

Connecticut Trauma Committee
ZOOM Meeting
January 11, 2023

Present: Shea Gregg, Chairman; Monika Nelson, Recorder; Nick Aysseh, Bethany Ayotte, David Bailey, Kim Barre, Carina Biggs, Farrah Boston, Jay Bresky, AnnMarie Cook, Brian Cournoyer, Alfred Croteau, James Doddington, Dayna Failla, Jess Gildea, Ron Gross, Peter Ingraldi, Stephanie Joyce, Eliza Little, Renee Malaro, Chayelle McKay, Erin McLaughlin, Nancy Moreau, Tricia Morrell, Manuel Moutinho, Paul Possenti, John Quinlavin, Alisa Saventamal, Karl Schmidt, Kevin Schuster, John Sottile, Jennifer Tabak, Tara Vanderbes, Sharon Weintraub.

Meeting called to order at 14:00

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of minutes		Motion to approve minutes from the November 2022 meeting made by R. Gross. C. Biggs seconded. None opposed.	Minutes approved.
Introductions	Any new first-time attendees	None	
Gratitude/Success Sharing	Recognitions	Hospital of Central CT- New Britain was recognized as having a successful ACS site visit for a Level III Trauma Center with zero deficiencies. Congratulations were expressed. R. Gross congratulated M. Moutinho for being appointed as the new TMD at Trinity St. Francis Hospital. Congratulations were expressed.	
OEMS Report		No report or update.	
CEMSMAC Report		No new update. It was mentioned that a few protocols were reviewed and approved at this committee in the past year 2022.	
EMS Advisory Board Report		No new update.	
State Trauma Registry Update		S. Gregg reported that he was unable to bring an example of the past "driller" product as it no longer exists since the State changed vendors for the registry. Update from E. Little – State is working with ESO and ImageTrend to see exactly how each registry maps to the State Registry. Recommending that a Date Task Force be established to determine: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What data elements should be included/recorded within each registry. 2. How to categorize the data elements. 3. Determine priority of aggregate reports/ identify core group of aggregate reports to begin with. 	J. Quinlavin will seek input from CT EMS Advisory Board for EMS

		<p>Asking for this task force to include the following representatives: Surgeon, EMS, registry, Trauma Program staff. Commitment would be approx. 1 hour per month to meet. Looking for interest. R. Gross and S. Gregg volunteered as Surgeon liaisons, N. Cawley was volunteered by E. McLaughlin as PI Nurse liaison from the trauma program. J. Quinlavin was asked to assist in soliciting EMS volunteers, stated he will bring this ask back to the CT EMS Advisory Board.</p>	<p>volunteer(s) to sit on the Data Task Force.</p> <p>M. Nelson will seek volunteer(s) from trauma registry staff via the CHA trauma program listserv.</p>
ACS COT		No update.	
Legislature		<p>B. Cournoyer updated that this is the start of the legislative and will watch for bills being raised that affect CT Trauma Centers. Pedestrian safety has been a focus, and due to a recent death of a state representative who was killed in a wrong-way driving collision, traffic safety and wrong-way driving will also be a focus. It was stated that this State Trauma Committee will support with testimonials if needed as we can potentially collect our data and support these efforts. Discussion regarding any update on Trauma Activation Fees and Senator Looney's bill that was brought forward a few years ago. Stated that nothing specific has been brought up recently regarding this however the senator staff who holds interest in this is still there so there is always a potential for this to be brought up and moved forward.</p> <p>R. Gross asked brought up that several other states have passed laws about mandating Stop the Bleed (STB) kits in buildings, schools, etc. asking if this is something we can do within our state. B. Cournoyer reported that only a few committee meetings have taken place so far and this concept has not been raised so far, but there are two ways to move this forward – (1) Bring it to a representative to raise it, or (2) work through the Committee of Cognizance, Public Health Committee chairs and ask them to raise this concept/bill. R. Gross reported he had already passed it on to his representative and will follow up but also introduced the idea that this can be passed forward on the behalf of this CT State Trauma Committee to engage the Public Health Committee chairs. Question raised whether this committee would be interested in supporting inclusiveness of STB. In order to see what this would look like and what would be included, R. Gross reported he will bring the law that was passed in another state to this committee. K. Schuster reported</p>	<p>R. Gross will bring bill from other state that was passed</p>

