

Connecticut Trauma Committee
ZOOM Meeting
January 6, 2021

Present: Shea Gregg, Chairman; Deborah Bandanza, Recorder; Kim Barre; Brian Cournoyer; Matthew Carlson; Heidi Fitzgerald; Jessica Gildea; Peter Ingraldi;; Jean Jacobson; Richard Kamin; Jennifer Knod; Renee Malaro; Adrian Maung; Chayelle McKay; Erin McLaughlin; Jackie McQuay; Patricia Morrell; Monika Nelson; Ruth Pieler; Kevin Schuster; Subramani Seetharama; 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 November 2020 were reviewed and approved.	
OEMS Report	Statewide Protocols released	<p>The current change is for the reinstatement of steroid use for asthma and COPD only. Steroid administration is not for COVID patients.</p> <p>OEMS is preparing an educational program for EMS to be vaccinators. This is not formally in scope of practice yet but it can be done by certified and licensed EMS providers. However, it cannot be performed within the context of a 911 call.</p>	
CEMSMAC Report		Dr. Gross will attend the CEMSMAC meeting 1/7/21.	
EMS Advisory Board Report		Nothing new with regard to trauma.	
State Trauma Registry Update		<p>The state registry has benchmarking capability through Driller. The Level 1 centers will be aggregated, and the Level 3 center will be aggregated with the Level 2 centers. All facilities in the aggregates are de-identified. Heidi Fitzgerald is working on developing statewide reports.</p> <p>A question was raised about the use of the state registry for research purposes and what IRB requirements are needed. Dr. Kamin will contact Raffaella Coler to get clarification from DPH IRB.</p>	The EMS PCR UUID data element will be sent to Heidi Fitzgerald.

		A new field in the National Trauma Data Dictionary is the EMS Patient Care Report Unique Identifier number. This is a complex value and has not been readily available to EMS services.	
ACS COT		The annual trauma conference will be held virtually in March, 2021.	
Stop the Bleed		No new information presented.	
Legislation		No new trauma legislation at this time.	
Covid-19 Information Sharing		No new information presented.	
Whole Blood Transfusion Protocol		<p>St. Francis reports two patients per month have utilized the protocol with no adverse reactions. CEMSMAC protocol sub-committee is working on including the protocol.</p> <p>There is a need to develop a protocol for the use of O-positive blood, especially with women of child-bearing age, in the event O-negative becomes scarce. Dr. Kamin reported that Arlington Fire already has a protocol in place and he will reach out to them.</p>	
Goals for 2021		Dr. Gregg asked committee members to email him with their thoughts on goals to work towards in 2021.	
Open Forum		Jean Jacobson, the Data Analyst at Norwalk Hospital, announced her retirement in February, 2021. The committee members thanked Jean for her many years of service and her contributions to the State Trauma Committee and the Trauma Group.	

The meeting was adjourned at 14:39.

Respectfully submitted,

Shea C. Gregg, M.D.