

Connecticut Trauma Committee
ZOOM Meeting
September 9, 2020

Present: Shea Gregg, Chairman; Deborah Bandanza, Recorder; Kim Barre; Angie Brown; Brian Cournoyer; Alfred Croteau; Kevin Dwyer; Heidi Fitzgerald; Jessica Gildea; Peter Ingraldi;; Jean Jacobson; Richard Kamin; Ann Kloter; Renee Malaro; Adrian Maung; Jackie McQuay; Monika Nelson; Michael Nicholson; Ruth Pieler; Paul Possenti; Theresa Robustelli; Kevin Schuster; Shelby Smith; Veronica Szkop; Jennifer Tabak; Tara Vanderbes; Heath Walden

Meeting was called to order at 14:02

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of minutes		Minutes for July 2020 were reviewed and approved.	
Introductions	New members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heidi Fitzgerald from DPH. Ann Kloter is retiring November 1 and Heidi is transitioning to Ann's role for Trauma and EMS. Ann was thanked for her tireless efforts to ensure a functioning state trauma registry. • Dr. Alfred Croteau, from Hartford Healthcare • Jessica Gildea, from New Britain Hospital • Shelby Smith, from Greenwich Hospital 	Dr. Gregg discussed the function of the State Trauma Committee and its role in the state trauma system.
CEMSMAC Report	Liaison position	Dr. Ron Gross, who has served as the committee's liaison to CEMSMAC is no longer at St. Francis Hospital. Dr. Kamin asked if the bylaws prohibited a non-practicing member from filling the role. If there is no prohibition, perhaps Dr. Gross could still fill the liaison role.	Dr. Gregg will investigate membership qualification and discuss the issue with Dr. Gross.
	Email list	Dr. Kamin suggested if anyone on the committee is interested in being on the CEMSMAC mailing list to send him an email at richard.kamin@ct.gov.	
	Updated Statewide Protocols	The updated statewide protocols have been approved by the commissioner and are posted on the website. The protocols include the updated Field Trauma Triage protocol, and Cefazolin Administration Prehospital protocol.	
State Trauma Registry Update	Central Site	Legacy data through 2018 has been transferred and, once DI data downgrades are complete, data from	

		2019 and forward will be transferred. Once data migration for all trauma centers has been completed, data should be submitted on a regular basis.	
ACS COT discussion		Dr. Schuster reported no items for discussion.	
Stop the Bleed		<p>A question arose as to whether there would be modifications to the Stop the Bleed program, considering COVID precautions. Dr. Schuster reported that this would be discussed at the next ACS-COT meeting.</p> <p>There have been local efforts through the hospitals, keeping participants to small numbers.</p>	
Legislation		No updates at this time.	
Covid-19 Information Sharing	Hospital experiences during the COVID crisis	No updates at this time.	
Field Transfusion Protocol		<p>A field transfusion protocol has been developed by a sponsor hospital and has gone live.</p> <p>Dr. Kamin discussed the process for new protocols. With the establishment of the Statewide Protocols in 2016, there is an acknowledged willingness by all sponsor hospitals in the state to commit to and feed into the Statewide Protocols. The sponsor hospitals have a commitment to bring concepts through a regional MAC for evaluation and discussion, and then to the state MAC to be refined and considered for inclusion. This process is outlined in the Statewide Guidelines that is posted online.</p> <p>The medicine is not at issue since whole blood would be good for patients but it creates a patient silo for one hospital and raises a patient safety concern should the patient end up in a different care facility.</p> <p>The decision to change came based on a need that was identified locally, but it should be brought to an environment where it can be examined for global implementation.</p>	

		<p>Dr. Kamin reported that the sponsor hospital involved would like to “back into” the Statewide Protocols process, both regionally and state.</p> <p>Both Dr. Gregg and Dr. Kamin reiterated the collaborative atmosphere of the State Trauma Committee. The sponsor hospital will be invited to discuss the protocol with the committee.</p>	
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The meeting was adjourned at 15:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Shea C. Gregg, M.D.