

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Injury Committee
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Brown Building
Dorothea Dix Campus
Raleigh, NC

August 12, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Others Present

Mr. Gordon Joyner
Mr. Bradley Dean
Dr. Michael Thomason
Mr. Bryan Blanton
Ms. Lisa McCanna
Ms. Joyce Korzen
Ms. Elizabeth Freeman
Dr. David Jacobs
Ms. Joyce Winstead
Mr. Graham Pervier

Members Present

Mr. F. Wayne Ashworth, Chairman
Mr. Bob Bailey
Mr. Jim Gusler
Dr. Kim Askew
Dr. James Wyatt
Mr. Carl McKnight
Dr. William Atkinson

Members Absent

Dr. Michael Ghim
Dr. Brent Myers
Dr. Theodore Delbridge
Dr. Annette Greer

Staff Members Present

Ms. Amy Douglas
Dr. Sharon Schiro
Dr. Roy Alson
Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford
Mr. Danny Allen
Mr. Brad Thompson

- (1) Purpose of the Meeting: The Committee met to receive updates on North Carolina Trauma Centers, as well as an update on the trauma registry.
- (2) Actions of the Committee:

Mr. Ashworth called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

- Motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Wyatt and approved that:

RESOLVED: The Injury Committee minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting are approved.

Other Actions of the Committee:

- Ms. Douglas reported to the committee that High Point Regional Medical Center has withdrawn from Trauma Center participation effective June 30th, 2014. High Point was designated as a Level III center. The reason for the withdrawal was financial. The decision was made by the hospital to suspend the trauma program as it affected the loss of less positions than if they had continued at this time. They hope to be able to restart the program in the future.
- Ms. Douglas also report that Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte has been approved for Practicing Trauma Center status effective June 18th, 2014. They now have until next June to fulfill all requirements for Initial Designation and have their site visit. They are pursuing Level II designation. The purpose of the practicing level of trauma participation is to allow for the hospital's primary and secondary EMS catchment areas to change their protocols thereby allowing them to transport trauma patients to the facility.
- Ms. Douglas advised the committee of CaroMont Regional Medical Center's upcoming Level III designation renewal visit in November, as well as Cape Fear Medical Center's initial Level III trauma designation site visit the same month.
- Finally, Ms. Douglas advised the committee of a project she, Dr. Sharon Schiro and Dr. James Winslow have begun which compares transfers from trauma centers vs. non-trauma centers and their intention to expand on the research by involving the Regional Advisory Committees.
- Dr. Sharon Schiro updated the committee on the NC Trauma Registry upgrade. Dr. Schiro reported that the NC Trauma Registry is in the process of moving from version 4 to version 5 which requires a substantial amount of work to move from one version to another. Version 4 is similar in structure to the old NTRACS. Version 5 has a new structure and has been in use by most facilities since July 2013. The long term goal is to merge the two data systems and Dr. Schiro has been working on writing code in SAS to migrate the data from version 4 to version 5. Dr. Schiro ran data from version 5 and discovered the quality of the data was far better than version 4. In version 4, there are more QC issues and data quality issues, possibly due to the opportunity to free text in version 4 and ignore the values in the pick list; whereas in version 5, the vendor locked down the pick list making it much harder to free text values into the data system.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Minutes submitted by Susan Rogers.