH Legal Counsel, stated that there was a statutory obligation to collect head and spinal cord injury data. He suggested that the Committee get the rules in place in order to meet that statutory obligation; however, he did not foresee an issue with this committee later adding different components of data as public health surveillance.

Mr. Wilson stated that there was a specific statute for these rules and that other components of the trauma registry could be addressed in the new draft trauma rules rather than in the AHSCIR Rules.

A motion was made to approve the new AHSCIR Rules. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve. Dr. Harris stated that the new AHSCIR Rules would be presented to the State Committee of Public Health for approval.

Health Systems Report

Mr. Varner presented the second and third quarter Trauma Registry and Health Systems Report for April 1, 2018, to September 30, 2018, as distributed.

Dr. Kerby asked if there was an option to determine how many transfers occurred between the regions during the time period for instate and out of state. Mr. Varner stated that they had not reviewed the data but would, and would provide a Patient Routing Report.

Next Meeting

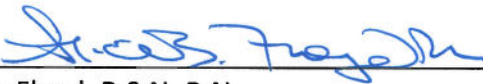
Dr. Harris stated that the date for the next meeting would be announced at a later time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.



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