

Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems  
Advisory Council (STHSAC) Meeting  
December 13, 2019 - 10 a.m.  
Alabama Department of Public Health  
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586  
Montgomery, Alabama

**Members by Phone:** William Crawford, M.D., proxy for Scott Harris, M.D., Teresa Grimes, Jon Howell, David Spillers, Rony Najjar, M.D., proxy for Jeffery Kerby, M.D.

**Members Absent:** Sam Dean, Vernon Johnson, Alzo Preyear, M.D., Jon Simmons, M.D.

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

**Guests Present:** John E. Blue, II, Michael Minor, Nate Horsley, Dave White, Deidre Mundy

**Guests by Phone:** Dion Schultz, Jaina Carnes, Denise Louthain, Jim Fox, David Garmon, Priscilla Bodie, Shea Duerring, M.D., Stephen Suggs, M.D.

### **Welcome**

In Dr. Harris' absence, Dr. Crawford welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order. He introduced the newest member, David Spillers, from Huntsville Hospital.

### **Unfinished Business**

Dr. Crawford discussed the upcoming site visit to UAB's Gardendale Freestanding Emergency Department (FED) which would be surveyed on December 18, 2019.

Alice Floyd discussed the upgrade to the Alabama Trauma Registry (ATR) for those hospitals using the online, V4 system. Acute Health Systems (AHS) will be upgrading to Gen 6 through Digital Innovations. Informational calls were scheduled for December 16, 2019, and December 19, 2019. Every hospital was encouraged to have at least one representative attend the online training. The training date, once confirmed, would be posted on the ATR web page in the Message of the Day section and emailed to the regional emergency medical services (EMS) agencies for further distribution. Trauma data cases, after December 31, 2019, should be posted in the new system.

Alice Floyd discussed the new RESCUE Exchange which would shorten the time it takes for hospitals to receive the electronic patient care report (ePCR) from EMS providers. Hospitals could retrieve ePCRs from a secure site once the record is submitted by the EMS provider to the Office of EMS. The RESCUE Exchange program was piloted by a group of hospitals this summer, and the pilot went well. Roll-out statewide is expected after the first of the year.

### **Adoption of September 26, 2019, Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2019, meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved without opposition.

### **New Business**

Dr. Crawford announced that Floyd Medical Center had been approved by the East Region Regional Advisory Council as meeting the criteria during their site visit for both Stroke Level II and Trauma Level II. A motion was made to bring them into the Alabama Acute Health System; the motion was seconded, and approved with no opposition.

### **Health Systems Report**

Gary Varner presented the stroke and trauma report from May 1, 2019, through October 31, 2019, as distributed.

The next meeting will be announced after the first of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

### **Signature Section**



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



Alice B. Floyd, B.S.N., R.N.  
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