

State Trauma Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: MARCH 4, 2025

MINUTES PREPARED BY: TRAUMA SYSTEM STAFF

LOCATION: NORTH METRO EVENT CENTER, SHOREVIEW MN

Member Attendance

- Tami Bong, R.N.
- Rick Breuer
- Kris Drevlow, D.O.
- Mark Ebeling, Paramedic
- Julie Gutzmer, M.D.
- Farha Ikramuddin, M.D.
- Kim Johnson, R.N.
- Denise Klinkner, M.D.
- Kyle Nelson, M.D.
- Thomas Pahl, PA-C

Staff Attendance

- Maria Flor
- LynMaree Harris
- Tim Held
- Tammy Peterson
- Dee Telkamp
- Gina Vue

General Audience in Attendance

- See attached appendix.

Agenda

Approval of Agenda and December 4, 2024, Minutes – Tom Pahl, PA-C

The agenda and the December 4, 2024, minutes were approved.

Executive Committee Report – Tom Pahl, PA-C

A networking opportunity for the Trauma Medical Directors (TMD) or Co-TMDs prior to the STAC meeting, was introduced.

The passing of Dr. Art Ney was acknowledged. His contributions to the statewide trauma system and trauma care were remembered and honored.

Staff Reports – MDH Staff

Mr. Held reported:

- There is minimal impact by the federal level pausing for the Trauma System.
- The 20th anniversary for the State Trauma System is in June. Staff is planning a formal celebration in December for the 20th anniversary of the STAC council.

Ms. Flor reported:

- The Trauma Program (TP) 101 will be on April 3rd in St. Cloud. Registration is open.
- The trauma PI series following TP 101 course received good responses. Additional sessions are in development.
- The STAC will have a remote data practice training between now and the June meeting.

Ms. Flor shared on behalf of Mr. Jordan Haltaufderheid, our Department of Public Safety (DPS) representative, that as part of the Governor's transportation budget, seat belts are requirement for class II ATVs. It is required if the ATV is equipped with seatbelts and if they are on or within the right of way of a public roadway.

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board Report – Dylan Ferguson

- Shared House of Committee deadlines for bills. There are three funding proposals for the EMS bills.
 - Two of the bills proposed are to use cell phone surcharges to fund EMS and reimbursement for EMT education.
 - An Earn While You Learn program was introduced.
- They are currently hiring for three positions, one of which includes the deputy director of medical directors, who will serve on this council. March 17th is the deadline for that role. The other role's deadlines are set for March 10th.
- Data from the EMS grant recipient spendings will most likely be reported one year from now.

American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Report – Dr. Klinkner

- This will be Dr. Klinkner’s last report as the COT chair, however, she will remain on the STAC.
- The meetings that occurred:
 - The new ATLS application was released.
 - The ATLS instruction update was live. Nominations for instructors are open for those who meet the qualifications.
 - The pediatric protocols and guidelines are available online.
 - The L4 criteria workgroup is still in progress.
 - Stop The Bleed’s 3rd edition is releasing in 2025. Several of the verbiage will be removed and replaced with more photos for international usage and worldwide teaching.
 - The spring and fall Minnesota Surgical Society meetings will be virtual.
 - RTTDC will support \$500 per course taken. Reach out to Dr. Blondeau to receive reimbursement.
- Future meeting dates:
 - The Minnesota Surgical Society meeting is in October 24-25 in Minneapolis. The resident paper competition will be at this fall meeting. There will be two winners. The winners will get \$500, and travel paid by MNCOT.
 - Fall COT will be held October 4-7, 2025, in Chicago, IL.
 - TQIP will be held November 8-10, 2025, in Chicago, IL.

Applicant Review Committee Report – Tammy Peterson

The ACS’s recommends the following hospitals for designation:

- ACS Re-verification Level 1:
 - Regions Hospital, St. Paul
 - Regions Gillette Children’s Hospital, St. Paul

The ARC’s recommends the following hospitals for designation and designation with follow up:

- Level 3 Designate:
 - Lake Region Healthcare, Fergus Falls
- Level 4 Designate:
 - CentraCare Melrose
 - Essentia Health Virginia
 - Fairview Range Medical Center, Hibbing
 - United Hospital District, Blue Earth

- Level 4 Designate with follow up:
 - Glacial Ridge Health System, Glenwood

The vote to approve ARC’s recommendation was adopted with the following recusals: Ms. Bong from CentraCare Health System; Mr. Pahl from Glacial Ridge Health System; Dr. Gutzmer from Lake Region Healthcare.

The ARC’s recommends of the following hospitals’ extension of their current designation to continue working on deficiencies:

- Level 4 Designation Extensions
 - Community Memorial Hospital, Cloquet (March expiration - 12 months to March 2026)
 - St. Francis Medical Center, Breckenridge (6 months to June 2024)

The vote to approve ARC’s recommendation was adopted with the following recusals: Mr. Breuer from Community Memorial Hospital, Cloquet.

The following out of compliance self-reports were submitted this quarter. Most of these have already been resolved with staff has providing technical assistance and guidance to remedy.

- Level 3
 - CentraCare Health- Rice Memorial – *surgeon coverage -resolved*
- Level 4
 - Murray County Medical Center – *17.3 Secondary review*
 - Sanford Worthington Medical Center – *14.2 APP Trauma Training - resolved*
 - Stevens Community Hospital, Morris – *TMD Trauma Training – resolved*

Trauma Program Manager Networking Meeting Report – Tami Bong, R.N., Heidi Altamirano, R.N.

