

**Trauma Administrative and Governance Committee Meeting**  
**Virginia Office of EMS**  
**Embassy Suites Hotel, 2925 Emerywood Parkway**  
**Richmond, VA 23294**  
**February 7, 2020**  
**10:30 a.m.**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>
Michel Aboutanos, Chair	Adam Nulty	Cam Crittenden
Emory Altizer	Tarsha Robinson	Wanda Street
Margaret Griffen	Sam Bartle	Tim Erskine
Jeff Haynes	Robin Pearce	George Lindbeck
Morris Reece	Jake O'Shea	Jessica Rosner
Mike Watkins	Wayne Perry	Gary Brown
Jeff Young	Dan Freeman	Narad Mishra
Lou Ann Miller	Dallas Taylor	
	Tom Forsberg	
	Stefan Leichtle	
	Robynn Gough	
	Kelly Brown	
	Michael Feldman	
	Michael Player	
	Nicole Laurin	
	Khristina Hoover	
	Yvette DeVaughn	

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>I. Call to order:</b>	Dr. Michel Aboutanos called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.	
<b>a. Approval of November 6, 2019 meeting minutes:</b>	A motion was made to approve the November 6, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.	<b>The minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>b. Approval of today's agenda:</b>	The draft agenda was approved.	<b>The agenda was approved.</b>
<b>II. Chair's Report – Dr. Michel Aboutanos:</b>	<p><b>a. Trauma Administrative &amp; Governance (TAG) Committee – Dr. Aboutanos</b></p> <p>Dr. Aboutanos stated that he is incredibly humbled by the way the various committees are going. He stated that he is still waiting on the report from the retreat that was held last September. It has not yet been released to the Office of EMS. He also stated that he appreciates that more office resources have been assigned to each committee. Gary or Adam will give a report later in the meeting on the status of the Trauma Fund.</p>	

**i. Special Topic - Quarterly Report – Narad Mishra**

Narad explained the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019 Data Report on Trauma Incidents. Some committee members asked questions or provided feedback as the report was presented. Discussion was held about geospatial mapping and incident addresses. Dr. Aboutanos gave an overview of where we are with the data and where we are going. We are currently in the Pre-hospital phase, the next phase is Acute and then Post-Acute. We will work on data linkage at each step. We want to be able to track someone throughout the system from pre-injury through post-acute care. We will continue to have a report on a quarterly basis.

**b. System Improvement Committee (SIC) – Robin Pearce**

The SIC met this morning and crossover reports were done. The SIC also reviewed the report that was just presented and they made a request that it is presented to the Prehospital Committee the day before so we can get their input. They also requested that the hospital side start working on the addition of the report and what it would consist of.

**c. Injury & Violence Prevention Committee (IVP) – Cam Crittenden**

Per Cam, both the Chair, and the Vice Chair has taken another jobs. We are taking nominations for both positions. They updated new committee members on the goals of the committee and what they are currently working on. They are looking to collaborate on some statewide VDH injury and violence initiatives.

**d. Prehospital Care Committee (PCC) – Mike Watkins**

The PCC met yesterday with a large turnout. The PCC needs to submit a nomination for a new Vice-Chair. They were requested to review a blood transfusion position paper that was presented by the Medical Direction Committee. They are also reviewing trauma arrest (treat and transport interventions that were performed; how many, what type of resuscitations were attempted). They also discussed classification for injury not otherwise listed and the best direction to take to improve the data quality. They also discussed pain implementation. At the next meeting, they will look at pediatric and geriatric trauma triage guidelines to improve patient dispositions.

**e. Acute Care Committee (ACC) – Dr. Jeff Young**

The ACC met yesterday and made some progress with several of the goals, first in evaluating the designation process in Virginia and a task force was created to review the designation manual to clean it up and eliminate redundancies. The second task was looking at the Inter-hospital Trauma Triage Criteria document and a motion was made to change it to Inter-hospital Trauma Transfer Criteria. The committee will review this document again to make certain that all of the criteria is still relevant. At the next meeting, we will move this forward and have it ready for approval by this committee.

