

## Connecticut Trauma Committee

ZOOM Meeting

January 4, 2024

Present: Shea Gregg, Chairman, Chayelle McKay, Recorder, Matt Carlson, Carina Biggs, N. Moreau, Paul Possenti, R. Kamen, Jess Gildea, James Powell, Thanos Petrotos, Alfred Croteau, Renee Malara, N. Aysseh, Sam Barbieri, JP Iacobelli, Kevin Schuster, R. Crogan, Joanne Kim, Taylor Fusco-Ruiz, Nicole Velez, Monika Nelson, Ann Marie Cook, Ron Gross, Jennifer Tabak, Sharon Weintraub, Manny Moutinho, James Dodington, Bethany Ayotte, Adrian Maung, Dayna Failla, Deb Bandanza, Karl Schmidt, Dale Guerrero, Tara Vanderbes, Kim Barre, Dave Bailey, R. Button, Gary Kaml, Heath Walden, Peter Ingraldi

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Meeting called to order at 14:00

| TOPIC                        | ISSUE                        | DISCUSSION   | ACTION            |
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| Approval of minutes          |                              | 1.Paul Possenti<br>2.Alfred Croteau  | Minutes approved. |
| Introductions                | Any new first-time attendees |  |                   |
| Gratitude/Success Sharing    | Recognitions                 | -S. Gregg recognized this committee for the work that was done in this past year. It was a very successful year. He greatly appreciates everyone's presence and support. Recognized all members who took call over the holiday season to care for our trauma patients.   |                   |
| OEMS Report                  |                              | -R. Kamen reports nothing specifically new.  |                   |
| CEMSMAC Report               |                              | -R. Kamen gave a combined report for the CEMSMAC and EMS Advisory Board. The new EMS protocols related to trauma are published and released. The protocols were a revision from 2022 and included Ancef, TXA and the field trauma guidelines as well as updates on whole blood protocols and blood products and a revision to hemorrhage control.  |                   |
| EMS Advisory Board Report    |                              | -S. Gregg reported no new updates.   |                   |
| State Trauma Registry Update |                              | -M. Nelson reported Eliza is waiting for the Chief Data Officer of the State on how to share the data in the way that we are looking to see it. She will update the group when able. If there is any specific data that you would like to see; reach out to Monika Nelson.   |                   |
| ACS COT                      |                              | -No updates.   |                   |
| Legislature                  |                              | -S. Gregg was waiting to send out the drafted letter on legislature to support hemorrhage control education until after the first of the year. He asked what the calendar session is looking like.<br>-B. Cournoyer said it is a short session and will start in February and go until May. Bills will need to be budget related and a committee bill not a proposed bill. He recommended to continue to work with the Chair of the Public Health committee. |                   |