Ms. Altamirano From the L1 and L2 Trauma Program Managers reported:

- Reviewed the new ACS standards and provided support on how to meet those standards.
- Discussed the new software system integration of data with the new EMS system.
- Discussed trauma informed care and institutional trainings available.
- Shared trauma support groups and trauma support peer groups available within hospitals.

Ms. Caitlin Pohlen from the L3 and L4 Trauma Program Managers reported:

- There was a presentation from the Office of EMS by David Rogers. Presented on how to create forms, create views, and informed the group of updates coming in 2025.
- Reviewed the education tab in the Trauma Portal.
- Discussed about the TPM Microsoft Teams page.

- Discussed findings with upcoming designations on how to prepare for site visit.

RTAC Briefings – MMRTAC, NERTAC, SMRTAC

Ms. Melanie Smalley reported on behalf of the Minnesota Metropolitan (MMRTAC)

- Their ongoing projects in:
 - Geriatric knowledge asset – falls prevention
 - Pediatric knowledge asset – extremities
 - MIST promotion campaign
 - Stop the bleed at the MN state fair in August and in the community getting into local high schools. The class postings are on the MMRTAC page.
 - TQIP collaborative – 2025

Mr. Lucas Goodin reported on behalf of the Northern Minnesota (NERTAC)

- Challenged with lack of engagement and attendance and looking to reorganize and rebrand.
- Exhibited at the Arrowhead EMS Conference.
- Provided helmets to community youth.
- Continues to provide Stop the Bleed education.

Dr. Deleu reported on behalf of the Southern Minnesota (SMRTAC)

- Dr. Stevens will remain as the chair for the week with Dr. Deleu taking over starting next week.
- Challenged with engagement with the smaller hospitals in their region. They are looking to regroup and rebrand as well.

Data Work Group Report

Ms. Flor reported that the data work group held their initial meeting. Multiple MN Statutes will guide initial benchmarks. The work group emphasized the need to focus on data quality. MDH staff are beginning the work to validate data. Staff will be partnering with the Minnesota Trauma Registry Alliance (MTRA) as well.

Ms. Sarah Tannert-Lerner presented data findings between EMS code location mapping and hospital location.

Unfinished Business: Level 3/Level 4 Criteria Work Group Report – Maria Flor

Ms. Flor reported on behalf of Dr. McGonigal's absence:

- An overview of where the workgroup is at with the Level 3 and Level 4 criteria.

- The report is anticipated to be completed by the June STAC meeting.

New Business:

Transfer Process

Ms. Tannert-Lerner presented data findings of transfers in the trauma system.

Midwest Burn Drill Report – Mark Johnston, R.N.

Mr. Johnston is the program manager for Regions and the Midwest Coordinator for burn. He presented the Burse Surge Blitz exercise and shared the regional resources available. There will be another drill tomorrow called Toxic Blaze. Anyone interested in the full action report can reach out to Mr. Johnston at Mark.J.Johnston@healthcare.com.

Open Floor

Mr. Mark Ebeling shared the statue of 4th degree assault, EMS, firefighters, and medical are not included in the statue. He tried to change this when he was a part of the Minnesota Ambulance Association. There was a recent occurrence that prompted him to reach out to our State Representatives for verbiage change.

Next meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: North Metro Event Center, Shoreview MN

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Appendix

General Audience in Attendance

- Cori Sybrant, North Memorial
- Melanie Smalley, North Memorial
- Jennifer Desiler, North Memorial
- Mark Johnston, Regions
- Heidi Altamirado, Regions
- Lisa Dearson, UMMC
- Laura E., Children's Hospital
- Merleen Knott, Sanford Thief River Falls
- Vickie Nowling, Cambridge
- Tammy G., Hennepin
- Lucas Goodin, Arrowhead EMS
- Kelly Handyside, Grand Itasca Hospital
- Shannon Olsen, MHealth Fairview
- Kristen Hedeem, MCHS – SE MN
- Katie Lacey, Northfield ED
- Tanda Tavakley, MHealth Fairview, Woodwinds
- Mary Key Kaiser, MHealth Fairview, Southdale
- Courtney Brandt, Fairview Lakes & Northland
- Meghan Simpson, Children's Hospital
- Robin Trubeck, Maple Grove Hospital
- Kari Coates, MCHS Mankato
- Peggy Sue Garber, MCHS Fairmont
- Stephanie Huber, MCHS Waseca & New Prague
- Caleb Roiko, St. Joseph's
- Linsey Maneval, Essentia Health
- Gwen Meyer, Mayo
- Danielle Kleszyk, Sanford Bemidji
- Rachel Duchsherer, Mayo

MINNESOTA STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM

- Dyan Ferguson, Office of EMS
- Leah Grote, Essential Health
- Colleen Wood, HCMC
- Anne S., HCMC
- Sara Stolt, CentraCare
- Jodi Triplett, Centra Care
- Ashley Auge, Essentia Health – Brainerd
- Kim Johnson, New Ulm
- Amanda Anderson, Mercy Hospital
- Stephanie Johnson, Essentia Health – Fargo
- Brad Deter, MCHS – Mankato
- Kristen Bayliss, Fairview Range
- Colin Grimeme, CentraCare SCH
- Nicole Van Erp, Faribault Medical Center
- Teri Herman, Allina – Mercy Hospital
- Caitlin Pohlen, Allina – United Hastings Campus
- Devin Lanwler – Mayo Clinic
- Megan Grotzke, MDH
- Benoit Brondeau
- Rachelle Damle, Allina – Mercy Hospital
- Beth Aller, HCMC
- Chad Richardson, HCMC
- Ericka Welsh, MDH
- Nancy Nyberg, Allina – Mercy Hospital
- Karen McLean, Lakeview Hospital
- Michael Doering, MHealth Fairview