

Minutes of the Statewide Trauma and Health Systems
Advisory Council (STHSAC) Meeting
December 17, 2020 - 10 a.m.
Alabama Department of Public Health

Members Present by Phone: William Crawford, M.D., Jeffery Kerby, M.D., Sam Dean, Teresa Grimes, Jon Howell, Vernon Johnson, David Spillers

Members Absent: Scott Harris, M.D., Rony Najjar, M.D., Alzo Preyear, M.D., Jon Simmons, M.D.

Staff Present: Jamie Gray, Alice Floyd, Chris Hutto, Kent Wilson, Chris Palmer, Gwen Massey

Guests by Phone: Michael Minor, Alan Pace, John E. Blue, II, Dion Schultz, David Garmon, Travis Parker, Glenn Davis, Denise Louthain, Jim Fox, Stephanie Spain, Priscilla Bode, Dave White

Welcome

In Dr. Harris' absence, Dr. Crawford welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order.

Adoption of June 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2020, meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

Trauma System Update

Dr. Crawford discussed the process to get the Trauma Funding Committee (TFC) meetings restarted. They have been delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Simmons and the rest of the TFC are trying to schedule virtual meeting to develop a report for the upcoming Legislature.

Dr. Crawford reported that Dr. Kerby, Alice Floyd, and Michael Minor have been working on the recommendations made by the American College of Surgeons to embrace some actionable changes soon.

Stroke System Update

Dr. Crawford discussed the proposed stroke rules change that was presented at the last meeting. When the proposed rules were taken back to the stroke workgroup for clarification, as requested, the stroke workgroup added items. Volume and education requirements for neuro intensivist were added for thrombectomy capable centers. Dr. Crawford reviewed the criteria sheet and answered questions. The proposed changes, if approved, would then go the State Committee of Public Health. A motion was made to move forward to start the rules revision process. The motion was seconded by Jon Howell and approved with no objections.

Alice Floyd announced there would be a letter going to all stroke hospital CEOs in January asking they update their desired participation level, complete Memorandum of Understanding documents, and return the signed documents quickly as they will expire on March 1, 2021.

Dr. Crawford reported USA Health University Hospital had obtained a Level I DNV Comprehensive Stroke status. When the agenda was set, the Gulf Regional Advisory Council (RAC) had not had time to meet to vote and recommend the status change. The RAC has since met and voted to recommend the change to Level I in the Stroke System. A motion was made by Ms. Grimes to approve USA Health University Hospital as a Comprehensive Stroke Center. Mr. Howell seconded the motion which carried with no objection.

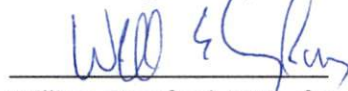
Acute Health Systems Report

Michael Minor presented the stroke and trauma report from January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020, as distributed.

Next Meeting

The meetings for 2021 will be announced after the first of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



William Crawford, M.D., for
Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
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Alice Floyd, B.S.N., R.N.
Acute Health Systems Manager