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|                                       |   | <p>-S. Gregg mentioned that the ask will be to have equipment in public places and that could be considered a budget item.</p> <p>-R. Gross proposed asking for funding to install kits to make this a budget item. And he offered to help propose this.</p>   |  |
| Old Business                          |   | <p>-Trauma as a standing committee is another priority. As of now, Trauma does not have a vote on the CEMSMAC Board.</p> <p>-S. Gregg mentioned to use the work that has been done for the newly released EMS protocols for the gray book verification standard on helping to create trauma protocols/hospital PI.</p>   |  |
| Gray Book – 2022 Standards discussion |   | No new info.   |  |
| Injury Prevention Update              |   | <p>-N. Aysseh mentioned that Yale has started a pilot program to train all employees in Stop The Bleed. Worked with Emergency Preparedness, Marketing and Human Resources to accomplish this. They are also participated with the Board of Education and did a large scale STB class with principals, teachers and staff.</p> <p>-R. Gross working with St. Francis to teach STB to schools in Avon and East Haddam.</p> <p>Question asked if it is possible to get STB data from state? Is everyone entering their data and classes taught? Are we able to get a state report on this? All classes should be entered into the STB website. It would be helpful to see a heat map on where the classes are and are not being taught.</p> <p>-A Croteau mentioned that Hartford Hospital has had a huge push in teaching STB to the Boys and Girls Club.</p> <p>-Mentioned that it would be helpful to have a STB instructor database submitted to the State so that we can use each other to help fulfill the teaching roles within areas near their communities. The ACS does have this database but the information is not easy to query.</p> <p>-C. Biggs has their medical students and PA students become certified prior to them finishing their rotation. They are working within their community to teach STB classes.</p> <p>-It was suggested that every center keep a list of the names of instructors and classes and share them with one individual. This is how we can have a state database. R.Gross will look into this. If you are interested in holding this repository information-reach out to S. Gregg or C. McKay.</p> <p>-Lenworth Jacobs will be speaking on a video lecture on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of this month discussing how he got STB going. Search MTEP lecture.</p> <p>-K. Schmidt reported UCONN did a STB class for the Lincoln Tech LPN program. They would like to have this included as part of their curriculum.</p> |  |
|                                       | Not One More – Healthcare Heroes Campaign | <p>-Ongoing Work being done. Danbury Hospital visited Danbury High School to educate the teachers on Not One More. Will also be presented to the students in the future.</p> <p>There is not a media vendor yet for the program.</p> <p>For now, campaign is focusing on promoting</p>   |  |

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|  |   | <p>cohesive messaging on social media accounts. In November, Waterbury Hospital shared the Not One More video on Injury Prevention Day (November 18<sup>th</sup>) and Yale shared the Not One More video in November around Thanksgiving. In December, Hartford Hospital created a video on impaired driving and it was posted on the Hartford Hospital Facebook page. It was shared throughout the Hartford Healthcare system. Joanne appreciated everyone's support with this.</p> <p>S. Gregg did an interview with channel 8 &amp; 12 news promoting the Not One More campaign. This will be released shortly.</p>  |   |
|  | Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) | <p>-J. Dodington reported ongoing work with the Commission on Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention at DPH with Dr.'s Dodington, Shapiro and Johndro. There is a report for 2024 (will forward this and it will be with the meeting minutes). The first round of funding went out for community organizations doing violence intervention work in the state. There will be a second round of funding coming. Trauma centers need to be aware that if you know of community organizations doing violence intervention/violence prevention work, you can get DPH support. Reach out to J. Dodington or D. Shapiro.</p> <p>-Question asked if the Trauma Survivors Network program is within the scope of violence prevention? TSN is not within the ACS commissions mission, however there is a greater focus within the DPH focus on understanding trauma survivors and their community. K. Barre reported it is not a direct connection.</p> | Forward the report and attach to the meeting minutes. |
|  | Fall Prevention                               | <p>-S. Gregg mentioned that he is seeing an increase in the number of in hospital falls. This is becoming a bigger problem locally and nationally. Asked how are centers managing/mitigating that?</p> <p>-T. Vanderbes reported at Norwalk Hospital, they are focusing on providing education to care givers within the senior centers and assisted living facilities.</p>   |   |
|  | Verification Report                           | <p>-This is a requirement by CEMSMAC and is part of our regulations. This is a report of our work products and our accomplishments. This document was sent with the minutes.</p> <p>Approved by Dr.'s Ingraldi and Kaml. This will be sent to the EMS Advisory Board and ultimately to the Commissioner.</p>  |   |
|  | Open Forum                                    | <p>-R. Kamen asked who is our representative from this committee to the State Medical Advisory Committee? This committee needs a position. If you have an interest in this or a nomination, please reach out to S. Gregg or C. McKay.</p> <p>-April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> is the CT State Committee on Trauma conference. It will be at Mohegan Sun. The agenda is being built as well as a new platform. It will all be electronic. The hospitals have received their sponsorship letters. She is working on different marketing strategies.</p>   |   |

Meeting adjourned at 14:50

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