		that he believes the CA state law on this requires STB kits in all new construction businesses/buildings, and that anything that expires within the kit is not required so this would only be a one-time cost to comply. B. Cournoyer reported that depending on the scope will determine which committee this bill would go to – whether the Educational committee or Public Health Committee. No one on the meeting raised any opposition to this. Next steps are to define the scope and S. Gregg will review the bill with R. Gross and get in touch with the Fairfield Public Health Chair to establish steps to move it forward. K. Schuster, D. Shapiro, S. Gregg, and R. Gross were identified as the leads on this.	regarding STB law. R. Gross and S. Gregg will bring back information regarding next steps after communication with Fairfield Public Health Chair.
Old Business	Pre-Hospital Protocol Updates	No new update. D. Bailey asked for final copy of Field Trauma Triage Guidelines which were discussed at the November 2022 meeting.	S. Gregg will send D. Bailey final version of approved Field Trauma Triage Guidelines.
Gray Book – 2022 Standards discussion	Statewide Radiology sharing CD 3.6 – Remote Access to Rad Imaging – need for radiographic sharing requirement.	New 2022 Standard 3.6 – Remote Access to Rad Imaging – need for radiographic sharing requirement. Discussed that this new standard is a requirement with ACS site visits starting in September 2023. Question asked if the State has any push to comply with this in any way? Discussion regarding centers currently using either cloud-based rad sharing, or disc, and reported that disc will no longer be an acceptable option. Question asked how this could be enforced if other OSHs just send the disc as they are not held to ACS trauma standards. Reported that as long as there is a system in place for OSH to send rad imaging remotely, this should be enough for the ACS, as other hospitals cannot be forced into doing it. Topic will remain on agenda for further discussion.	
Injury Prevention Update	Stop the Bleed	N. Aysseh reported Yale collaborative STB event with North Haven Fire Dept. and Education. Educated 300+ teachers and certified staff through a Professional Development Day for them. Gained support from Superintendent and Fire Dept. to collectively teach STB, CPR, and AED use. Discussed that this is important as there will need to be an implementation plan regarding previous discussion of moving forward a STB bill within CT legislature.	
	Not One More – Healthcare Heroes Campaign	No new update.	

	Fall Prevention	<p>C. Biggs reported St. Marys Hospital has an initiative that staff teaches Tai Chi in nursing homes that has been successful.</p> <p>R. Gross discussed topic of “falls on anticoagulants” reporting that there is currently no statement from the ACS regarding this and asked if there potentially should be one. Reported risk of fall vs. risk of stroke & death from anticoagulants in the elderly. Initiated discussion if tracking data on those that have positive injury from falls on anticoagulants can be comprised and brought to ACS for a statement. S. Gregg commented that he had researched this in the past and a “caution” statement is all that the ACS put out. Historical data was explained on this and that the more-current data is all over. Unsure if pooling the State data would have any influence on an official statement. Discussed that this would be looking at secondary prevention of head bleeds. R. Gross will work on putting information together on this and send out to the group.</p>	R. Gross to put information together on potential data gathering regarding falls on anticoagulants.
	Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP)	J. Doddington reported there is a continuing statewide initiative for violence intervention. There are mini-grant programs for community programs that participate in violence intervention. Those currently funded programs through the state would not qualify for these mini-grants, but other community partners can take advantage of these grants.	
New Business	Goals for 2023	Annual report was shared to group discussing the accomplishments, duties, and proposed goals for 2023. Shared appreciation for everyone in the group to make the committee stronger.	
	CT Trauma Committee 2023	Dates were shared of all CT Trauma Committee meetings going forward in 2023.	
Open Forum		None.	

Meeting adjourned at 15:01.

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