

Connecticut Trauma Committee
ZOOM Meeting
March 3, 2021

Present: Shea Gregg, Chairman; Deborah Bandanza, Recorder; David Bailey; Kim Barre; Angie Brown; Brian Cournoyer; Alfred Croteau; Kevin Dwyer; Heidi Fitzgerald; Jessica Gildea; Ron Gross; Dale Guerrero; Peter Ingraldi; Richard Kamin; Jennifer Knod; Renee Malaro; Adrian Maung; Kyle McClaine; Chayelle McKay; Erin McLaughlin; Jackie McQuay; Stephanie Montgomery; Michael Moutinho; Monika Nelson; Paul Possenti; Kevin Schuster; Subramani Seetharama; Shelby Smith; Jennifer Tabak; Tara Vanderbes; Heath Walden; Sharon Weintraub; Michael Zacchera; P. Dzankiewicz

Meeting was called to order at 14:00

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of minutes		Minutes for January 2021 were reviewed and approved.	
OEMS Report		Nothing new to report regarding trauma.	
CEMSMAC Report	Prehospital Spinal Precaution	A draft protocol for guidance regarding the assessment and care of patients who have a possible spinal injury. After discussion, the committee approved the protocol with the recommendation that the 45-degree rotation and flexion/extension aspects be added to the cervical rotation bullet.	
	Traumatic Arrest in the Field	A draft protocol for prehospital traumatic cardiac arrest was presented. The purpose of the protocol was to clarify the interventions on scene if the patient is in traumatic arrest and the cause of injury is not associated with the factors of death as outlined in state protocol 6.15. There was discussion about the time spent on scene and possible delay of treatment, as well as the interventions performed on scene. A consensus was not reached.	Dr. Gregg asked for a period of written comments for changes that would be brought to the next meeting.
EMS Advisory Board Report		Nothing new with regard to trauma.	
State Trauma Registry Update		There have been issues with how Connecticut is identified in the national database and the software vendor is working to rectify the issue. The state registry is able to present aggregate trauma data using the Driller program. Heidi Fitzgerald is hopeful that this will move from staging to production by May. There will be training sessions	

		for using Driller for the trauma centers once in production. Dr. Gregg reported that the State has a Human Investigation Committee that the trauma centers should use when requesting data from the state registry for research and publication.	
ACS COT		No report.	
Stop the Bleed		Dr. Shapiro has been in contact with the Hartford Yard Goats and is waiting for a decision to be made on the date for opening the stadium for a Stop the Bleed event.	
Legislation		No new trauma legislation at this time.	
Covid-19 Information Sharing		A downtrend has been noted.	
Whole Blood Transfusion Protocol		Saint Francis Hospital is developing the protocol for whole blood administration and the use of O-positive blood in women of childbearing age and will be working with Dr. Gross to write the proposal.	
Goals for 2021		Dr. Gregg submitted proposed goals for 2021. These goals include working in collaboration with CEMSMAC regarding updating prehospital care protocols, continuing to facilitate the state trauma registry, supporting state legislation, working with DPH to build a pathway for research using the Central Repository, and supporting programs that bring hemorrhage control education to civilians in the state.	
CT Trauma Committee Annual Report 2020		Dr. Gregg submitted the annual report listing the committee's accomplishments in 2020 for approval by the committee.	The annual report was approved by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Shea C. Gregg, M.D.