

Connecticut Trauma Committee
ZOOM Meeting
November 3, 2021

Present: Shea Gregg, Chairman; Deborah Bandanza, Recorder; David Bailey; Carina Biggs; Angie Brown; Brian Cournoyer; Kevin Dwyer; Dayna Failla; Heidi Fitzgerald; Jonathan Gates; Ron Gross; Dale Guerrero; Peter Ingraldi; Richard Kamin; Eliza Little; Chayelle McKay; Manuel Moutinho; Monika Nelson; Paul Possenti; Alisa Savetamal; Kevin Schuster; David Shapiro; John Sottile; Jennifer Tabak; Tara Vanderbes; Anuj Vohra; Mike Zacchera

Meeting was called to order at 14:05

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of minutes		Minutes for September 2021 were reviewed and approved.	
OEMS Report		Nothing new with regard to trauma.	
CEMSMAC Report		Nothing new with regard to trauma.	
EMS Advisory Board Report		Nominations for leadership positions within CEMSAB were discussed.	
State Trauma Registry Update		Eliza Little was introduced. She will oversee the State Trauma Registry and the EMS registry. Image Trend has replaced ESO for EMS and trauma data. Migration for legacy data going back to 2009 is in process. Aggregate data for 2019 and 2020 are available.	
ACS COT		See discussion under Trauma Level IV Designation.	
Legislation		Brian Cournoyer reported that the General Assembly is out of session. On October 1, the seat belt requirement for rear seat passengers went into effect.	
Protocol Update		No protocols were brought for consideration.	
Injury Prevention Update	Not One More campaign	Initial data from the marketing campaign is favorable. Dr. Gates suggested a media blitz prior to Thanksgiving. He also reminded the committee that the campaign is driven by healthcare providers and suggested that the campaign be a part of each center's injury prevention program. Dr. Gregg reported that in the last Healthcare Heroes meeting, a suggestion was made to tailor the campaign to each center while also keeping the collaboration with the state.	

	Stop the Bleed	<p>Dr. Shapiro reported that the safety leadership for Lewis Trees have been educated and will be training their 1800 employees. Lowe's, Home Depot, Ace Hardware, and the State Police academy have expressed the desire for the course to be given. Amazon will be conducting the course internally. Seymour Fire and Sacred Heart University students have been trained. Dr Gross will restart the monthly course for the East Haddam area.</p> <p>Dr. Shapiro reported that some organizations are charging for the course. The committee supports a free course for anyone who wants to learn.</p>	
Trauma Level 4 Designation	How to achieve Level IV Trauma Center Verification when the ACS is not currently verifying centers.	<p>The American College of Surgeons does not verify Level 4 trauma centers. The state regulations require ACS verification in order to be designated as a trauma center by the state.</p> <p>There was discussion about the value of a Level 4 trauma center in those corners of the state without a nearby Level 1 or 2 trauma center. A suggestion was to have an internal verification process overseen by the DPH. There is language in the regulations to support this, however, there is no group that exists to perform a Level 4 trauma verification visit.</p> <p>An additional suggestion was made to have the ACS come back for a State Trauma System review.</p>	Will continue to discuss as an agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Shea C. Gregg, M.D.