**f. Post-Acute Care Committee (PAC) – Dr. Margaret Griffen**

The PAC met yesterday and had a good turnout and discussion. The committee went through the items that they wanted to accomplish, one of which was a report that was requested and received. It was a report on patients sent to rehab across the state. During the 2016 to 2018 time frame, there were 134,439 patients with 5.1% going to rehab. They also received a report that there are only 867 rehab beds across the state. The current occupancy is only 63%. Also, received is a list of all the SNIFs in the state. The PAC will distribute this list to trauma centers so that registrars can be sure to put in the correct facility. A request was made to the Office of EMS regarding where we are actually sending patients.

**g. Emergency Preparedness & Response Committee (EPR) – Morris Reece**

The EPR committee met this morning. The emphasis of the committee is two main cadres of individuals, which are pediatric and burn emergency preparedness. The committee will continue in this direction, but will add a third element of

**The next quarterly Data Report should be distributed electronically prior to the meetings.**

	supply chain issues. They will also focus on the role of transfer centers and how this can be maximized during emergencies. There were no action items. Dr. Aboutanos stated that a question came up in the System Improvement Committee about who is holding drills and what types of drills. Is there a central place where this information can be found? Morris stated that the information exists, but should this committee be charged with obtaining the information? Committee members agreed that this is a good idea. At the next meeting, a report will be given from the Emergency Preparedness Committee on where drills are being held and the types of drills held.	
<b>III. Trauma Fund Update – Gary Brown:</b>	Gary gave an update stating that the trauma fund legislature is in the budget bill with three budget amendments this year and is currently being tracked by office staff. We are not sure about the approval of the caboose funding for this fiscal year. Stay tuned for more information.	
<b>IV. Legislative Report – Gary Brown/Cam Crittenden:</b>	<b>a. Update on General Assembly as it relates to trauma systems</b> Cam gave an update on a budget amendment to provide VDH \$450,000 for two years to provide an external party software for a pediatric traumatic brain injury pilot. If passed, more information will be forthcoming. There is also a Data Sharing bill that will affect VDH.	
<b>V. Trauma Program Manager’s Report – Lou Ann Miller:</b>	The trauma program managers met in December. Much of the discussion was based on trauma registrar FTE and the recommendations to make to the Acute Care Committee for the trauma designation manual. The registrars have met and they have submitted a survey to find out what “other duties as assigned” is as well as some other things. The results will be brought to the TPM meeting and filtered up to Acute Care. They also discussed the use of whole blood and the centers that are or are not using it.	
<b>VI. VA ACS-COT Report – Dr. Stefan Leichtle:</b>	There are a couple of upcoming events. The annual meeting of the Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons is May 15 and 16 in Williamsburg, VA and is open to everyone. Susan McConnell is the contact person for this event. You may also find more information here: <a href="https://virginiaacs.org/attendees">https://virginiaacs.org/attendees</a> . The overall meeting focus will be injury prevention, especially gun violence, firearm injuries.  The 21st Annual Rao R. Ivatury Trauma Symposium will be at the Marriott in Downtown Richmond on March 20 including guest speakers on the Vegas mass shooting. A DMAT course will be held on March 19 in which one of the founders, Dr. Weireter of EVMS, will be present.  The ACS Leadership and Advocacy Summit will be held in Washington, DC on March 28-31.  The ACS recently had a resident trauma paper competition on November 2 at VCU and there were two winners one from UVA and one from VCU.  Dr. Leichtle also discussed the Stop the Bleed initiative with over 1,600-trained first responders last year. He also discussed the surprise medical billing debate and how it affects trauma and emergency care.	
<b>VII. Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown:</b>	Gary stated that the OEMS Quarterly Report is posted on the website for all OEMS updates. The General Assembly legislative grid will be sent out weekly.	
<b>VIII. Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>IX. Unfinished Business:</b>	None.	
<b>X. New Business:</b>	None.	
<b>XI. Adjournment:</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m.	The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2020.